



SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Becca Neumann (Position #4 – Hydrologist), Co-chair

Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO), Co-Chair

Laura Keil (Position #10 – Get Engaged), Co-Chair

Julia Michalak (Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist) • **Falisha Kurji** (Position #3 – Natural Resource Agency)

Stuart Niven (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA) • **Hao Liang** (Position #6 – Landscape Architect – ISA)

David Baker (Position # 8 – Development) • **Jessica Hernandez** (Position #11 – Environmental Justice)

Jessica Jones (Position # 12 – Public Health) • **Lia Hall** (Position #13 – Community/Neighborhood)

The Urban Forestry Commission was established 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

Meeting notes

June 7, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call and in-person at the
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 1872 (18th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 2487 677 3998

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

Josh Morris – Co-Chair

Becca Neumann – Co-Chair

Laura Keil – Co-Chair

Stuart Niven

Hao Liang

Jessica Hernandez

Jessica Jones

Lia Hall

Absent- Excused

Julia Michalak

Falisha Kurji

David Baker

Staff

Patti Bakker – OSE

David Bayard – Seattle City Light

Guests

Toby Thaler

Public

Steve Zemke

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<https://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocuments>

Call to order: Becca called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.

Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that the Seattle Parks and Open Space Plan, which is updated every six years, has a June 30 deadline for response; the UFC has time to weigh in on that. Regarding the ordinance, the UFC didn't get everything they wanted in it, but Councilmember Strauss expressed interest in continuing to working on it, so there should be ability for the UFC to continue to influence it. Some examples for amendments include: have definitions of the tree tiers include the descriptors exceptional, significant and heritage; adjust the in-lieu payment amount, urging the \$4,000 amount; clarifying that tree grove should include street trees; requiring a tree inventory plan and maximizing retention of existing trees. He also wondered about an update to the appointment process for the two vacant UFC positions.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti noted that the regularly scheduled first meeting in July is right after the July 4 holiday and many Commissioners have noted they will be out that week. Commissioners discussed rescheduling that meeting and confirmed that more folks could make a July 12 meeting. Patti will send an updated appointment for that meeting to reflect the schedule change from July 5 to July 12.

Patti also provided an update on the IRA grant application submitted by the City. The city submitted a project proposal for the IRA grant funding available through the US Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program. The combined project involves OSE, SPR and SPU and includes three project components: 1) stewarding a connected, resilient forest, by managing natural areas holistically across boundary lines, 2) elevating community urban forestry leadership by equipping and empowering communities to participate in urban forest planning and 3) training youth for future careers in urban forestry by expanding the Youth Green Corps program.

Regarding recruitments, Patti noted that the candidate confirmations for Positions 1 and 2 may be scheduled for June 26. One application was received for Position 9 and an interview with that candidate is being set up. Get Engaged program staff are recruiting for the next cohort of GE members to start their one-year terms in October. Three applicants applied to serve on the UFC and interviews with those candidates are being scheduled now.

Patti provided an update on the effort to respond to the latest Statement of Legislative Intent regarding urban forestry. This SLI requested that the Office of Sustainability & Environment collaborate with the City Budget Office and the Urban Forestry ID Team to develop a report on the City's funding and expenditures for tree planting, stewardship, and other related activities. OSE and CBO are working together to gather this information from the departments and will be compiling a response to submit to Council by the September 30 deadline.

Josh thanked all of the Commissioners for the hard work reviewing and commenting on the tree protection ordinance update, and noted that it was voted on by full Council in May. The ordinance includes many things the UFC has been advocating for for many years, but there are things to continue to work on and improve. Some Council members have committed to working to improve it, and the UFC should follow up on that, through the various avenues available (code change, budget process, etc.)

Commissioners discussed whether it is known what the timeline and process is for working on updates to the ordinance. Josh noted that Councilmembers Strauss, Mosqueda, Morales and Herbold all expressed interest in continuing to work on the ordinance, so first step could be to contact those members.

Stuart suggested that one thing that might be helpful is to prepare a compare and contrast table between what was allowed in the old ordinance and what's allowed in the new ordinance, including some real-world examples of what's happening. It will take time to see what really will result from the ordinance. Becca suggested that Commissioners interested in working with Stuart on this let him know via email.

Josh provided an update on his efforts to coordinate with the Seattle Planning Commission, since their mission is to steward the Comprehensive Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update is due to be released this summer.

Right of way canopy data additional findings – Hao Liang

Hao shared some of his additional findings on right of way canopy and street tree data, in preparation for Commission review and potential adoption of the SDOT briefing follow up letter. He looked at various references, SDOT's Urban Forestry program and their rules around equity.

The 2021 Tree Canopy study shows that the tree canopy in the right of way constitutes 27% of the city's land area and contributes 23% of the canopy in the city. Hao looked at the canopy data for each neighborhood from the lens of equity, as a basis to review the canopy topics. He prepared a maps showing the canopy cover percent in each neighborhood and canopy in the right of way in each neighborhood. The right of way data shows more details related to history, urban planning and socio-economics.

Disadvantaged neighborhoods already have lower canopy cover, as illustrated by comparison of East Queen Anne and Rainier Beach neighborhoods. The canopy cover in the two neighborhoods is relatively similar to each other, but the canopy in the right of way in East Queen Anne is almost twice that of Rainier Beach. Hao pointed out that canopy in the right of way impacts the walkability, connectivity, social interaction, public health and safety of the two neighborhoods. Hao shared a chart showing that the amount of canopy in a neighborhood's right of way is not proportional to the amount of right of way in the neighborhood, for many of the city's neighborhoods.

Street tree species can also be an indicator of a neighborhood's history and socio-economic status. The data shows that more affluent neighborhoods have more showy spring blooms. The majority of maintenance responsibilities for street trees falls on the adjacent landowner, and that may affect which species exist in neighborhoods since the showier species often require more maintenance. Views may be another factor influencing tree species.

Preservation of existing street trees is fundamental to achieving the city's canopy cover goals. Many of our current street trees were planted decades ago, and the city may face a serious challenge when those older trees decline due to age, construction activities and climate change. SDOT estimates a life span of 50 years for street trees. There may be a surge of replantings needed, and those will come with maintenance and establishment needs and costs.

Questions and comments on the presentation included:

- How many trees are projected to be needed for SDOT to plant in the next few years?
- Do we know the ratio of trees planted by SDOT versus private property owners?
- In the scatter plot shared that showed canopy cover in relation to amount of right of way, some of the neighborhoods that fall below the line are industrial or downtown areas, but that also highlights that the nearby neighborhoods that are also low on the line are important to focus on given the industrial impacts.

Seattle Department of Transportation briefing follow-up

Hao reviewed the letter he drafted to follow up on the SDOT briefing in March, which included several recommendations for SDOT to consider. Commissioners discussed and edited the letter.

Action: a motion to adopt the SDOT briefing follow-up letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

Seattle City Light Vegetation Management program updates

Dave Bayard shared the mission and vision of Seattle City Light (SCL), which have been updated recently, and provided a high-level overview of SCL, its vegetation management and the four programs that are within his unit.

SCL is a public power generator, transmitter and distributor, which is rare for utilities. It is the 10th largest power generator in the country, and includes infrastructure and facilities all across the state. SCL owns about 75 properties in and around the city, which require management. The Vegetation Management group is in the same unit as T&D Operations, whose mission is to “keep the lights on”.

Utility vegetation management is very complicated. Distribution line clearance is the most well-known piece of it, but there is also many others such as wildfire prevention and control and wildlife habitat creation and management. They are a tree care organization and there is a lot of credentialing that goes through ISA and other organizations specifically related to utility work.

They maintain and monitor over 300,000 trees with grow/fall potential, which means they are actively keeping eyes on them. They have a \$6M annual budget to do the work (mostly contracted labor), on a 4.5-year cycle. They have more tree crews at work in the city than any other city department.

