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*Public comment to Council on 11/21/22. Please include in the public comment document file for this meeting.*

Kathleen Russell  
Resident of Shoreline

Thank you, Director Juhnke, for your responses pertaining to Amendment 3, co-sponsored by Councilmembers Mork and Pobee.

Since Nov 7, approximately [58 different citizens](#), not counted more than once, have emailed Council about tree retention. Excerpts include: “no excuses not to save tree groves”; “replacement trees cannot do the work of established trees”; “the trees... in Shoreline are a saving grace...”. A resident emailed who has “first-hand knowledge of the positive effect trees have on temperatures.” Many comments about: “new heat islands are being created; existing heat islands will get worse”. And, Council is encouraging a “walkable Shoreline” but in order for Shoreline “to truly be walkable, especially in heat island neighborhoods, the City must include provisions for [the] protection of street trees.” And another, “Shoreline is becoming LESS walkable, the reason is tree loss along streets.” And finally, “Once the tree surveys are complete, street trees in urban heat islands should be protected.”

Save Shoreline Trees and all citizens who emailed Council about trees, ask Councilmembers to approve both Amendment 2, funding the Urban Tree Canopy study, and Amendment 3, completion of public street tree surveys, as these are reasonable budget amendments and relate to climate emergency. In addition and importantly, we ask Council to invoke [RCW 36.70A.390](#), in support of Climate Emergency Resolution 494, passed by Council on August 15, and implement a moratorium on the removal of public trees – the public trees on heat islands. Thank you.

Public Comments

[Nov 7, 2022](#) (item 8-b): Gault, Johnstone, Lockwood, Russell

[Nov 14, 2022](#) (item 8-a): Korneliussen, ~~Russell~~<sup>Russell 2</sup>, Janzen, Charest, Engie, Woollcott

[Nov 21, 2022](#) (item 8-b): See list: 49 different people from Nov 7 and Nov 14