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Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council, 11/21/22: Biennial Budget Amendments 2 & 3 - moratorium on public street tree

removal

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## Dear Shoreline City Council,

I am writing to ask you to put a moratorium on public street tree removal (invoke RCW 36.70A.390 and retain the public street trees until the tree code protecting public street trees can be changed).

Every summer, we are experiencing more intense heat. Many parts of Shoreline become concrete/asphalt heat islands without a tree cover, making it difficult to walk, use public transit or just live comfortably.

Unfortunately, benefiting from trees take time: years if not decades. Tree removal and replanting - while better than not replanting - still sets us back years. That's why I am asking you to protect all public trees NOW, and prevent public spaces in Shoreline from becoming barren heat islands.

We can develop Shoreline without damaging established trees.

Thanks, Jessica Richmond Highlands