The 4.5-year maintenance cycle is based on “feeders” which is how wires move from one pole to another. Most utilities require contractors to have an ISA arborist in charge on their crews. SCL requires them to have an ISA certified arborist on each crew as well as power line clearance-qualified arborists. Seattle has been certified as a Tree Line USA city for nine years. All crews follow ANSI A300 and Z133 standards.

They trim trees for certain systems – primary, secondary, etc. – which have different voltages at different heights, so that means different types and levels of vegetation maintenance. They prune to ensure access to their equipment (so, no pruning for street lights.)

Transmission ROW maintenance program – manage these assets on a 2-year cycle. There are 657 miles of transmission ROW through King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and Pend Oreille counties. There are three primary drivers behind it: safe/reliable power transmission, NERC compliance, and integrated UVM. Integrated UVM is an attempt to manage the landscape to encourage compatible vegetation. The ROW maintenance group gets into very varied work: tree pruning and removal, invasive species management, ROW infrastructure maintenance/repair, storm response, wildfire prevention and mitigation.

New to the TROW maintenance program: heavily and increasingly invested in technology:

- GIS-based work management software
- UAVs integrated UVM
- Satellite remote-sensing for tree health and hazard ID
- LiDAR for clearances

Landscapes maintenance program – their primary role is substation maintenance (16 of them). Need to keep the interiors weed-free; many of the exteriors are historic landscapes. They maintain the landscapes at the 75+ properties they manage – mow, weed, plant, irrigate, integrated pest management. Other roles include snow response team, repair/mitigate landscape damage, special projects. Dave shared examples of major substation landscape projects. These exposed, hot environments include drought-tolerant and pollinator-friendly plant species.

Urban and Community Forestry program – this is a new program Dave developed. It’s the only such program he’s aware of that is within a public utility. He had a strong drive to develop it because of very strong resources behind it. Staffing includes a program lead, an arborist, and transmission sustainability forester. The intent is to be more intentional in who they engage and how they engage. The program will include the urban tree replacement program, the Tree Line USA certification, a pilot for private land tree pruning, Green

Line community ROW stewardship project, TROW Stewardship Accreditation, community pollinator planting, citywide urban forestry/equity engagement.

Why is this kind of program important for an electric utility? Urban and community forestry work is equity work and that is incredibly important. They touch more trees than every other department combined, and utility ROWs are public green spaces. And, it is baked into electric utilities' value statements – Dave provided examples of quotes from the mission and vision statements from SCL, PG&E and Exelon Energy.

Questions and comments from Commissioners included:

- How much coordination is there between SCL's new Urban and Community Forestry program and the other city UF departments?
- Which community groups do they work with in the stewardship program?
- What vegetation is allowed under the lines like along the Chief Sealth Trail?
- What is the budget for the new Urban and Community Forestry program? There is no line-item budget for the program beyond the staffing.
- Is the technology referenced for doing tree health and hazard identification available for use citywide? The technology uses another sensor on the plane flying LiDAR that detects chlorophyll, and can tell levels as higher or lower, indicating tree health. Yes, it can be used in the city; more effective for broadleaf plants than conifers.
- On SCL easements where property owners live, is it the property owner's responsibility to manage vegetation, or SCL's?
- Are there situations where private property owners can hire their own arborists to prune street trees around wires? It's against the law for non-qualified personnel to come within 10 feet of a power line in doing tree work.

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Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that the Land Use Committee will deal at tomorrow's meeting with updates in the Industrial zone. One of the provisions relates to some updates to the Comprehensive Plan that can be done on a yearly basis, and they don't include trees and vegetation. He encouraged folks to review the meeting materials and make comments as appropriate.

Hao made a clarification about the ROW data.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Meeting chat:

from Francisca to everyone: 3:06 PM

No comment thank you

from Bridget Moehring, FAIA to everyone: 3:07 PM

no comment, thank you.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:13 PM

What about hiring Urban Forester approved in budget? Is there a timeline?

from Jessica Hernandez to everyone: 3:13 PM

Can folks on their phones mute themselves?

from Jessica Hernandez to everyone: 3:14 PM

didnt raise my hand, so no. thank you.

from Becca Neumann to everyone: 3:15 PM

thanks!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 3:23 PM

For the record: Our office believes the 85/100% impervious surface guarantee in LR and higher density zones will likely result in increase loss of trees/canopy percent.

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 3:24 PM

You may

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:35 PM

David Moerhing has done a lot of this alternative design review of projects over the years

from Francisca to everyone: 3:36 PM

Appreciate Stuart's insight re: real world scenarios. I am not at Stuart's level i.e. large scale development. I am however struggling and trying to stay positive currently. Thank you Stuart.

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 3:37 PM

Thank you Toby; your office sees this as it is. This level of hardscaping and coverage will impact adjacent properties also, which has not been considered on any level that I know of.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:46 PM

View Ridge also has views--the east side has very few trees overlooking Lake Washington.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:48 PM

This is incredibly valuable--thank you Hao.

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 3:49 PM

Thanks, Hao!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:50 PM

Thanks for your work Hao!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:51 PM

What is ratio trees planted by SDOT versus private property owners? estimate?

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 3:52 PM

Great presentation Hao

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 3:52 PM

Very informative

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:52 PM

Was 600trees total planted or just those by SDOT?

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:55 PM

Municipal governments throughout the US plant/maintain street trees. There are economies of scale for pruning etc

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:00 PM

Comp plan says for industrial areas - "Recognize the unique working character of industrial areas by keeping landscaping and street standards to a minimum to allow flexibility for industrial activities, except along selected arterials where installing street trees and providing screening and landscaping can offset impacts of new industrial development in highly visible locations." It does not emphasize planting more trees. Land Use Committee meeting tomorrow does not propose changing this language,

from Hao Liang to everyone: 4:07 PM

@Steve, those trees include SDOT planted trees and private, contractor, and others planted trees

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:09 PM

Thanks Hao

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:42 PM

Curious about which community groups you work with in the stewardship program.

Apart from that, I'm wondering what vegetation if any is allowed under the lines along Chief Sealth Trail for instance.

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:42 PM

Can a private tree service provider clear trees from power lines and telecom lines? Kudos on the substation landscaping!

from Francisca to everyone: 4:42 PM

Wow! I am so appreciative hearing this presentation! If a private homeowner sees a City tree being damaged, trucks parking under critical root zone consistently, dumping around the root collar, would this be your departments investigation?

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:49 PM

Thank you, Dave. Chief Sealth Trail in the south end seems like it has many areas for opportunity to plant native shrubs and plants, decreasing the need to mow and providing benefits to wildlife and other residents.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:53 PM

Dave, can you speak to situations where private property owners prefer to hire their own arborists to prune street trees around wires? I am aware of one person who has made an agreement with SCL to coordinate this and wondered if it is widespread.

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 4:58 PM

Great presentation!

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:58 PM

Thanks, Dave!

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:58 PM

Do any utilities you're aware of shift money to utility to do that arborial service

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 5:02 PM

Issue of notifying of work. Seems to go to person on property, including renters but not to landlord.

from Chris Gaul to everyone: 5:03 PM

No, thanks.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 5:04 PM

This is such a good point, thank you Steve.

from Dave Bayard SCL to everyone: 5:04 PM

Hi Steve. You're right, it's been a bit of a sticky wicket for us. My folks don't have access to an up-to-date property owner dataset that they could work with on a house-by-house basis as they're notifying. The exception is for tree removals - we try harder to ensure the person signing off on a tree removal is the property owner, not a renter.

