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Dear City Council,

I urge you to -

Vote YES to approve Amendment 2, to fund an Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) study in 2023.

Vote YES to approve Amendment 3, to complete the inventory of public street trees in 2023, and require the protection of public trees in heat islands once the public street tree surveys are complete.

I must add I'm shocked such a progressive community as ours has not already done more to protect trees, not only for their aesthetic value, but for their important role in combating climate emergency. As you can see on the heat map provided, the largest heat island in the entire city is right next to the proposed Modera project. If this trend continues, protecting public trees will become all the more important, but I must note my disgust at the lack of concern shown by the city for the needless destruction of 48 trees at Garden Park Apartments on Linden Ave N. The arborist report states most of these trees are healthy and well positioned for retention, on the perimeter of the property. There should be incentives available to property owners to protect trees in situations such as this. Doubling this heat island will more than double the heat produced.

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