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Dear Mayor Scully and Council Members,

Please vote YES to approve Amendment 2 to fund an Urban Tree Canopy study in 2023. Budget \$50,000. It is essential to have agreed upon, trustworthy numbers for where we are in order to guide policy discussion and decisions, and to have accountability, for and with all community members.

Vote YES to approve Amendment 3, to complete the inventory of public street trees. Budget \$200,000. Likewise, this is essential info to guide discussion and decisions.

And I am asking Council to 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. I live in Meridian Park and walk many miles a week (inc. Richmond Beach and Parkland, among additional neighborhoods) and have had to change routes in the summer and also to drive more when there is not an easy alternative route with shade since it's been hotter AND trees have been removed. We can't encourage people to walk more and make it unhealthy-- and not attractive--to walk! And what about all those who live on these heat islands? Their health matters. Shoreline is becoming LESS walkable, and the reason is tree loss along streets. New trees will not create that shade, or beauty, for a long time.

Thank you,

Barbara Johnstone, Shoreline resident