Public input (additional comments received):

From: Deborah Purce <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 7:12 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Support these amendments to the draft Tree Protection Ordinance

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85% development area which would remove the city's flexibility in saving existing exceptional trees. Trees are already scarce in these areas and this amendment would help save trees in these areas and reduce urban heat island impacts.

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- VOTE NO A4 - Calculation of lot coverage standard - tree protection area - Canopy drip line for tree protection areas and no temporary extensions into tree protection area would result in more tree removals.

Group C. Permit Review Process

VOTE YES

- VOTE YES C3 - Tree Protection Areas and subdivisions, short subdivisions and lot boundary adjustments
- VOTE YES C4 - require certified arborists report and participation in application team

Group E. In-lieu fees and Replacement requirements

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Thank you,
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- VOTE YES F3 - Removal from tree service registry

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Subject: No "guaranteed 85%"! Amend the draft tree ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. With middle-housing zoning updates, neighborhood residential (34% tree canopy) will change to multi-family (23% tree canopy) and Seattle tree canopy will plummet unless strong and effective efforts are made to preserve trees.

We urge you to adopt these amendments to the 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance.

TOP PRIORITY -- We need trees where we live!

1. Require 20% lot allowance for "tree preservation and tree planting areas" in multifamily areas and 40% lot allowance for 1-4 units in the neighborhood residential zone as Portland Oregon does in their family residential zone. Portland passed legislation in 2020 to allow up to 4plexes in their neighborhoods after the state mandated zoning updates. Portland responded in Nov 2022 to update their tree protection legislation. <https://www.portland.gov/code/11/50/050>
2. Remove the guaranteed "85% lot development area" provision. If the current middle housing legislation passes in Olympia, almost all of Seattle would be affected by this change, with a significant loss of tree canopy city wide. The city needs flexibility to evaluate development and protecting trees lot by lot, not one size fits all circumstances.

3. Require a Tree Inventory of all trees 6" DSH and larger and a Tree Landscaping Plan be submitted by developers, as Portland Oregon does, prior to any building permits being approved. This information fits with collecting in lieu fees prior to issuing building permits and facilitates reporting and tracking of tree loss and replacement, rather than city workers having to pull this information from site plans. Mayor Harrell's Executive Order asked for data on trees removed and replaced. Getting this information up front from developers is the best way to do this.

4. Require developers throughout the total development process to maximize the retention of existing trees 6" DSH and larger with adequate space for trees to grow and survive. The current draft removes consideration of protecting 6"-12" DSH trees and also removes them from site plans. Keep them on the site plans and protect them during development. Trees 6" DSH and larger represent 45% of trees in the NR zone according to Seattle's Ecosystem Values Report. Most of these trees are established potential replacement trees for existing large trees that die. Trees 12" DSH and larger only represent 18% of the trees in the NR zone. A diversity of ages and species for trees is essential for a healthy urban forest.

5. Retain definitions and use of exceptional and significant trees. Remove the confusing and biased proposed new classification of trees as Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4. The use and understanding of trees as exceptional has been in the Tree Protection Ordinance since 2001 and described in more detail in the 2008 Director's Rule. 16-2008. Significant trees are understood to be those 6" DSH and larger that are not exceptional. Many other cities, including in this region, use these definitions.

6. Require for replacement 2 trees for 12-24" DSH trees removed, 3 trees for 24 – 36" DSH and 4 trees for above 36" DSH for more equivalency of the increasing value of services trees provide as they increase in size. One for one replacement is no equivalency for what is lost as trees increase in size. Require that tree replacement numbers increase with the size and canopy volume of the removed tree. such that in 25 years or less they will reach equivalent canopy volume lost. Waiting 80 years to replace an 80-year-old tree is too long.

7. Increase in lieu fee schedule to require the \$17.87/square inch of trunk in-lieu fees to start with 12" DSH trees rather than 24" DSH trees. In-Lieu fees need to adequately cover the city's additional cost of planting and maintaining the trees for 5 years.

8. All replacement in lieu fees and fines should go into a One Seattle Tree Fund as stated in Mayor Harrell's 's Executive Order. It should be a dedicated Tree Planting and Preservation Fund like Portland, Oregon has (not into SDCI's budget). The Fund should be added to this draft. The Fund should report yearly on its budget to the City Council and Mayor. The One Seattle Tree Fund should be overseen by the City Urban Forester located in OSE because the distribution of funds would be interdepartmental. Allow the One Seattle Tree Fund (Tree Planting and Preservation Fund) to also accept fines, donations, grants, purchase land, set up covenants and for educational purposes as Portland, Oregon does.

9. The role of the new City Forester position created by the Seattle City Council in OSE should be defined in this ordinance.
10. Create an Urban Forestry Division within SDCI with additional staff as recommended in a separate budget provision or expand the Urban Forestry staff and responsibility in the Office of sustainability and Environment for independent oversight of trees.
11. Expand the existing Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program using the Accela database system to include SDCI to cover all significant trees 6" DSH and larger, and all exceptional trees, on private property in all land use zones, removed both during development and outside development. The proposed ordinance remains a complaint-based system relying on citizens which has been proven to not be effective in code compliance. SDCI only has 2 arborists who are mostly deskbound to check site plans and in the field.
12. Require SDCI to submit quarterly reports to the Office of Sustainability and Environment on tree removal and replacement as currently required by other City Departments and yearly as required yearly by Mayor Harrell's Executive Order.
13. Extend ordinance to cover all land use zones, including Highrise, Industrial, Downtown and Institutions.
14. Allow city certified inspectors to enter property if necessary to ascertain any illegal tree activity.
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16. Remove or clarify language of tree drip line "may be irregular in shape to reflect variation in branch outer limits" Dripline is used to determine tree protection area and branches shortened in some areas may not reflect root structure or may have been removed in certain areas if tree has been limbed up.
17. Require that maintenance of relocated and replacement trees include "watering as needed".
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20. Give the SDCI Director the authority to reduce or waive any fees assessed by this ordinance, taking into account a homeowner's financial circumstances or ability to pay.

21. Split the purpose and intent section. Add to intent “address climate resiliency and reduce heat island impacts across the city”

22. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, scotch broom, and holly from development sites to help stop the spread of invasive species in our city that add to maintenance costs and replacement of dying trees.

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Subject: We need trees where we live! Please, please support OUR tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Memo to Seattle City Council

We are supposed to be the Emerald City, How can we live up to that beautiful nickname without our beautiful tree canopy throughout our city. Please save our trees for generations to come. We have a 100 year old Heritage Tree in our back yard. The Master Builders Assoc. would not hesitate to remove it. That would be a crime!

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Subject: Maintaining Trees and Providing Housing Can Co-Exist

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I hope you've taken the time to read the original form letter on this topic, I am sending it again to help amplify the idea that there IS a solution that keeps current trees while still allowing for increased density. It truly does not have to be either or. Developers are RAKING in the dollars while also just bulldozing everything in sight and then saying 'but we planted new trees' - the new trees are not even close to the size of most of the existing trees on a property and are not established in the same way, thus they typically aren't even making it past a few years post planting. The city is seeing the Hottest May on record and tree canopy is one way of helping to mitigate the heat. We have known for years that we are in a climate crisis, saving mature and established trees is necessary to combat that. Building housing is necessary to combat the exorbitant cost to live in this city nowadays. But it is possible to do BOTH. Thank you for your work on behalf of Seattle. Save the Trees - Build Around Them.

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Dear City Council Members,
PLEASE save the existing trees! There are so many reasons:

THE PLANET DEPENDS ON IT.

Science has shown that smaller, younger trees do not sequester carbon nearly as well as larger trees.

As the planet heats up trees provide natural air conditioning. We have a large spruce tree on the South side of our house and our house stays much cooler in hot weather than our neighbors' houses. Less trees in the city means more hot buildings and more people and businesses will buy air conditioning units which will further heat up the planet.

