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Dear City Council Members,

As I have witnessed over the last couple of years, the felling of trees, I have become saddened and have lost my voice not knowing really what to say to you. I and many others in our community have shared with you our concerns about the development of our community and the number of trees that are being taken down to accommodate what I think is very poor design. Many of these concerns about our canopy are backed by science.

I have witnessed not only the felling of trees, but the lack of leadership that listens and seems to care about the future of our community.

As I walk and bike through our neighborhoods, I see naked, lifeless, and characterless communities, since I think it is trees that bring so much character and life to our communities.

It is really my hope that the governing body of our community, the city council, realizes that we should have been addressing climate change more than 50 years ago. Now, more than ever, each and every one of our personal and governmental decisions matter and so do the trees.

Thank you for your time.

Be well.

Meghan Peterka