

**The following residents have reached out to OSE and the Urban Forestry Commission with emails about the City's update to the tree ordinance.
Emails through January 13, 2020v2**

From: Marcia Ponto <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As trees and houses disappear, replaced by square, plastic-appearing mass housing, the citizens who built a high quality of life city, are being betrayed. Stop destroying our Green city ! Stop destroying our neighborhoods. Stop cutting forested areas to make golf courses, fake lakes & huge houses! Stop putting \$\$\$\$ ahead of quality of life.

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Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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From: Marisol Diaz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Ruth Alice Williams <ruthalice@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Seattle tree protection ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra,
This is the Thornton Creek Alliance position letter on updating Seattle's tree protection ordinance.
Ruth

From: Jeff Laufle [<mailto:lauflejl@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:17 PM
To: 'Durkan, Jenny'; sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov; debora.juarez@seattle.gov; mike.obrien@seattle.gov; kshama.sawant@seattle.gov; alex.pederson@seattle.gov; lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov; lisa.herbold@seattle.gov; bruce.harrell@seattle.gov; teresa.mosqueda@seattle.gov
Cc: 'Daitch, Shayna'; 'Ruth Alice Williams'
Subject: Seattle tree protection ordinance

Dear Mayor Durkan and Members of the Seattle City Council,

The Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization working in northeast Seattle and in Shoreline, would like to register its opinions concerning City of Seattle tree ordinance deliberations. We ask you to give strong consideration to legal provisions that will maintain and increase Seattle's urban forest.

How do we, and the Thornton Creek basin, rely on our urban trees?

- Trees improve our air by soaking up airborne pollutants and CO₂ and releasing oxygen.
- The shade large trees cast helps keep the creek cool for fish and lowers city air temperatures, mitigating the 'heat island effect' caused by all the urban pavement.
- The leaves collect rainwater and slow its flow to the ground, helping to reduce flooding.

- The roots slow the flow of dirty run-off water and help to reduce pollution and flooding.
- Trees provide habitat for animals and beauty for people to enjoy.
- Trees are an important factor in mitigating the growing climate crisis.

You can learn more about trees' eco-services at these two web sites:

http://www.actrees.org/files/Research/benefits_of_trees.pdf

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/20/health/iyw-cities-losing-36-million-trees-how-to-help-trnd/index.html>

We would like to stress the following points in consideration of solid protections for Seattle's urban forest:

- It is a matter of social equity that we plant and preserve our urban forest for the benefit of future generations throughout the city.
- Our urban streams require the services that trees provide in order to limit flooding, function as healthy habitat for fish and wildlife, and to clean the water before it flows into the lakes and eventually into Puget Sound.

Seattle code should:

- Clearly state goals of increasing the tree canopy area and number of trees, and include a tracking mechanism for better management of the urban forest.
- Call for adequate funding in order to be properly enforced.
- Maintain tree grove protections. Groves provide significant, essential habitat for birds and other wildlife and are becoming rare outside of parks.
- Maintain and strengthen protections for Exceptional Trees. Clearly define them as trees that are designated as heritage trees by the City of Seattle, or are rare or exceptional by virtue of size, species, condition, cultural/historic importance, age, and/or contribution as part of grove of trees.
- Lower the threshold for large Exceptional Trees from 30" to 24" DBH (Diameter at Breast Height, or 4.5' off the ground).
- Require all significant trees (6" DBH and larger) that are removed to be replaced on site or a fee paid into a City tree replacement fund.
- Require tree removal permits for all trees 6" DBH and larger in all property zones for both developed lots and lots undergoing development. Professional developers would apply for a major tree removal and replacement permit which includes preparing a detailed tree inventory and a replacement landscaping plan. Property owners would be able to apply for a minor tree removal and replacement permit for the removal of one or more significant, non-exceptional trees or hazard trees.

- Maintain the prohibition on cutting down trees greater than 6" DBH on undeveloped lots.
- Limit removal of significant, non-exceptional trees to no more than two, every three years, on developed property, and base tree replacement requirements on diameter and species of trees.
- Require a two-week notice posted on the trees on site for tree removal permit applications. Include on-line public posting of applications and permit approvals.
- Require registration and certification for all tree service providers working on private property.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this information and request. You may contact Ruth Williams of the TCA Board (copied on this email) if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Jeff Laufle

President, TCA

From: Ruth Alice Williams <ruthalice@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:48 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Thornton Creek Alliance Endorsement of the SUFC's Seven Suggestions

CAUTION: External Email

This letter, written in September 2018, includes TCA support for the SUFC's position on tree protections.
Ruth

Thornton Creek Alliance
Post Office Box 25690
Seattle, Washington 98165-1190



Mayor Jenny Durkan
600 Fourth Avenue
Seventh Floor
Seattle, Washington 98104

June 3, 2018

Dear Mayor Durkan:

The Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) is a volunteer nonprofit organization of 145 members concerned with the health of the Thornton Creek watershed, the largest in both Seattle and Shoreline. Over 25 years TCA has worked with Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Public Utilities, Green Seattle Partnership, and innumerable community groups and Forest Stewards in the process of working to restore sustainable water treatment and healthy riparian habitat.

Trees, especially native trees, are a vital component of making this work successful, but Seattle's tree canopy is shrinking and falling away in the face of today's dense development methods. Therefore, we respectfully request that the following considerations be included in proposed new tree protection ordinance language.

