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On behalf of Save Shoreline Trees

As the City announced on July 24, there will be a comprehensive review of the tree code in 2025. This comprehensive review of the entire tree code should not preclude or eliminate the discussion of the tree code during discussions and decisions pertaining to middle housing. In the middle housing bill HB 1110, the state legislature confirmed that certain regulations will remain under individual municipal codes, one being tree regulations as pertaining to middle housing. However, in the discussion questions presented to the Planning Commission this evening, page 7 of the study report, Discussion Question 2, the theme of the environment is not included as one of the main themes. We ask that this theme, the environment and how middle housing will encompass the natural environment, be included as a primary theme. In support of this request, as included in attachment A, Appendix C, Land Use Policy 5, the discussion should be how to keep tree canopy in lower density districts and how to increase and build tree canopy in medium and greater density zones. Environmental issues are consequential to housing decisions as we will continue to experience impacts of climate and heat islands in the Northwest. In Attachment B, Public Engagement Summary, at several focus meetings, citizens included their concerns and favor of trees and open spaces. We ask you to include the environment, the tree canopy, and a middle housing tree code, in your middle housing discussions. Thank you.