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Dear Councilperson Robertson:

With this past summer's record drought and prior summers' record high temperatures, we can no longer deny the stark reality of climate change and how this affects our community. One important action we may take is the protection and expansion of our urban tree canopy.

Preservation of our trees protects our citizens in many ways.

I urge you to vote to pass upcoming budget Amendments #2 and #3 to fund the tree canopy study in 2023 and complete an inventory of all public street trees, respectively. Furthermore, all public street trees in heat islands should be protected by law and policy. The cost, less than 7 one-hundredths of one percent of next year's budget, would seem to be insignificant for this important study and protection.

Shoreline has been fortunate in our quality of life, largely because of our profusion of trees.

With expanding development, this tree canopy is in peril. Please vote to pass these two amendments.

Thank you,

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