- Better protection and replacement of trees and groves, especially in Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs); they are losing trees at an alarming rate. Please see discussion in Tree Regulations: Urban Forestry Commission, Nov. 1, 2017, p 7. (https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2017/2017docs/TreeRegsUFCommission_SDCL.pdf)
- Include greater penalties for removal of large protected trees and provide additional incentives to retain those trees. Both during and outside of development, require the replacement of all trees cut that are six inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) and larger with similar sized trees and/or payment into a mitigation fund for planting and maintaining similar size trees that will be planted as close to the removal site as possible.
- Encourage the planting of native trees as a way of building sustainable, low maintenance plantings that support environmental services and biodiversity.
- Provide sufficient funding for the Office of Sustainability and Environment to employ tree experts to enforce the tree protection ordinance.
- Provide for analysis of development standards in the city code to determine if they leave adequate space to sustain large trees to maintain the canopy cover.
- Include a better definition of hazard trees, and provide for city review of the claim that a tree presents a hazard, to prevent the abuse of the hazard tree exception. Also require the replacement of hazard trees that are removed.

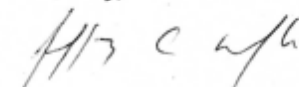
- Include liability for tree service providers who remove trees in violation of the tree protection ordinance

We are aware that you have received a list of seven proposals from the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, May 9, 2018, and a letter from TreePAC with numerous co-signers, May 3, 2018, containing eight similar proposals. TCA supports the proposals in these documents as well.

If Seattle is to live up to its reputation as one of the most livable cities in the US, now is the time to take action to protect our beautiful, hard-working tree canopy. Not in five or ten years when, at the rate we are going, hardscape will dominate every view.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with the City on this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Laufle, President
Thornton Creek Alliance

cc: Seattle City Council

THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE (TCA), founded in 1993, is an all-volunteer, grassroots, nonprofit organization of over 100 members from Shoreline and Seattle dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, neighborhoods, schools, groups, businesses, agencies, and government to work together in addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.

www.thornton-creek-alliance.org
www.facebook.com/Thornton.Creek.Alliance

From: Nancy K Dillon <nkdillon@nkdillon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:56 PM

To: LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Christine.postlewait@seattle.gov

Subject: Victory Heights TREES - IMPORTANT CONCERN !!

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Hello ~ I am a resident of Victory Heights in North Seattle. My address is 11355 23rd Ave NE. I have recently learned from neighbors that in Victory Heights there is a stand of 49 trees which are AT RISK of being CLEAR CUT !!! This is a tremendous concern for the following reasons:

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- 3) The block of 23rd Ave NE between 113th & 115th was only a few years ago upgraded with an ecological swale to catch and percolate rainwater into the soil which would other run-off down the steep hill to Piper's Creek.

I would like to STRONGLY protest this action and IMPLORE the City to reconsider any Permits or allowances permitting further clear-cutting of trees in the Victory Heights neighborhood.

Please see below for more information about this situation including specific addresses, details about the trees which are under threat and further details:

The trees under threat are greater than 6" in diameter and 10 are exceptional and greater than 40-71" in diameter. They are located on several lots listed below for development.

We already have a number of recent examples of trees being essentially clear-cut by developers to make way for creating large unaffordable homes with little to no room to replant trees that have been removed. The worst part is that huge exceptional trees are being cut despite the current tree ordinance because it is weak. The lots listed below are in various stages of the pre-permit and permit process.

What we really need is for at least 50 people to write letters to the city now referencing these specific lots and expressing concern that these trees will be cut wholesale given current weak tree ordinance. Ask them to hold a public meeting now about those trees. Send email letter to council@seattle.gov, Jenny.durkan@seattle.gov, Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov, Christine.postlewait@seattle.gov

Notes about these properties sent to me from the Seattle Department of Construction and Building Inspection about a month ago:

11340 23rd Ave NE

This address is attached to part of a lot boundary adjustment which subdivided one parcel into six – 11350, 11348, 11346, 11344 and 11342 23d Ave NE. Each newly created lot was approved for a single-family home. Anytime a permit to build is submitted, SDCI works to ensure that the plans go through rigorous reviews from not only the physical layout but also looking at trees on the property, potential erosion, draining, geotechnical, and other issues.

11348 23rd Ave NE: At present, only a proposed site plan and request for a pre-application site visit have been submitted. This application is in the very early stages and will go through the process listed above – including looking at trees and possible erosion and draining issues. A preliminary site plan has been submitted and correction requirements issued related to drainage (attached) was issued on 5/31/19. At present the permit for the proposed building has not yet been approved.

11344 23rd Ave NE: A permit application has been submitted for this address - I've attached the correction notice specific to draining issued by SDCI on 7/3/19 and an arborists report for the property. At present there are still outstanding corrections we are requiring of the developer and a construction permit has not been issued.

11342 23rd Ave NE: At this time only a request for a pre-application site visit has been asked of SDCI.

Thank you.

Nancy K. Dillon

Victory Heights Resident

From: Seattle Nature Alliance <seattlenaturealliance@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 7:31 PM

To: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Cc: Seattle Nature Alliance <seattlenaturealliance@gmail.com>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance Now

CAUTION: External Email

December 17, 2019

Mayor Jenny Durkan / Seattle City Council Members
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98124

We urge you to commit to protecting and growing Seattle's tree canopy by adopting the revisions to the Tree Protection Ordinance - SMC 25.11 (as proposed by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission - June 14, 2019) **which includes:**

- increased protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH on both developed property and property being developed
- requiring two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT already does)
- requiring on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city
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- requiring registration of all tree services providers with the city
- tracking all significant tree loss and replacement
- providing adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance

Seattle has both benefited from, and paid a steep price for, the recent economic development and growth happening throughout the city. With the rampant building boom downtown and increasing densification of our neighborhoods, it's critical for Seattle leaders to not just acknowledge the impacts of this growth on its citizens and on the environment, it's time to act.