If you read the book "Nature's Best Hope" by Douglas Tallamy you will understand that many forms of wildlife depend on trees and native species of plants IN THE CITY, as well as in wilder places outside of the city.

You are important law-makers. Vote for people and planet and nature instead of voting for profits for a few companies. This is your legacy. Your vote on this issue carries a lot of weight and your decision will follow you beyond your days as City Council member.

Thank you,
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I would like to share a story of why we need trees in Seattle. years ago one night in our Madison Valley VA duplex a few blocks from MLK, a semi trailer got unhitched from it's cab and started rolling down a very steep section of Denny from 23rd, tossing and crushing cars in it's path.

The only thing that stopped that trailer from taking out my house or half my neighbors houses was a large old deciduous tree in the parking strip 20' from my living room. I've always been grateful for that tree - and we planted a tree of our own after that, which is now over 30' tall - and everyone in the neighborhood

loves it. I have no doubt that if we sold this place that tree would be heading for a chipper - despite all the laws to stop it from happening.

I've now endured new vertical living units being built in every direction from my house and the first thing developers do is cut the trees on the lot - and occasionally, everything and anything that hangs over their lot too, even when the tree itself is on a different lot. THEY DO IT WITH IMPUNITY!!! They do it a lot. They do it with not a thought of whether the tree could have been used for lumber - which is just insane at this time when we are cooking the planet for lack of trees and burning them.

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P.S. please don't take my trees :(

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From: Carol Olwell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Protect and grow Seattle's essential urban forest!

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Again, please support these tree protections. It takes a very long time to create a thriving urban forest, and your decisions now will influence how much pollution, heat and beauty Seattle experiences in the next 50 years. Thanks for your work and consideration of these amendments.

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From: Bernice Maslan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: PLEASE!!! Suggested amendments to support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Dear City Council,

We are counting on you to help Seattle stay liveable. The majority of our trees are on private land. If we give developers 85% guaranteed hard scape, we're giving away most of our trees. See below for details on what we'd like to see to make the Tree Protection Ordinance more functional so we can get our 30% tree canopy in the future.

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From: Emilie Burnham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Sick of cities and developers referring to natural, tree'd parcels as "empty" land. Please support tree protections.

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boroughs. Maintaining ALL remaining canopies in and around Seattle should be the priority, not discussing how to keep a few tokens. We've already gone too far regarding the environment and have already experienced the interconnection between humans and nature. Communities, cities, counties, states, countries are interconnected. We cannot approach environmental conservation as though we are only speaking of Seattle. Every action that depletes or degrades our natural habitat has a chain reaction affecting the entire globe. We are a rich, entitled country and should be helping other countries if at the very least, by setting an example.

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From: Margaret Martin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 10:11 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections. I have lived in Seattle for 70 years and each year see fewer and fewer trees and more and more apartment buildings. While I know we need places for people to live we truly need to protect t...

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Dear City of Seattle Councilmembers:

I was genuinely excited to read that the City Council was working on developing a Tree Protection Ordinance that would do just that -- protect our existing tree canopy -- which has been seriously diminished in recent years -- and provide for enhancement of our City's tree canopy in the coming years. Given the impact that climate change is already having -- change that will only grow more impactful in the coming years -- this policy is desperately needed now and for the future.

At this point, though, the Council is set to pass a policy that will reduce such protections.

I strongly urge the City Council to adopt a policy that will increase protection and retention of existing trees during development. Planting saplings in some offsite location during development is hardly a substitute for protecting mature trees; replacement trees do not always live and, even if they do, it takes decades for such trees to grow to maturity.

Urban growth and tree retention CAN CO-EXIST. I urge the City Council to:

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Again, I urge the Council to give serious consideration of these amendments and to adopt them.

At the end of the day we all want and need a livable Seattle and that means a Seattle with robust mature trees.

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Subject: Notice that Study is needed on Revision 3 of the Tree Removal CB 120534

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

The City Council will vote on a significant **tree removal council bill 120534** this coming Tuesday, May 23 in full session at 2 pm. This revamped version from last year's Hearing Examiner-affirmed ordinance is a major rewrite and flawed relative to removing existing **tree retention with design** provisions of SMC 25.11.070 (pages 25-37).

Follow State and Local Review processes:

- There are significant impacts as noted in the attached and below; and the proposed version 3 of a tree removal ordinance will have significant adverse environmental impacts that have not been adequately addressed by the City.
- Before any City Council vote adopts this version of the ordinance, the City **must withdraw the current DNS, conduct updated environmental review for the new ordinance**, and issue a new threshold determination for the ordinance.
- The adverse impacts to disadvantaged residential area trees will be severe and this, in turn, will cause all of the typical significant adverse effects related to tree removal without space or provisions for equitable tree planting.

[CB 120534](#)

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AN ORDINANCE relating to **tree protection**; balancing the and amending Sections 23.44.020, 23.47A.016, 23.48.05 Municipal Code.

Without studying the impact to approximately 56,000 existing trees within multifamily zones, the vote regarding the Council Bill 120534 must be postponed to enable the Urban Forestry Commission, the Green New Deal Oversight Board, SDCl, OPCD, Seattle Parks & Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, and other key stakeholders to technically review the ordinance thoroughly to assess tree removal changes that mandate an environmental study (verses proposed Determination of Non-Significance).

Please note that more work needs to be done as recommended by several recent letters of the Urban Forestry Commission. There is no chance that a new delegation of Councilmembers in 2024 would be able to retract and rectify the tree removal impacts to low-canopy and high-displacement risk precincts residential areas. The mayor's version from 2022 took over a decade took over a decade (before the Master Builders' appealed without a reasonable cause).



What about today's 60-page revamped proposal? What is the answer?

The good news is the current version 3 rewrite may be further vetted and edited to exclude high-displacement risk and low tree canopy (>25%) precincts from the proposed enhanced tree removal requirements proposed within SMC 25.11.070.

Why address this now?

See the attached letters from the Beacon Hill Council (BHC) and the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) that support this request and give background.

- **The ordinance does not align with the Green New Deal ordinance and does not align with Seattle's commitment to environmental equity.** The communities that already are most impacted by climate change stand to lose the most trees.
- **The way the ordinance is written, it will ensure that unchecked development can cover 85-100% of a lot with "hardscape"** (buildings, parking, walkways, etc.) in low-rise (multi-family) and high-rise zones. This leaves a just one smaller tree with no room for mature trees and will allow the removal of Exceptional trees protected and preserved today.
- **Multifamily zones have just 933 acres** of tree canopy within private land, that's roughly over 56,000 trees (averaging canopy per tree is 750 sq ft).
- **Caution about lot subdivision practices to remove all large trees.** The very common practice of **lot subdivision** in lowrise multifamily zones will now be used to remove Exceptional trees over 20-foot drip-line diameter (such a pre-subdividing one 6000 sq ft lot into three 2000 sq ft lots).
- The smaller the lot, the smaller the lot area remaining for critical root zones on today's otherwise protected exceptional trees. **Amend proposed code to calculate using the parent lot area** before lot subdivisions.
- The State Middle Housing Bill 1110 was signed by Gov. Inslee. Under this bill, almost any residential lot in Seattle could be designated multi-family. **The increase in multifamily development in residential areas will speed up tree loss, especially in vulnerable communities that have the fewest trees, unless we increase protection for trees in low-rise multifamily zones.** The ordinance does the opposite.
- **We need more affordable housing. People who need affordable housing also need trees close to their homes to offset rising temperatures, pollution, and other health hazards.** The unseasonably hot weather of the past week gives us a tiny taste of the heat that is coming. Affordable housing and tree preservation do not need to be in conflict with each other.
- **This has not been a balanced proposal or City-dictated process;** open communications on the removal provisions have been circumvented before engaging the urban forestry commission in proposed changes.
- By ordinance, the City was required to consult the Urban Forestry Commission to give this group of diverse volunteer experts and stakeholders an opportunity to make research-based recommendations. This did not happen. The UFC attempted to compensate for a very short timeline to make recommendations for over 50 amendments.
- The Seattle Land Use Committee voted out about two-thirds of the UFC substantive recommendations at their meeting on May 4 and approved all 12 amendments recommended by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS). Committee members did not have the time they needed to understand the

full impact of the votes they were taking... occasionally abstaining from voting for that reason.

