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Dear Shoreline Council Member,

I'm fortunate to have several large, mature Doug fir trees in my yard. Yet my property is in the middle of an urban heat island, where many hundreds of trees have been removed in recent years for apartment buildings and mass transit. At the same time, we all know that climate change is happening faster than predicted, and we're seeing previously unimaginable heat waves and heat "domes" here in the PNW. My house heats up to unbearable levels during these heat waves. And many like me here in Shoreline live in older houses that are difficult and expensive to retrofit with air-conditioning.

Our EXISTING trees are helping to slow climate change, keeping people and wildlife alive. There's no substitute for mature, oxygen-creating trees. As-yet-unplanted "replacement" trees cannot and are not serving this vital function. And time is not on our side as the planet continues to warm at an alarming rate.

Therefore, as a Shoreline resident and voter, I ask you to please do the following:

- 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.
- **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 thoughtful consideration of my requests.

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