Trees are integral to Seattle's identity. In addition to their beauty, they are essential habitat for birds and wildlife. Trees provide shade, improve air quality, lessen soil erosion, provide wind/sound buffers, filter polluted waters, and offset our energy needs. Study after study has proven they enhance our health and well-being. **It is long overdue for Seattle to take the lead and prioritize preserving the trees we have and work to increase tree canopy for everyone. Let's pass an improved tree ordinance.**

Sincerely,

Denise Dahn, Mark Ahlness, & Rebecca Watson

Seattle Nature Alliance

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It is our mission at the Seattle Nature Alliance to preserve urban natural areas for wildlife habitat, passive-

From: Elaine Hickman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:50 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Recently I was heartbroken to see 3 beautiful trees that had stood sentinel over our neighborhood for generations being cut down. I am writing to urge you to provide strong leadership now to significantly strengthen Seattle's tree ordinance to protect our trees and urban forest.

Seattle's urban forest is an integral and vital part of our city. Trees help clean our air and enhance public health, reduce stormwater runoff, mitigate climate change, decrease the impacts of heat and wind, provide habitat for birds and wildlife and give us a connection with nature in our neighborhoods.

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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11348 23rd Ave NE: At present, only a proposed site plan and request for a pre-application site visit have been submitted. This application is in the very early stages and will go through the process listed above – including looking at trees and possible erosion and draining issues. A preliminary site plan has been submitted and correction requirements issued related to drainage was issued on 5/31/19. At present the permit for the proposed building has not yet been approved.

11344 23rd Ave NE: A permit application has been submitted for this address – there is a correction notice specific to draining issued by SDCI on 7/3/19 and an arborists report for the property. At present there are still outstanding corrections we are requiring of the developer and a construction permit has not been issued.

11342 23rd Ave NE: At this time only a request for a pre-application site visit has been asked of SDCI."

Thank You,

Sheryl French
Victory Heights Resident
11337-23rd Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

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Speech-Language Pathologist
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University of Washington
Office: (206) 221-6273

From: Janine Michelsons <mossy@riseup.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 11:20 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Ordinance update is a needed action to protect Seattle against climate crisis

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle sees itself as a leader in Green technology and policy. As a city we have signed onto the Kyoto Climate Accords. So we have committed to do all we can about our climate crisis. Giant trees can sequester more carbon than any seedling. We are in climate crisis NOW and have no time for seedlings to grow large enough to be as effective as giant trees in regulating our climate. The most effective action is to LEAVE our giant mature trees in place. They are a rare and valuable resource we cannot get back once they are cut. Thank you for doing the sensible thing to protect all humans and our habitat.

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Council_Agenda <councilagenda@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan,

Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Planning, Land Use & Zoning Comment for the Record

CAUTION: External Email

Good morning,

Prior to this morning's public meeting, I would like to submit the following comment for the public record.

Increased density is vital to the future of Seattle as the City grows. I do not disagree with that and I truly hope that with increased density there can be a real push for increased affordability too, as a renter of a property which I could be forced to leave at any time if the foreign owners of it decide to alter their investment focus, it would be great to think I may have a chance of owning something in then City, given this is where my small tree care business is based and where my wife works at Fred Hutch Cancer research Canter as a research scientist.

However, this increased density and supposed affordability does NOT need to come at the cost of our environment and local ecology. Everyday I see trees being removed, both legally and illegally by companies from all over the region, often driving many miles into Seattle from other counties, so make use of the open season on tree removals for development. Many companies do not even know there are municipal codes that protect trees of certain sizes, so coupled with property owners and neighbours not knowing the details of codes either, trees keep disappearing every single day.

Trees are not just inanimate objects like garages or other structures that can be easily replaced and modified. They are living, breathing beings that provide us with cleaner air, shade and all of the other benefits that are repeated by tree protection advocates and environmentalists regularly. They also are essential homes for everything from fungi, insects and bugs to the playful squirrels, raccoons and birds of all shapes and sizes including the iconic bald eagle.

We share this City with so much life yet the obvious lack of planning that has been ongoing for well over a decade now is leading to the destruction not just of trees and mature landscapes, but to the ecosystems of a myriad of life, much of which no one ever sees but quietly, invisibly it is helping create a healthy place for use to live and work. We may not notice is when it is here, but we will all notice it when it is gone.

Please consider two things:

1. Revising the Tree & Urban Forest Protection Ordinance to better protect our trees, especially during any 'development' on private property

and

2. Work with SDCI's departments so that the planning and land use of Seattle is actually planned cohesively so that properties with mature trees and established landscapes are NOT the target of developers due to the relatively low cost / high reward situation that seems to be the norm now when older houses are cheaper and so can be bought with cash and quickly razed, but so these properties are protected and available for families who want a project to work on and will respect the trees and landscaping. With forward planning development should and could easily be focused on areas with already fewer or no tree canopy cover where increasing density will have less of a negative impact on the environment and ecosystems but instead will actually have a positive impact on the City, which is after all the intention of the push for density and affordability.

Trees and density can co-exist and there are many examples already in Seattle and in other cities around the world. It simply takes a little more time, effort and of course money but the result will be a net gain for all people and all life.

Thank you for your time and have a great meeting. I am sorry I cannot attend but I have trees to prune to help keep them happy and healthy for my clients and for the neighbourhoods in which they reside.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

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From: Patricia Murphy <murphy.patricia@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 9:26 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>
Cc: seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Danielle Chastaine <ppceditor@nwlinc.com>
Subject: Seattle's Tree Loss and Heat Island Gain: Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee Agenda – 12/18/19

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PLUZ members:

Seattle may have both increased density and open space for trees! But only IF our legislation allows it!

Looking back at the Oct 1999 legislation that is not working is retention of trees during lot subdivisions:

- n. **Subdivisions and Short Plats** Changes to the subdivision and short plat regulations that would require identification of existing trees; also adds approval criteria for the retention of existing substantial trees.

