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Attention Councilmembers, Mayor Scully, and Deputy Mayor Robertson:

We are in a frightening time due to the ongoing climate crisis affecting us all locally and a lack of coordinated action nationally in approaching our climate crises. It is also an extraordinary time in that we as a community are quite aware of the climate crisis and heat island effects in our own city of Shoreline and actions that could be taken NOW to mitigate this local crisis. So please consider the following actions:

- Vote **YES** to approve [Amendment 2](#), to fund an Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) study in 2023. Budget of \$50,000.
- Vote **YES** to approve [Amendment 3](#), to complete the inventory of public street trees in 2023, and require the protection of public street trees in heat islands once the public street tree surveys are complete.

City of Shoreline must do all it can to mitigate heat island effects as they are an extreme threat to all people here locally, as well as our local wild bird and migratory wild bird populations seriously at risk from climate change. You the city can do far more. And further the **CITY OF SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1**, increasing the city levy lid, did pass. There are no budgetary excuses now to delay the necessary quick actions needed to save our tree groves, other green scapes, and preserve our street trees for all of us now and future residents of Shoreline going forward into 2023 and beyond.

Regards,
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References:

“Learn About Heat Islands,” EPA report
<https://www.epa.gov/heatislands/learn-about-heat-islands>

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“Why some Seattle neighborhoods are hit harder by heat waves”

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/why-some-seattle-neighborhoods-are-hit-harder-by-heat-waves/> August 25, 2022 — When extreme heat bears down on the Seattle area, communities of color and low-income neighborhoods are more likely to experience the brunt ...