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Dear Shoreline City Council,
My family moved to Shoreline in 2003. The amazing schools, small-town atmosphere and lovely environment were all important aspects of our decision. In the Shoreline Public Schools, our children have learned about the importance of recycling and environmental stewardship, including water conservation, and the critical role that trees play in sequestering carbon, preventing erosion, and providing shelter and food for wildlife. However, what my children have been taught in school does not mesh with what they see going on around them. It has been difficult to explain to them why so many mature trees continue to be cut down throughout Shoreline.

I am writing to encourage you to do the following in support of our community efforts:

- 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](#).

Additionally, I strongly support improving tree codes to retain as many mature trees as possible as we proceed with continued development in the City of Shoreline. Clear-cutting for development is making the climate problem even worse. We must encourage developers to keep more of the mature trees that benefit us all. This will help improve the situation in areas identified as heat islands and will also prevent additional heat islands from developing throughout Shoreline.

By taking the steps identified above, the Shoreline City Council has an opportunity to set a positive example for other communities in the Pacific Northwest, and to demonstrate to our children and future generations that Shoreline is serious about reducing climate change.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Suzann Daley
Hillwood Neighborhood