Please ask to see SDCI records to show how many existing significant trees were retained following a short plat subdivision(*). You will find almost none (multi-family subdivision list of addresses below). The Seattle Hearing Examiner has heard several cases in the past few years and could only respond to subdivision Criteria 6 that more proof is needed that trees could be retained.

We look to the City Council to fix good ideas that don't work because of loopholes. Please do not proceed with the in-lieu-of fee as an alternative to tree retention... as it is

a low-cost and easy-out without being able to be monitored or followed through as to where those fees are applied to replace an active canopy that is lost.

Please enter into the record this message and the annotated image attached.
For a balanced Seattle. Against current local climate change practices,

David Moehring
TreePAC

Boston

TREES AND DENSITY WORKS!

Study tests healthy living strategies in public housing

Health promotion interventions in public housing communities have the potential to reduce obesity among residents, a new UW study shows.

Tree canopy and heat island effect

Surface Temperature

Tree Canopy

Failed to act for large tree retention : Sept 5, 2018 to Dec 2019

Seattle City Council
PLANNING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING on Draft Tree Protection Ordinance
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 - seattlechannel.org

Is this what Seattle should be? Yes, with current legislation.

(*) **Subdivisions and historical Lot Boundary Adjustments** , by the hundreds, to start looking at where Tree Retention criteria 6 (from the 1999 legislation) was ignored:

- 10445 Alderbrook
- 1508 1st Ave N
- 1532 NW 60th
- 1737 NW 62nd

- 1829 11th Ave W
- 2018 NW 62nd
- 2043 13th Ave W
- 2045 NW 63rd
- 2050 NW 61st
- 2213 W 63rd
- 2208 NW 63rd
- 2216 NW 64th
- 2222 NW 62nd
- 2411 W Boston
- 2447 NW 61st
- 2507 E Union
- ** 2813 4th Ave W ***
- 3015 30th Ave W
- 3029 3rd Ave W
- 3238 14th Ave W
- 3258 14th Ave W
- 3401 Magnolia Blvd
- ** 3408 34th Ave W **
- 3411 23rd Ave W
- 3640 13th Ave W
- 3641 22nd Ave W
- 3847 23rd Ave W
- 4340 32nd Ave W
- 536 N 67th St
- 6406 14th Ave NW
- 8021 to 8034 Mary NW
- 809 NW 52nd
- 818 NW 53rd
- 8318-26 13th Ave NW
- 10504 Durland Avenue NE
- 11347 20th Ave NE
- 12055 20th Ave NE
- 145th Ave NE and 1st Ave NE

From: john hastil <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 10:32 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am writing to ask you to strengthen Seattle City Ordinances to increase protection for Significant Trees, preserve our existing tree canopy in general, as well as to encourage the planting of additional trees in our communities.

Having grown up in New York City, and then moving to Seattle over 30 years ago, I was shocked that "The Emerald City" was not nearly as green as my home town of New York. I grew up in a neighborhood where in the summer the entire street was cooled and shaded by large trees -- the entire block!

And my street was no different than the neighboring ones.

Upon getting a job in mid-town Manhattan, I was once again impressed by the fact that I could walk cross-town from the subway to my job near the river in near complete shade during the summer. In spite of all the pavement, the trees still managed to thrive and provide serenity to an intensely urban environment.

Arriving in Seattle, I was shocked at the near complete lack of trees in the city, as well as its residential neighborhoods.

Having acquired a dog, for the last 8 years I have spent many hours walking the streets near my home in Greenwood and been distressed by the continued cutting of trees on private property and sidewalk strips with little or no newly planted trees to replace them.

Walking the streets on a hot sunny day increasingly means flitting from one shade tree to another, or simply not walking down certain streets because there is simply no shade at all. What a dismal commentary about our preservation of the environment.

It's quite sad that a community which prides itself on its environmental awareness and the valuing of its natural resources has been so ignorant of the impact of the lack of a tree canopy to preserve its local fauna, shade, air cleaners, oxygen producers, as well as beautifiers: Trees.

You may say that our trees are already protected by ordinances...

A few streets away, a developer is planning to tear down an existing house and in the process, cut down a majestic black walnut tree which easily meets the City's definition of an

Exceptional Tree. (I know this is planned because a neighboring property owner was asked to sign a 'release' by the developer in order to be able to cut down the tree.)

When I called the City offices to inquire as to whether the developer had noted in his application that he was planning to cut down this tree, I was told (by a very nice and helpful person) that they couldn't tell me anything about the permit, but if I happened to see someone actually cutting down the tree, then I should call them and - if there was someone available in the area - they would send them over to inspect the tree!!!

That is, AFTER THE TREE WAS ALREADY BEING CUT DOWN, they would attempt to preserve it, if they got there in time.

This is just LIP SERVICE to the existing ordinance.

Unless you give some "teeth" and real impact to Seattle's treatment of its tree canopy, we will lose it and all of its benefits entirely.

What an incredibly sad legacy for our children who, increasingly seem to have a better handle on the environment and our impacts on it than we do. Yes, "shame on us".

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

john hastil

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From: Erik Guzman <erik@mentalstock.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 2:25 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable! Save Trees - Save Our Open Spaces!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please think of our future! We do not want our city to become another Los Angeles filled with apartments, shopping malls, parking structures. Lets leave our future children open spaces.

Please keep Jackson Park an open space filled with wildlife.

