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On behalf of the Tree Preservation Code Team

On September 12, Council voted 6 to 1 against the Tree Preservation Code Team minimal request of 10% tree retention on MUR-70' building sites. 30 trees on a parcel means 3 trees, even small 6" diameter trees, developer's choice, would be retained. More than 63 different citizens emailed Council along with 250 petition signatures and 9 verbal comments supporting this tree code amendment. Last week it was mentioned there are constituents of Council who agree with the current code to clear-cut trees on MUR-70' sites, and yet there was not one email to Council in the transparency file from a citizen supporting the current code allowing clear-cutting of trees on this zone. We live in a different world from 2016 as witnessed by the global weather events this last weekend. There could be flooding or heat domes in Shoreline in the future; now is the time for Council to prepare for possible disasters. Even the new City of Shoreline Climate Action Plan ES1.11 states - "Identify opportunities to increase tree retention and canopy cover on private property during development." Last week was an opportunity for Council to take this action. There is another opportunity this evening and we ask Council members to approve the two park purchases, protecting the tall trees on these parcels from development, items 8(b) the Hemlock parcel, and 8(c) the Paramount Open Space Expansion parcel. Thank you.