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RE: Congratulations from Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

Honorable Councilmember Strauss,

On behalf of Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), congratulations on your successful re-election campaign.

The UFC was established in 2009 by [Ordinance 123052](#) to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle. The UFC appreciated the opportunities to work with your office during your first term and looks forward to continued collaboration.

As you know, Seattle's urban forest is a vital community asset that provides us all with tremendous benefits. Increasing canopy and improving urban forest equity are important goals for the City. If you or your team ever have questions or ideas about urban forest management, please use the UFC as a resource; [UFC members](#) have decades of combined experience in tree care, environmental justice, urban planning, development, ecology, conservation, public health, and more.

The UFC also invites you to join any of the UFC's regular meetings or to request informational sessions at times that are convenient for you. A UFC member will follow up with a phone call to your office.

Again, congratulations. The UFC wishes you the best on the City Council.

Sincerely,