- **Planting new trees is important, but young trees can't do the environmental work that mature trees do.** It takes many years of growth for a young tree to replace a mature tree. We need to plant more trees AND save more of the ones we already have.

What about the Seattle [2035 Comprehensive Plan](#)?

- **The Seattle Comprehensive Plan section on the 'Built Environment' (page 34) item GS 3.8 states:** "Encourage the preservation and expansion of the tree canopy throughout the city for the aesthetic, health and environmental benefits trees provide, considering first the residential and mixed-use areas with the least tree canopy in order to more equitably distribute the benefits to residents."
- **The Seattle Comprehensive Plan (page 133) item EN 1.2 states:** "Strive to increase citywide tree canopy coverage to 30 percent by 2037 and to 40 percent over time."
- **The Seattle Comprehensive Plan (page 389) item R-ER1 on 'Environmental Policies' states:** "Protect and enhance the urban forest on public and private property to reduce storm runoff, absorb air pollutants, reduce noise, stabilize soil, and provide habitat."

Please feel free to contact me by phone (312-965-0634) to talk more about this important issue. We know we should legislate **both density and urban trees on private land**. Current multifamily build one dwelling per 1,150 dwelling sq ft of lot area and can preserve more than just 15% of the canopy. There is not adequate open area within streets and public lands to replace the tree canopy acreage on private land; and the 2021 tree canopy assessment appendix demonstrates that private land parcels being developed have lost over one-third of their canopy cover area whereas undeveloped private land parcels have averaged a canopy loss of less than 2%.

The future of many younger people in Seattle depend on our City Council actions now, with over 1,000 acres of canopy that needs to be planted now in order to achieve the 2037 Comprehensive Plan. (Based on 30% citywide average canopy cover by 2027 compared to 28.1% measured in 2021.)

Sincerely, 

Trees and People Coalition

w/ David Moehring, AIA NCARB

May 19, 2023 at 4:55 pm

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Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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Again, thank you for your work and consideration of these amendments. I am so very tired of the MBA whining, threatening, and getting precedence over our long-term goals for this beautiful city. Please do the right thing.

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Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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In this time of increasing temperatures and changing climate, we need the tree canopy more than ever. Cutting down trees is NOT the way to go even though you think you have a plan to mitigate. Please leave the trees where they are and make the developers work with the canopy.

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Subject: SUPPORT TREE PROTECTION! We need trees! Lots & Lots of Trees!

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Again, thanks for your work and consideration of these amendments.

While I had some help writing this letter, these are my words, my thoughts, my feelings. As a resident of Seattle since 1977, as a parent whose children were born and raised here and who are now raising their children here, I can tell you that the need for trees is not just an aesthetic desire. They are critical to our health. They are critical to our well-being. We need more trees and more outdoor space. Please save what we still have.

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From: dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 7:02 AM
To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Harrell, Bruce <Bruce.Harrell@seattle.gov>; Burgess, Tim <Tim.Burgess@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>
Cc: Lewis, Naomi <Naomi.Lewis@seattle.gov>; treesandpeople@pacificwest.com; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Withdraw Determination of Non-significance from Tuesday's city council Tree Removal CB 120534)

CAUTION: External Email

Mayor and Council of Seattle,

Note the important attached documents from the Space for Trees AND Residents STAR coalition. Please distribute to all City Council before the Tuesday May 23 City Council full session.

Thank you!

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 at 4:52 PM
From: "Trees and People Coalition" <treesandpeople@pacificwest.com>
To: council@seattle.gov, dan.strauss@seattle.gov, lisa.herbold@seattle.gov, sara.nelson@seattle.gov, debora.juarez@seattle.gov, Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov, Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov, alex.pedersen@seattle.gov, Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov, andrew.lewis@seattle.gov
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Subject: Notice that Study is needed on Revision 3 of the Tree Removal CB 120534

The City Council will vote on a significant **tree removal** [council bill 120534](#) this coming Tuesday, May 23 in full session at 2 pm. This revamped version from last year's Hearing Examiner-affirmed ordinance is a major rewrite and flawed relative to removing existing **tree retention with design** provisions of SMC 25.11.070 (pages 25-37).

Follow State and Local Review processes:

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- The adverse impacts to disadvantaged residential area trees will be severe and this, in turn, will cause all of the typical significant adverse effects related to tree removal without space or provisions for equitable tree planting.

[CB 120534](#)

Council Bill
(CB) Full Council
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AN ORDINANCE relating to **tree protection**; balancing the and amending Sections 23.44.020, 23.47A.016, 23.48.05 Municipal Code.

What about the Seattle [2035 Comprehensive Plan](#)?

- **The Seattle Comprehensive Plan section on the 'Built Environment' (page 34) item GS 3.8 states:** "Encourage the preservation and expansion of the tree canopy throughout the city for the aesthetic, health and environmental benefits trees provide, considering first the residential and mixed-use areas with the least tree canopy in order to more equitably distribute the benefits to residents."
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Please feel free to contact me by phone (312-965-0634) to talk more about this important issue. We know we should legislate **both density and urban trees on private land**. 2021 tree canopy assessment appendix demonstrates that private land parcels being developed have lost over one-third of their canopy cover area whereas undeveloped private land parcels have averaged a canopy loss of less than 2%.

The future of many younger people in Seattle depend on our City Council actions now, with over 1,000 acres of canopy that needs to be planted now in order to achieve the 2037 Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely, 🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿

Trees and People Coalition

w/ David Moehring, AIA NCARB

May 19, 2023 at 4:55 pm

[Just published: Seattle's proposed tree ordinance is the legislative equivalent of a chain saw | Editorial](#)

From: Robin Sinner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 8:40 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: Jeannette Chen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Cedar Burnett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Katherine Woolverton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Forest Greenway <verdivia@fastmail.fm>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:34 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Stephen Thein <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: JoElla Weybright <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:27 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

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Seattle needs housing, yes, but Seattle needs trees. We need both. Please do not allow developers to push you into making a decision that will hurt tree canopy. Thank you for your careful consideration.

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From: Molly Brown <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:51 AM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Harrell, Bruce <Bruce.Harrell@seattle.gov>; Burgess, Tim <Tim.Burgess@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>
Cc: Lewis, Naomi <Naomi.Lewis@seattle.gov>; treesandpeople@pacificwest.com; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>; dmoehring@consultant.com
Subject: FW: Withdraw Determination of Non-significance from Tuesday's city council Tree Removal CB 120534)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Council and Mayor Harrell,

Over the past 14 years, since the last tree ordinance, I have written repeatedly and provided the Council and then mayor quotations citing Alexander von Humboldt, Thomas Jefferson, Simon Bolivar (who planted one million trees), article after article, citations to media, scientists, environmentalists, architects who incorporate existing trees into their designs . . . about the existential importance of trees. As CB 120534 shows, it falls on deaf ears. This beautiful city I love is on its way to environmental devastation. Disregard the truth about how trees are critical to our survival – protection against heat, pollution, water runoff, essential for the well-being of humans and wildlife. Trees are worth millions and millions, perhaps billions of dollars in providing these environmental necessities.