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From: Mary Troth <metroth@centurylink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 5:57 PM

To: Dowlen, Shimika <Shimika.Dowlen@seattle.gov>; Montgomery, Sandra <Sandra.Montgomery@seattle.gov>; Whitworth, Allison <Allison.Whitworth@seattle.gov>; PRC

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Cc: DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Danielle Chastaine <pcceditor@nwlink.com>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Another case example of trees needlessly lost : 2110 and 2116 3rd Ave N

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Dept of Construction and Inspections Planners on **2110 to 2116 3rd Ave N,**

Back in 2017 when this property was being reviewed for a **short subdivision** from one into 2 lots - with the proposed rear lot not having (10' wide and 16.5' clear height) access to emergency vehicles, Ms. Whitworth noted that the proposed east and west subdivision would make "*the best use of the division of land so that trees could be retained when they are developed. Future construction will be subject to the provisions of 25.11.050 and 25.11.070 which sets forth tree protection requirements in Lowrise zones*".

Perhaps this comment was an attempt for the Department to address the former SDCI Director's 1999 proposed legislation (attached Word-format letter) that looked to retain existing trees when possible:

"Subdivisions and Short Plats *Changes to the subdivision and short plat regulations that would require identification of existing trees; also adds approval criteria for the retention of existing substantial trees.*"



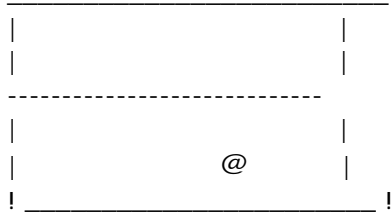
Fast-forward to today, and we find the permit drawings with three (3) rowhouse dwellings in front of two (2) townhouse dwellings* with no consideration but removal of the **existing 16" DBH Chinese Juniper**. (Has the City Arborist measured the tree for accuracy or the report?)

Nor does there seem to be adequate consideration for the emergency access easement to the new lot created without direct access to the street**.

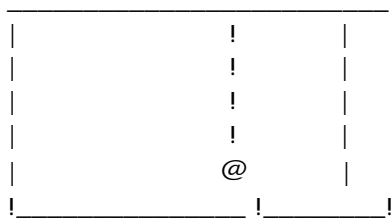
Looking at the public SDCI EDMS records posted, there does not appear to be any demonstrated intent for retaining the tree(s) from the early submittal

plans (prior to the short plat approval) to the current building permit application. Despite the good intentions of the tree retention legislation successfully proposed back in 1999, the now required 'Criteria 6' that asks for the Department Director to seek the 'maximum retention of existing trees' during a short plat process, once again will not be enforced.

 Two other and better lot division options where the street is left, top is north, and Juniper = @



or this...



Not only could this lot could have been **subdivided in a different and better configuration to retain the Juniper tree** (for example, either north and south lots, or shifting the location of the new lot subdivision line further to the east to be centered on the existing tree); but we also notice that the placement of proposed townhouse (see the included color-rendered site plan which was proposed with the intake application) **townhouse unit B-2 could have been shifted right / east** to clear the tree's 2/3 critical root zone and take advantage of parking design departures in order to retain the tree. Instead, and with no clear reason, the townhouse was located directly over the Chinese Juniper.



Please check into this morning's PLUZ meeting where SDCI has announced that they have done several things to strengthen tree protections in Seattle. People are looking to City Staff in your positions to be the stewards of our environment... and not just rubber-stampers. This lot development and

probably at least 100 more subdivisions like it provide a good reason to question that claim.

Therefore, whomever is in charge of the forthcoming unit lots and building permits for this development, please do not hesitate apply the full extent of the Seattle code to retain significant property- and street-trees when there exists that opportunity. In the context of the age of these trees, it is not too late.

Thank you,
David Moehring of
TreePAC

* (contrary to SMC 23.84A.032.R.20.f)

** See SDCI Oct 31, 2017 Notice on Access Easements
<https://buildingconnections.seattle.gov/2017/10/31/vehicle-access-easement-standards/>

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Summary of two projects by the same developer:
Director's Analysis and Decision for project 3033879-LU
Address: 2112 3RD AVE N
Notice Date:12/16/2019
Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6597000-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.
Appeals must be submitted by:12/30/2019;
and Forthcoming: Additional townhouse unit lots behind the rowhouses at 2110 3rd Ave N
Project: 3033878-LU
Both of the above following the approved Land Use permit to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. The Proposed parcel sizes from the parent lot were: A) 3,006 sq. ft. and B) 2,993 sq. ft.

Attached within the published conclusion (page 3), Allison states on Sept 11, 2017 the following:

Address: 2116 3RD AVE N
 Area: Magnolia/Queen Anne

And the lot to the north at 2116 3rd Ave N is next in line to remove a 27" caliper coniferous tree without an arborist report (proposed by the same developer). Again, the design may look to remove a few of the parking requirements from this 6-dwelling market-rate townhouse development in order to comply with SMC 25.11:

Permit Number	Permit Description	Type	Issue Date	Permit Value	Issuing Jurisdiction	Reviewed Date
6682622-CN	Construct East townhouse building, per plan (Establish use as and construct (2) new townhouse buildings - with three dwellings in each - review and process for 2 Records under 6653782),	Building, New	4/19/2019	\$537,970	SEATTLE	8/6/2019
6653782-CN	Construct West townhouse building, per plan (Establish use as and construct (2) new townhouse buildings - with three dwellings in each - review and process for 2 Records under 6653782),	Building, New	4/19/2019	\$530,878	SEATTLE	8/6/2019

Project Number: 3034096-LU

Address: 2116 3RD AVE N

Area: MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE Zone: LR2 (M)

Date of Application: 06/20/2019

Date Application Deemed Complete: 06/20/2019

Applicant Contact: IZABELLA PHILLIPS - 206-297-0996

Seattle DCI Planner: BRADFORD DAVIS - (206) 233-7188

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into six unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6653782-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

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Affected households nearby:

ROCHELLE,
DARCY

2109 3RD AVE N 98109

KATHLEEN LEAHY

308 CROCKETT ST 98109

NORIEGA, ASA+SKOGLUND, EUGENE

302 CROCKETT ST 98109

TIMOTHY+BARBARA FORD

2106 3RD AVE N 98109

KIRSCHNER KATHLEEN

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2109 NOB HILL AVE N 9810

From: Jeff Mcgrath <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 10:42 AM
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Our neighborhood is seeing nice old houses and their ENTIRE yard full of trees razed to the ground and replaced with ugly boxes. This up zoning replaces affordable housing with expensive crap. The roads are torn up and NO new infrastructure is added. You are giving away our neighborhoods to short sighted developers who take the money and run.

