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Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council, 11/21/22: Biennial Budget Amendments 2 & 3

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Dear City Council:

I would like to request that the Council take the following actions: vote YES on Amendment 2 to fund an urban tree canopy study in 2023, and complete the inventory of public street trees in 2023 (Amendment 3). Once the tree surveys are complete, street trees in urban heat islands should be protected.

I work for an organization that is generally supportive of real estate development. I know that this region is growing rapidly, and there's a lot of pressure to increase housing units. However, I firmly believe that it is possible to save trees while allowing for dense development, although it will require a thoughtful and nuanced approach. One of the most successful ways to counteract the urban heat island effect is to preserve existing tree canopy and green space. People who live in townhomes and multifamily developments also want trees, as this article articulates. This is a regional issue and one where I believe the city of Shoreline can be a leader.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards, Victoria Oestreich Shoreline Resident

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