The attachments to Mr. Moehring's email should be read and re-read thoroughly by each of you until the information becomes ingrained in you souls. You should adopt what experts say; you should play by the rules you once made; you should reject the greed of a few; you should be prepared for more and more deaths from heat, pollution, and floods if you don't. And you should reject this bill and start afresh by listening to the experts who know.

Sincerely yours,

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Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 11:26 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Support urban canopy!!

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

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I wrote to you during the last opportunity to comment, and it appears that my post was not noted. I have not changed my position, which is reflected in the memo below. As a resident of Seattle since 1961, my experience of Seattle as a flourishing urban canopy of great diversity has been a mainstay of life in this city. Since our exploding need for housing, the density has increased, but does not require deforestation. Trees and housing coordinate to produce weather and flooding regulation, essential habitat for stressed urban wildlife and birds, and aesthetic enjoyment, especially in our abundant flowering trees, among the most diverse and extensive in the nation. Short-sightedness and tunnel vision are incompatible with effective urban planning. Safeguard our arboreal heritage as well as housing our growing population. This is wisdom in practice.

Please implement the amendments listed below.

Sophia Keller, RN, MA, PhD candidate in Sustainable Communities

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Again, thanks for your work and consideration of these amendments. Trees are invaluable support for wildlife and people- don't let development pressure destroy more trees. We can have more housing and trees if you adopt these amendments.

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I live in the upper Fremont neighborhood. Many one-family homes, which had yards providing green cover, have been and continue to be replaced by expensive condos that cover the lot completely with manmade materials. Any greenery installed by the developer is more often than not not maintained by the new owners, leaving a desert atmosphere in the summertime with zero shade. What about climate change? What about providing homes for the birds? What about following the recommendations of our city's own Urban Forestry Commission, for whose work we citizens have paid with our hard-earned taxes? Given the prices of the new-builds, it looks to me as though the current and proposed regulations regarding trees benefit mainly the developers and wealthy tech workers.

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First off, thank you for continuing to work on this important issue. And it is important for the quality of life for all citizens of Seattle, for our fellow creatures who rely on our good habits, and for the environment. As you make your final decision I would like to also add a few thoughts for you to consider.

As we continue to use resources by destroying and then rebuilding we need to find a way to strike a balance for giving back to our earth. Tree preservation is one of those ways.

Since we have basically given over most of the city of Seattle to development we should also provide a way to preserve what we can. The cost of tearing out trees can, in the future, leave us more destitute emotionally, spiritually and environmentally. More housing is needed - but so are trees. And tree replacement elsewhere will not satisfy that loss - especially with the upcoming climate change issues.

And if we really want to honor and recognize the original occupants of this land, the Native Americans, don't you think we should do it in action and not just words? They recognized, and still recognize, the bond and interdependency with all living things. I suspect that cutting down trees in such mass quantities would not be in their language or thoughts because of their respect for all life.

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I just finished reading the Seattle Times Editorial on your Tree Ordinance Policy that mainly involves feedback from developers - who are going to be the main beneficiary of the recent zoning changes. And NOW you are giving them the power to diminish the quality of life in Seattle.

You have been such an activist council but now it looks very much like you are in the pockets of developers who have no desire to anything other than tear down houses and build more for their own profit. If they were real partners for the citizens of Seattle they would work to find ways to maintain tree canopy and add housing. Which, by the way, Seattle does not need to supply ALL the new housing. The rest of the state can be participants as well.

Please prove that you are listening to the groups that have more experience and expertise and reinstate the amendments as proposed by the Urban Forestry Committee. At the very least, give the new city council a chance to rectify your errors by putting this vote on hold. As outgoing council members who have no stake in the outcome you should not make this monumental, and irrevocable, decision. If you won't do that then at least do the following.

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Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Memo to Seattle City Council

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From: Tammy Clark <retail@tammyclark.org>
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Sincerely,

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From: Barbara Burrill <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: We need to keep our mature trees! Please support stronger tree protections.

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I am reminded by how weak our current tree protections are as I witness the methodical destruction of the two majestic old oak trees at the Wallingford Post Office. I don't care who owns the property, we live in the city of Seattle and the death of those trees was preventable.

I am pro-density but first I am pro-tree. We can have multifamily housing designed in more interesting and creative ways that will preserve the mature trees on-site. I live in a non-conforming city lot with two 100' coast redwoods which have been expensive to live with and build around over the years, but they are a top priority to my family. Trees live where they are planted; they can't run away as other wild creatures do when humans take over their space. How short-sighted are [non-Native] humans when they choose to cut down large trees.

Thank you for your work so far to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. The ordinance, as drafted, is a good beginning but is weighed heavily toward tree removals during development over protecting existing trees and building around them. What makes Seattle, Seattle - its green canopy, is threatened.

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kate Richardson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2023 6:22 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Don't sacrifice established trees which are already helping to cool the urban core.

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From: Stella Schiefer <stella@akalaitis.net>
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May 21, 2023

Mayor Bruce Harrell
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RE: Proposed Tree Protection Code

Dear Mayor Harrell and Seattle City Council Members,

For thirty years Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) has been dedicated to restoring the health of the Thornton Creek watershed for the benefit of salmon and other wildlife and for the enjoyment Seattle and Shoreline residents. We work with Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle schools, King County, and many hundreds of Seattle and Shoreline volunteers. We see unresolved issues with the proposed Seattle Tree Protection Code, even as it has evolved during the Council Land Use Committee process.

First of all, the review process required by city code was abridged when the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) was denied the opportunity to review the proposed legislation. Mayor Harrell and Land Use Committee chair CM Dan Strauss should suspend the process, respect the UFC's request for more time to review and assess the current draft, and the council should be given more time to review and incorporate the UFC's recommendations spelled out in their letter of May 17, 2023.

The Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative has also been abridged since stakeholders have not been consulted on how this issue benefits or burdens the community in terms of racial equity. We all need to work together to craft a tree protection code that keeps mature trees and adds new ones as we work with developers to build the housing we need. TCA strongly supports protecting our trees while adding housing for denser neighborhoods.

Particularly of concern to TCA are the provisions for planting new trees offsite to replace those removed, or in-lieu payments charged to developers. Those actions do not mitigate properly for the function of any mature trees that may be removed for developments. Trees and greenspace, often on private property, provide important habitat for our urban wildlife, especially birds. These neighborhood trees also benefit people by cleaning our air, moderating temperatures, moderating flood runoff, and supporting mental health. Keeping those trees in place and functioning is critical.

Since 2004 Green Seattle Partnership has been hard at work planting trees and restoring our public natural areas, but despite this effort, according to the 2021 tree canopy survey, Seattle's Parks still lost 111 acres of tree canopy since 2016. This points up the need to be very cautious in removing the trees we have.

Please bring back and vote for CM Pedersen's inch for inch tree replacement amendment (#16 E4), so that when trees must be removed and 'replaced' eventual tree canopy coverage should be augmented. If our city is to remain livable, specific steps to reach Seattle's goal of 30% tree canopy cover by 2037 must be incorporated into the code and tracked or it will become another empty slogan. We need more time to examine likely effects of the proposed increases in impervious surfaces.

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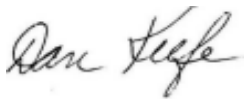
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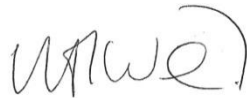
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We appreciate your consideration of these matters which will affect the health of our neighborhoods for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Dan Keefe,
President



Ruth Williams,
Land Use Committee Chair

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Cc: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Tree Code

CAUTION: External Email

14 years of delay, and now we're presented with a new "Tree Code" draft hammered out behind closed doors. Without Urban Forestry Commission input or review. What is the Urban Forestry Commission for, Mayor Harrell? What is a 30% tree canopy goal for, if we pass legislation that makes it impossible? 85 to 100% lot coverage sanctions clearcuts, particularly of large shade-giving trees. How many developers will voluntarily spare existing trees, without laws mandating it? Global warming is real, and mature trees- not replacement saplings and small ornamentals- are among our few weapons to ameliorate it.