SHAME..the emerald city has transformed to the ugly jet city.

Jeff Mcgrath

jeffmcgrath30@gmail.com

2117 19th ave S, House
Seattle, Washington 98144

From: cpdoberstein@gmail.com <cpdoberstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: ethiopia tree polanting

CAUTION: External Email

An inspiring story and effort: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-49151523>

I'm not saying the Urban Forestry Commission isn't doing great work, but stories like this make me wonder whether a similar effort in Seattle might have a greater impact than months/years of meetings and negotiations over things like tree protection ordinances. The policies are needed, but in the meantime let's keep finding ways to get trees in the ground and to get private citizens engaged. Just food for thought.

From: Aimee Delamore <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Respectfully Yours,

Aimee Gallo Delamore

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1037 NE 65th St., #120
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From: Theresa Wyne <FutureAuctions@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 11:55 AM
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Theresa Wyne

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Granite Falls, Washington 98252

From: Alicia Kramer <aliciakramer@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor, City Council and all people involved,

We have heard many times over how important trees are for our health; urban renewal; real estate values and the environment. Unless we advocate for a city-wide plan to incorporate green growth alongside urban growth, we will lose more than we know.

I am writing to add my voice in support of intelligent urban planning and thinking ahead to our collective future. More codes, bans, legal hurdles and fines are understandably hard for real estate managers and developers. Unfortunately though, if we leave the decisions whether to keep or remove a tree(s) on a property, we know how that decision plays out. We have seen this in every neighborhood in the city. Old, large trees replaced by small versions.

Trees are so vital and conifers are ever more important to our sustainability. I am urging you to think through the ramifications of every Ordinance you have to decide on.

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With regards,

Alicia Kramer

Greenwood neighborhood resident for 23+ years

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From: Sherry Dryja <sherry@dryja.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 1:44 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Kevin Murphy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 11:19 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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From: Deanne Marie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 10:57 AM

To: Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>

Cc: treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net; Sharon LeVine <sllvineusc@yahoo.com>; Steve Zemke

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Subject: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019

CAUTION: External Email

Prior-D7 Council Sally Bagshaw and then legislative-aide (now D6 Council-elect) Daniel Strauss,

It is a sad day.

Not because it's a day of celebration for Kwanzaa or the other holidays. It is a sad day because Seattle's inert "tree-protection" enforcement, and weak administrative appeal authority has led to chainsaws and chippers destroying **today and tomorrow** a massive, healthy, Seattle Exceptional tulip tree within central Queen Anne neighborhood at 2813 4th Ave W.

- Despite your District 7 representation visit to the site about a year ago (thank you for that);
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... despite all of these reasonable concerns, the site is being **cleared of all of it's site-stabilizing trees** today.

This is just one example of weekly occurrences in Seattle. Rules and regulations were created for a good reason. Some change is needed by those who have the authority and is long-overdue.

David Moehring AIA NCARB
Board Member, TreePAC and concerned resident,
3444 23rd Ave W, #B Seattle



Tulip Tree (image above, being destroyed today, December 26 & 27, 2019)

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattle-neighbors-band-together-against-developer-to-save-exceptional-tree/>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:51 AM

From: ""Steve Zemke"

Press release: Tuesday 12/10/2019 for immediate release

Steve Zemke

Chair - TreePAC.org

stevezemke@TreePAC.org

Received this e-mail late Monday night from Suzanne Grant regarding the Queen Anne Exceptional Tulip Tree:

Exceptional Tulip Tree @ 2813 4th Ave W in Imminent Danger

SG

Suzanne Grant <>

Mon 12/9/2019 8:36 PM

Hi,

It looks like the Tulip Tree's time may have finally run out. They have their demolition and construction permits and "No Parking Signs" went up along the streets today so we assume demolition could start as early as tomorrow. The Tree would probably go first. I would like to be able to contact people who might want to come by and witness and mourn the tree coming down. Any ideas for communicating? I'm emailing everyone I can think of and I'll leave a message on the Facebook page. Can I call you if/when it starts happening? Thanks for your help.

Suzanne

Here is a second e-mail from a neighbor of the tree she sent to the Mayor and Seattle City Council.

From: "Sharon LeVine"

> Date: September 23, 2019 at 11:44 PM

> To: LEG_CouncilMembers ,

> "jenny.durkanseattle.gov"

> Subject: Developer Allowed to Destroy "Exceptional Tulip Tree" in Violation of Tree Code/SEPA (No "Exceptional Tree" is Safe in Seattle!)

<<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.seattletimes.com%2Fseattle-news%2Fseattle-neighbors-band-together-against-developer-to-save-exceptional-tree%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cbd508854062d4e64330d08d77d44aeb4%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637115606244540956&sdata=NfXH6SqNbEKDvIU5vSE0yxMIP650tR8wi6O%2FGCe0954%3D&reserved=0>>

Seattle neighbors band together against developer to save exceptional tree Seattle Times, Marcus Harrison Green, 3/29/2019

One neighborhood's conundrum highlights a larger one playing out across the city and its swiftly shifting

topography

The Seattle Hearing Examiner ruled against my neighbors -and I - on September 6th, 2019 (in a biased, unfair, trial) where we tried to save the amazing, " Exceptional Tulip Tree. (MUP-19-004 through MUP-19-015 named Grant Protection for Trees at seattle.gov/examiner)

Our trial proved that the City does not comply with the " Intent " of SEPA's , current tree codes and that the City is out of compliance with SEPA's requirement that "'Cumulative Impacts" of tree loss be considered

My Queen Anne neighbors and I spent a lot of time, energy and money to ensure the retention of the " Exceptional Tulip Tree " and learned valuable information that may form the basis of a valid court challenge against our City.

