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Hello,

I am a resident of Shoreline. My spouse and I moved to this city two years ago. We live in the Echo Lake neighborhood. The primary reason we chose to live in Shoreline is because of the many tall evergreen trees which offer shade, protection from wind and rain, natural beauty, and homes/food/shelter/resting places for owls, eagles, hawks, raccoons, squirrels, and many small and migratory birds. During the intense heat waves of the last two summers, we noticed that several areas of our city quickly became 'heat islands'. It was alarming to feel, see, and witness the dramatic effects on pedestrians, unhoused individuals, drivers who didn't have A/C, residents living in homes without trees around to provide shade, home owners (like us) who don't have A/C, animals, pets, etc.

It is absolutely critical to the health of our communities that the urban tree canopy be increased as well as for existing trees - especially mature trees - to be saved. I urge you to do everything in your power to preserve, protect and expand the urban tree canopy throughout the City of Shoreline. Please:

- 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. Budget \$200,000.
- **Invoke** [RCW 36.70A.390](#) to place a moratorium on the removal of public trees on heat islands for the duration of [Climate Emergency Resolution 494](#).

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Ms. Syrenka Slettebak
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