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As a Shoreline resident of the Richmond Highlands neighborhood, I am writing to encourage you to approve Amendment 2, to fund an Urban Tree Canopy Study in 2023. We need to get a survey of the city's tree canopy completed before too many trees are lost in the next few years.

Also, please approve Amendment 3. Shoreline's Street Tree inventory needs to be completed. The sooner the better, as heat islands are increasing in number and size.

Once this inventory is complete, Council will have the opportunity to mandate desperately needed street tree planting & preservation in heat islands. This must include providing essential funding for watering and maintenance.

Thank you for considering the livability of the city, and the importance of trees in this area.

-Benjamin Heath