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Dear Council Members,

The Council has rightly declared a climate emergency. Many housing units are being built with the goal of getting residents out of their cars and enabling them to walk to the new light rail stations. What WILL happen if we continue to experience heat waves as we did in June/July 2021 is that people will DRIVE to those stations in their air-conditioned cars because the sidewalks will be too hot to walk. There will be no trees of any significant size to shade them and reduce the heat. Cutting down street trees will increase the size and intensity of existing heat islands, worsening the climate emergency. I request the Council to place a moratorium on the removal of public street trees by invoking RCW 36.70A.390 until a tree code protecting public street trees is in place. *Every tree that is retained cools us and cleans our air. Shoreline's citizens deserve your action on this.*

Respectfully,

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