The developer's " practiced attorney " convinced the Hearing Examiner - from the first hour of our trial - that the neighborhood appellants should not be allowed to refer to Seattle's tree code or to talk about "design review" issues.

In fact, I had an architect (in the room during our trial) who was not allowed to testify about the 9 alternative designs she produced that had a good chance of preserving the " Exceptional Tulip Tree" because the Hearing Examiner agreed with the developer's attorney that no design review issues were allowed.

In disallowing appellants to refer to the environmental, tree code, we were (wrongly) prevented from stressing that mitigation allows SDCI to deny the project in order to save the " Exceptional Tree" or to require the developer to readjust the location of buildings on the site.

Readjusting the location of structures should not be considered as a design review issue when it's a legitimate mitigation measure specified in the SEPA statute.

In spite of being restricted by the Hearing Examiner, we presented a strong case to show that the City of Seattle does not implement and enforce the "Intent" of the tree code or track any information on the 'Cumulative Loss of Exceptional Trees".

A City Official stated -at trial- that no one in the City tracks (counts) the number of "Exceptional Trees " that are destroyed by development and that no one records the locations where " Exceptional Trees" are destroyed.

Apparently, each development project is considered - individually- with no relationship to any other projects that have occurred, are in process or in the pipeline.

This is a serious violation of SEPA requirements.

If this tree could not be saved with the advocacy of 6 appeals from neighbors, NO "EXCEPTIONAL TREE IN SEATTLE IS SAFE" from developments that are maximized for size.

SDCI does not implement the mitigations that are designated to help retain trees.

SDCI violates the intent of the environmental tree code by allowing developers to cut down the big, mature, full canopy trees and to mandate a new, planting plan of small bushes and trees as mitigation.

There is no assurance that the new, small trees will ever attain the size - and canopy cover- of the trees that are removed.

Meanwhile, Seattle will not have the benefits of new tree canopy for the 40 to 100 years it takes for the newly planted trees to attain their full size.

OUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS MUST TAKE ACTION TO KEEP SEATTLE AS " THE EMERALD CITY" AND TO HELP COMPENSATE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE!

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Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 11:24 AM

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Ballard Tree Service has begun to destroy the Exceptional Tulip Tree. The crew will probably be here for 2 days.

The crew leader says they have proper permits.

From: Mary Schlater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 12:10 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm writing you yet again about 2813 4th Ave W in Queen Anne about an enormous exceptional Tulip Tree that will be removed today and tomorrow despite the below list of reasonable efforts to save it using our current completely inept tree ordinance. The following list illustrates why I'm asking you for a speedy process in updating the tree ordinance. The following actions were taken and yet,

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From: Naomi Zurcher <treerap@sprintmail.com>

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To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Re: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019

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Shameful and inexcusable. Seattle has become the developer's give-away city and to hell with the well-being of its residents and the very thing that supports that well-being cost-effectively - its urban trees.

A sad day indeed. The decision makers should be held accountable.

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 5:38 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Carr, Christy <Christy.Carr@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>

Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; todd@sandpointcc.com; owen@sandpointcc.com; minh@sandpointcc.com; mike@zoreticlaw.com; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@GMAIL.com; treePAC_seattle@lists.riseup.net; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>

Subject: Yet another 29+ trees to axe at Inverness Drive NE along Country Club (3034423 and 3028628)

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC-

Please keep TreePAC members informed AND please **provide a public meeting** (if at least 50 people do request) regarding the Environmentally Critical development proposed within 28,000 sq ft of urban forest.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on a development-disaster building site. It seems as if everyone wants exceptions to develop within designated environmentally critical areas. It is a waste given that there is much existing developed land within Seattle that is in real need to be refurbished. These multiple ECA-lots are not suitable for construction. This proposed project is yet another reason we need **stronger tree protection enforcement** applied in Seattle.

This 2-adjacent-lot owner now requests "ECA Exception to allow development to exceed 30% in an Environmentally Critical Area."



What is the big deal?

- These are undeveloped lots 100% covered in trees. **At least 29 of 83 significant trees within a Tree Grove will be eliminated.**
- These adjacent lots (one owner) **slope steeply over 60 feet** down within about just 80 feet or less (1 to 1 slope). It drops steeply from the street to the back of the lots to the west.
- This site is a hotbed **combination of ECAs**, including a Category III wetland and steep slopes. These natural critical areas do not exist in isolation by are interdependent.