Land Use Committee members who voted down Pedersen's amendments which would have eliminated several disastrous policies- shame on them. The Council should restore the amendments, or start again, and work with the UFC. Mayor, please insist on this, and refuse the proposal as it currently stands.

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Subject: Fwd: Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

I am Rainier Beach Resident who was very alarmed to learn of your recent committee vote to approve CB120534 the tree ordinance update.

I had previously written in support of important amendments by Urban Forestry Commission/others (see below) but seems as if those considerations were disregarded (under pressure from Builders Association??)

I urge you to vote down this flawed ordinance and take time needed with good process for input to develop a policy that really will protect our Seattle tree canopy (a stated city goal).

This is a critical time when all neighborhoods will be experiencing increased density/development.

The loss of more large trees with their invaluable contribution to cooling, quality of life for people and wildlife, especially in neighborhoods in South Seattle will be devastating.

Don't let your legacy be a future of energy-guzzling unlivable housing without large trees protected.

Thank you for your work and re-considering this crucial issue.

Christina Wagner
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----- Original Message -----

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Subject: Tree Protection Ordinance

I am writing as long time South Seattle resident who has experienced for >30 years that my house without air-conditioning with its tall trees has always remained much cooler than neighboring houses with few and small trees.

As you go forward developing these timely policies to address land use/increase housing needs, it is crucial to have strong, enforceable laws/policies to protect/expand our existing tree canopy.

It is crucial that we develop a updated code that will protect our trees and the many benefits they are providing if our legacy is to be a "liveable" city with decreased, not ever increasing energy use and furthering the global warming crisis.

Please consider policy updates that will increase monitoring/evaluation requirements and increase replacement requirements with increasing tree size-replacing large trees with small will not provide those benefits for many decades or more.

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I urge you to collaborate with the Urban Forestry Commission, Seattle Arborists Associations, and the tree advocate community as well as builders on the development of this updated policy.

The future of our environment for the health of trees, wildlife and people is so important as we continue to lose Seattle's precious tree canopy.

Thank you very much for your consideration and work.

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Thank you for your work to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. Unfortunately, the ordinance, as drafted, is weighed heavily toward tree removal during development. We Seattleites appreciate the work of previous generations who planted significant trees, 60-, 80-, and 100-years ago. Many evergreens are making our neighborhoods more livable because of their significant height. This investment in the health of the city should be rewarded, not allowed to be erased.

Without efforts to maximize the retention of existing trees, we will see a significant decrease in tree canopy and an increase in heat-island related adverse health impacts, including mental health. A dogwood tree is lovely, but it does not provide the healthful benefits of a mature deciduous or evergreen tree.

Development does not require the destruction of trees. We must think more creatively to increase our density while also increasing our Emerald City canopy. The city needs tracking data on tree loss and replacement as requested by Mayor Harrell for data-based decisions. The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has repeatedly recommended requiring Tree Inventories and Tree Plans upfront before a building permit is issued and trees are removed.

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Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Memo to Seattle City Council

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If the ordinance passes, Strauss and Harrell and others will likely tout that they love trees. Don't believe it. Actions speak louder than words. This was not a well-vetted, carefully conceived, thoughtful approach. It was the legislative equivalent of a chain saw.

As Batayola wrote in her letter asking council to defer the vote: "The Tree Ordinance is too important to be rushed. For our community, it is a race and social environmental, health and climate justice issue that affects our lives that need resolution."

Council members should have the courage to say they got it wrong. A bad process produces bad results. There is no dishonor in a do-over. It's better than leaving a legacy of stumps.

Again, thanks for your work and consideration of these amendments.

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Is Seattle going to live up to its name as the Emerald City or not? That's the question and the answer seems to be tilting towards not.

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From: Tiffany Severeid <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 6:51 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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From: Barbara Fristoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Judith Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Tony Dickey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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I live in a very pleasant 1500 sq foot house in the rear of a Ravenna lot at 7340 24th Ave NE. In the front yard are 2 exceptional heritage trees, a Sitka spruce and a hedge maple. The trees are beautiful to look at, cool my front yard in the summer and provide year-round habitat for small animals and birds. I am in the process of recording my trees so that they cannot be destroyed by greedy developers desirous of the profits to be gained from 3,000-4,000 home they would like to build in place of the trees and my house. The house occupies about 50% of the lot. The current bill would allow developers to consume 85% of the lot with their oversized house. Noone needs a house that takes up 85% of any lot no matter how much money they have. Please reject the proposed ordinance in its current form.

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From: Frances Chester <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 10:01 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections. (Don't allow them to cut down the big trees!!!)

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Please, Please, Please!

As a 13 year resident of Seattle and hoping to spend the next 30 here it is imperative that we save the character of the city through Seattle's trees.

It's getting hotter (it was over 80 degrees last week!)

Trees are so important to keeping Seattle green, safe, cool (both temperature and attitude) and livable.

Thanks!

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From: Theodore Hoss <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: An extremely problematic Tree Protection Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

To the Seattle City Council

Thank you for your work to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance and focus on this issue. I am a forestry scientist who attended the UW and now have a career teaching people about trees and ecosystem services. While I am happy the issue is receiving attention I am EXTREMELY disappointed in the ordinance as it is currently drafted, and in Councilman Strauss for pushing the ordinance through committee so fast and without due consideration of recommendations made by the Urban Forestry Commission. I attended the committee meeting to provide comment on this ordinance last month, and it is clear that the population of Seattle wants better tree protections. The overwhelming majority of public comments have been against the changes the committee voted in. Some polls have found that up to 74% of the city's population are concerned with canopy loss, and yet, this ordinance is weighed heavily toward tree removals during development over protecting existing trees and building around them. The argument made by councilman Strauss states that removing tree protection will lead to lower housing prices. I am a scientist, claims like that must be substantiated by data and research, and he has provided no evidence to support these claims. I urge you all to look at this situation more critically.

This is not a tree protection ordinance, its main intent is to improve conditions for developers who have NO obligation to pass on the financial benefits they will receive on to the public. The public will, however, have to bear the increased effects of heat waves, energy bills, and loss of beauty this draft with cause.

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If you as a council truly believe that Seattle should be a leader in climate resiliency, and you truly represent the people of the city and not the wealthy developers whose goal is personal financial gain (not public benefit), please adopt the following three proposals to this Bill to actually increase tree retention and make this a Tree Protection Ordinance and not a developer protection ordinance.

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Again, thanks for your work and consideration of these amendments. This is a pivotal vote in this city that will determine whether the Seattle of the future is a green place where people want to live. As a final note, for councilmembers who feel as if they are not informed enough about this situation to vote and are considering abstaining, please do not allow this to pass through that inaction. This ordinance has moved far too quickly and it would be better to vote no and become more informed on the issues at hand than to let it pass unchallenged.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Amendments for 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance, nix the 85%

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Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. With middle-housing zoning updates, neighborhood residential (34% tree canopy) will change to multi-family (23% tree canopy) and Seattle tree canopy will plummet unless strong and effective efforts are made to preserve trees.

We urge you to adopt these amendments to the 2023 draft Tree Protection Ordinance.

TOP PRIORITY -- We need trees where we live!

1. Require 20% lot allowance for "tree preservation and tree planting areas" in multifamily areas and 40% lot allowance for 1-4 units in the neighborhood residential zone as Portland Oregon does in their family residential zone. Portland passed legislation in 2020 to allow up to 4plexes in their neighborhoods after

the state mandated zoning updates. Portland responded in Nov 2022 to update their tree protection legislation. <https://www.portland.gov/code/11/50/050>

2. Remove the guaranteed “85% lot development area” provision. If the current middle housing legislation passes in Olympia, almost all of Seattle would be affected by this change, with a significant loss of tree canopy city wide. The city needs flexibility to evaluate development and protecting trees lot by lot, not one size fits all circumstances.

