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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Meeting 11/21/22. Action item 8(b): approval of the Biennial Budget 2023-2024.
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Dear Council Members,

I moved to Shoreline in 2003. The trees were one of the big draws for me. I'm lucky, so far my neighborhood has not seen the kind of development that has devastated the trees along 185th and along 15th near Ballinger Way.

I am imploring the Council to take into account the fact that we have a climate crisis RIGHT NOW. Development, if done correctly, should be able to go hand in hand with preserving trees and green spaces. I have heard Council members say they care about preserving tree canopies, but I have not seen those words become action. We now are looking at heat islands, land erosion, loss of wildlife habitat, and a less beautiful city.

I am writing to you today to request that you:

- Vote YES to approve Amendment 2, to fund an Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) study in 2023. Budget \$50,000.
- Vote YES to approve Amendment 3, to complete the inventory of public street trees in 2023. Budget \$200,000.
- Please also invoke RCW 36.70A.390 to place a moratorium on the removal of public trees for the duration of Climate Emergency Resolution 494.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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