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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment to Council regarding the Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Shoreline
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Dear Council and Colleagues:

I completely concur with the following as stated by the *Save Shoreline Trees* citizen group:

"The reduction of emissions from transportation and fuel heating sources must happen simultaneously with the protection of Shoreline's urban forest where hundreds of trees are being cut down every month for development, too-wide sidewalks, and transportation projects. We support housing, alternative transportation, and reduction of GHG, but an immediate goal must be to preserve and protect the tree canopy in Shoreline. We will lose too many established trees if City Council waits to protect the tree canopy after 2030."

I attended the citizen webinar on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) at the last Zoom event on September 20, 6-8pm. I mentioned then to the presenter that the CAP was a well written document, but totally lacked any authority to carry out its best recommendations that *Save Shoreline Trees* has pointed out so well in their recently submitted letter to you on the CAP. And I quote:

- **"The [Climate Action Plan](#) supports the urban forest in spirit but not in action.**

In spirit:

Page 8b-4: Focus Area 4: Ecosystems and Sequestration (ES)

Strategy ES-1: Maintain and increase tree canopy and urban forest health.

Key Strategies are reviewed on page 8b-10

Not in action:

- **The important sections to read in the presentation are the Attachments.**
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Attachment A, Appendix C, summarizes the "scoring process", ES 1.11 (page 8b-143) scores a low 2.85. In addition, the preliminary proposed budget, page 8b-161

provides for the top 10 actions. This preliminary budget does not recommend funding for Focus Area 4, Ecosystems and Sequestration (ES). Staff confirms the extended budget is in process but out of the \$18 million dollar proposed budget for the top 10 immediate actions, there is *no* funding for Focus Area 4: Ecosystems and Sequestration.”

Designing building projects around established trees and groves are a must for the future; I have submitted previous references regarding this important issue. Please review them. Mitigating the worse of the climate emergencies we face will take a synergistic approach of thoughtful building and transportation corridor design; clearcutting our trees is not part of a synergistic approach. I truly feel that the majority of you on the council (there are a few exceptions) are not as informed on the best science put forth over the past few years and policy changes that are needed now to mitigate climate emergencies. You can do better. I hope you will make reading *Save Shoreline Tree's* already submitted letter on the CAP discussion you will have tonight a top priority and follow the recommendations in the letter and read their excellent references.

Thank you,
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