3. Require a Tree Inventory of all trees 6” DSH and larger and a Tree Landscaping Plan be submitted by developers, as Portland Oregon does, prior to any building permits being approved. This information fits with collecting in lieu fees prior to issuing building permits and facilitates reporting and tracking of tree loss and replacement, rather than city workers having to pull this information from site plans. Mayor Harrell's Executive Order asked for data on trees removed and replaced. Getting this information up front from developers is the best way to do this.

4. Require developers throughout the total development process to maximize the retention of existing trees 6” DSH and larger with adequate space for trees to grow and survive. The current draft removes consideration of protecting 6”-12” DSH trees and also removes them from site plans. Keep them on the site plans and protect them during development. Trees 6” DSH and larger represent 45% of trees in the NR zone according to Seattle’s Ecosystem Values Report. Most of these trees are established potential replacement trees for existing large trees that die. Trees 12” DSH and larger only represent 18% of the trees in the NR zone. A diversity of ages and species for trees is essential for a healthy urban forest.

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10. Create an Urban Forestry Division within SDCI with additional staff as recommended in a separate budget provision or expand the Urban Forestry staff and responsibility in the Office of sustainability and Environment for independent oversight of trees.

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22. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, scotch broom, and holly from development sites to help stop the spread of invasive species in our city that add to maintenance costs and replacement of dying trees.

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The canopy is directly connected to health and happiness of the people who live under them. Please consider another approach.

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Stephanie Scheer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Carlyn Clark <randyandcarlyn@comcast.net>
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From: Mary Keeler <mkeeler@uw.edu>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree-Replacement is not a good solution for tree-loss

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Also, imagine how many years it would take (if it survives) to do the air-cleaning work of a mature tree? And remember that evergreens do more of this work (all year long).

We must save our mature trees, as much as possible — Not Replace Them!

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Subject: Hard NO on CB 120543

CAUTION: External Email

It's difficult to express how angry and sad it makes me to see mass tree clear-cutting in my home of Seattle and King County.

The attached Seattle Times article says, "Another amendment gives developers the ability to totally clear-cut and build on 100% of lots in mid-rise, commercial and other zones." Developers are cutting down EVERY tree in order to build massive, yet outrageously-priced townhomes and apartments going for > \$400/sq' in the name of "housing."

What makes City Council think people want or can pay over half their income to live on or near a heat island? --This is especially outrageous when there are large, empty buildings in mini-malls all along Aurora. Why aren't these areas being used to build housing instead of clear-cutting new lots? There seems to be no consideration for the benefits our adult trees provide to ALL Seattle residents.

Approving this bill is premature and a slap in the face to both Seattle residents and environmental groups intended to be included in drafting it. It must be voted down and rewritten so it benefits our tree canopy and Seattle residents, NOT developers. Thank you, Valerie Snider

----- Forwarded message -----

Will the SeaCC listen? Not sure but the editorial blasts them right between the eyes...

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/seattles-proposed-tree-ordinance-is-the-legislative-equivalent-of-a-chain-saw/>

pdf attached for convenience too.

kevin
TreePAC

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From: Kitty Craig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 1:40 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please delay your vote on the Tree Ordinance to learn more about impact and work with the Urban Forestry Commission

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Patti Bakker,

Dear City Councilors,

Thank you for your work to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. I ask you to delay the vote on this ordinance until its impacts are fully analyzed and understood, especially in light of the state's new middle housing policy. This is prudent and good policy making. Central staff have not had time to adequately evaluate the impacts. Right now as proposed, nearly every lot in the city will be allowed to be cleared - except those not subject to the state's new policy (which are the lush green areas already). Please, slow down, allow for more discussion, debate, and collaborative solutions. Don't rush bad policy after this long of a delay.

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From: Daniel Martin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Subject: Urban growth yes, but protect the trees

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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 11:35 AM

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Subject: Portland, Tacoma, Vancouver, Bellevue, Spokane and Bellingham - Neighborhood Tree Teams and Urban Forester

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To the City Council and Mayor Harrell - if what you've just passed is intended to actually make a difference in protecting Seattle's trees - we need more than occasional (at best) SDCI enforcement, monitoring and caring for our trees.

the key ways we can do that - and I strongly encourage it if you want the updates to be **actually accountable** to the public - are:

1. finally HIRE the Urban Forester position that was budgeted a few months ago **and has sat there ever since** - WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
2. fully staff the Urban Forestry Commission - there are several vacancies and pending appointments yet to be confirmed by your inaction - GET IT DONE!
3. Have OSE create a Neighborhood Tree Team program (beyond just Tree Walks for trees increasingly getting clearcut) - meaning immediately local volunteers that can help monitor, care for and protect - not only does this get more locals involved in caring for their trees immediately locally to their residence, it fosters far greater involvement with the city on a bigger scale and promotes local ownership of climate protection in the areas of the city that need it most, that have already had most of their trees removed and multiple heat islands created by past and ongoing development.
4. it's worth noting that you ALREADY HAVE a program like this for fruit trees across the city - last time I checked there are a lot more non-fruit trees citywide - why not copy the program for all the others? [Master Fruit Tree Steward \(MFTS\) \(cityfruit.org\)](#)

here is the page for how Portland is doing it:

[Neighborhood Tree Teams | Portland.gov](#)

[Portland's Urban Forestry trains hundreds of tree stewards \(koin.com\)](#)

I already sent you the info on the smaller-scale GRIT program in Tacoma but here again for convenience:

[GRIT — Tacoma Tree Foundation](#)

Vancouver, WA

[Neighborhood Tree Stewards Program | City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](#)

Bellevue, WA

[Neighborhood Tree Ambassadors | City of Bellevue \(bellevuewa.gov\)](#)

Spokane, WA
[Tree Stewardship Guide \(spokanecity.org\)](http://spokanecity.org)

how Bellingham trained them last year
[Webinar: How to Become a Neighborhood Tree Ambassador - YouTube](#)

other programs:

Los Angeles County:
[Community Forester - TreePeople](#)

Roanoke, VA
[Tree Stewards Volunteer Program — Trees Roanoke](#)

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From: CJ Beegle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 8:45 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: We need trees where we live! Please support tree protections.

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Subject: Boise urban heat island mapping project

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[It's Getting Hot! \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

funny how Boise, ID - which most people in Seattle would not consider a 'progressive' place - seems to be way ahead of us in acknowledging, tracking and trying to actually DO something about heat islands and urban hotspots - especially compared to the "Tree Prevention and Developer Profit Protection Act" you

just passed....Seattle is far bigger, has far more lower-income and diverse communities already suffering from heat islands than likely Boise has had or ever will have, yet.....Huh.

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From: Tristan Uecker <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: More Trees in Black Neighborhoods

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[Why We Need More Trees in Black Neighborhoods - Word In Black](#)

"Trees Heal the Mind and Body

Residents can expect to experience major benefits within 10 to 20 years. .."

funny how we already HAVE these big trees, even some (absolutely not nearly enough) in south & central Seattle neighborhoods, yet MBAKS just won from you the ability to cut down nearly all of them anywhere they want. But they will 'honor' tree canopy by occasionally planting token ornamental trees (usually non-native to PNW) as 'balanced trees and housing'. Seems like waiting 20 years for new trees that can make an actual difference (assuming they are taken care of and survive, a big IF) while MBAKS creates heat islands everywhere in the interim to line their pockets, is pretty self-defeating (and hypocritical)...Huh.

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