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Dear City Council Members,

I support Action Item 8(b), Action on Ord. 973 – adopting the 2023-24 Biennial Budget, etc. as proposed by Council Members Mork, Pobee & Roberts. I urge the remainder of the Council to vote in favor of **Amendment Two** to increase General Fund appropriations by \$50,000 funded by one-time general fund reserve to fund an update to the City's Urban Tree Canopy Assessment. Furthermore, I agree with City Staff's proposal to accelerate the schedule to do the tree canopy assessment in 2023 and then again in 2027 because the comparison between the two studies would provide better and more valuable data as well as establish a tighter, 5-year update schedule. The 5-year update schedule will allow the City to adequately and accurately respond to Climate Change-related weather and its effects on the City's neighborhoods, trees and other natural assets.

I also support under the same Action Item 8(b), **Amendment Three** which was proposed by Council Members Mork and Pobee to increase General Fund appropriations by \$200,000 funded by one-time general fund reserve to fund the completion of the City's street tree inventory. As Council knows, our City's trees are divided into two categories, namely private and public trees. Street trees are also known as public trees typically lining our streets. Again, with Climate Change and the planned street/transportation improvement projects, it is important to complete the tree inventory for the remaining neighborhoods to provide a complete and accurate database for City Staff and Shoreline residents to reference and compare between time periods.

Thank you,

Susanne Tsoming, Shoreline resident