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Kathleen Russell  
Resident of Shoreline  
On behalf of Save Shoreline Trees

Thank you to Councilmembers for considering Amendment 2 and Amendment 3 in the biennial budget 2023-2024. Save Shoreline Trees asks the full Council for your support of these amendments to the budget.

It is good news as updated in Amendment 3 that public street tree inventories have been completed in four neighborhoods. The approval of funding for Amendment 3 will expedite the process of surveying the public street trees in the remaining neighborhoods.

In reviewing the City of Shoreline [heat island map](#), the hottest areas seem to be the neighborhoods of Richmond Highlands, Meridian Park, Briarcrest, Echo Lake and Ballinger (to be verified) and we ask that these neighborhoods be stipulated as priority neighborhoods.

We ask Council to provide the additional funding with the mandate that the public street trees in the heat island areas be protected during the duration of [Climate Emergency Resolution 494](#). These public street trees are an equity issue for vulnerable residents during heat domes and the trees cool the temperatures in the hottest areas of Shoreline.

Thank you.

*The [heat island map](#) is on the “Extreme Heat” page, and a screen shot is below.*