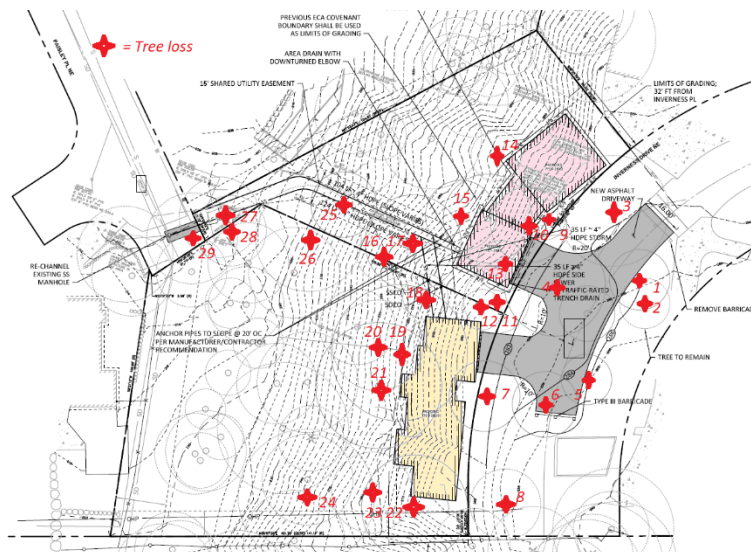
- The SDCI is **offering ECA Exceptions** without any guarantees or liability to adjacent property owners.
- Both parcels are being proposed as **functionally-related** with sharing a drain line.
- The SDCI is willing to waive the "**Maximum of 30% construction disturbance area** is permitted within steep slopes" regulated by SMC 25.09.090 and 25.09.290.
- The Planners must acknowledge that these lots are also part of a **protected Tree Grove**.
- Preliminary arborist report has been prepared, identifying and locating exceptional trees. Although the site plan does not support this underestimated claim, the design team has prepared a conceptual tree retention plan (??) showing **5 of the 11 exceptional trees being removed**, and 1 of the 8 significant trees being removed.
- The proposed plans show an **unrealistic area of excavations** relative to the proposed building edges
- The proposed buildings are located directly on steep slopes without consideration for **landslides and destabilisation** from connected tree root loss.
- There is a **wetland** at the bottom of the slope, which must be buffered.
- New homes floor areas should be no more than 50% of the developable lot area. There is really **NO area of this land that is fit for development**.
- The new homes are completely built **within the required front-yard setback** area.
- **Fire department access** requires 20 foot wide access and a turnaround when the drive exceeds 150 feet from the intersection. The proposed drive is only as wide as a 16-foot alley.

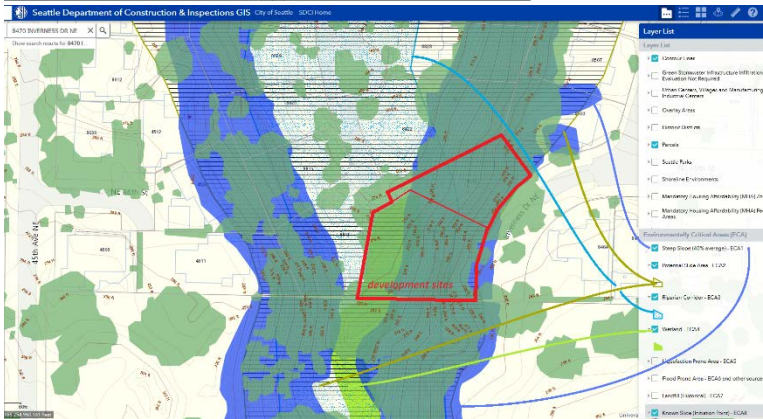
Keep Seattle safe.

David Moehring AIA

TreePAC Board member, Seattle resident

dmoehring@consultant.com





The quick scoop:

Project Number: 3034423-LU
 Address: 8415 INVERNESS DR NE
 Area: Northeast Zone: SF 7200
 Date of Application: 11/18/2019

Date Application Deemed Complete: 11/18/2019
Applicant Contact: CARMEL GREGORY - 425-778-8500
SDCI Planner: BRANDON CUMMINGS - (206) 684-0251

Land Use Application to allow 2, 3-story single family residences. Parking for 4 vehicles proposed.

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[Wetland Determination](#) 2 MB 05/22/19 [3034423-LU](#) Master Use Permit

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Neighbors on alert:

- REBECCA PIHA + PAUL R AMATO 8470 INVERNESS DR NE 98115
- John MATTHEWS 8464 INVERNESS DR NE 98115
- SUSAN +KEVIN WEBB-BEYER 8500 INVERNESS DR NE 98115
- JAMES A+HOLLY JOHNSON 8503 INVERNESS DR NE 98115
- SUSAN K +JOSEPH DIEHL 8507 INVERNESS DR NE 98115
- HERNANDO OLIVAR + NAT JIMENEZ 8811 PAISLEY PL NE 98115
- STANLEY +ELIZABETH HERRING 8815 PAISLEY PL NE 98115
- BEN+HANNA SKUBATCH 8822 PAISLEY PL NE 98115
- WALTER L+BARBARA RUZZO 8828 PAISLEY DR NE 98115
- SAND POINT COUNTRY CLUB 8333 55TH AVE NE 98115;
- Todd Rieman 206.525.5766 x238, todd@sandpointcc.com, Facilities Manager

From: Mary Schlater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 8:10 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

This time I am writing you about a 28,000 sq foot lot with 29 out of 83 trees slated to be cut in an environmentally critical area that also constitutes a tree grove at the following location:

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What will you do to stop this wanton tree cutting? If you don't speed up the modification and strengthening of the tree ordinance, many many more trees will be cut and it will happen soon. These are irreplaceable trees in our lifetime. Please hold a public meeting now about this lot.

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. 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.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated tree ordinance:

1. Expand the existing Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program, including 2-week public notice and posting on-site, as used by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) – to cover all Significant Trees (6” and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24” DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Sincerely,
Mary Schlater

Mary Schlater
mschlater7108@gmail.com
12003 23rd Ave NE
Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 28, 2019 8:43 AM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Cc: Suder, Jerry <Jerry.Suder@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; PRC

<PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: New Development at 2411 W Boston St (and new lot from historical parcels creating 2409 W BOSTON ST)

CAUTION: External Email

I formally second Mr Moehring's comments. Please add them to the public record as further proof that we need to radically improve the management of trees in Seattle, under threat from 'development'.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

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On Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 6:13 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Mr. Suder and Director Torgelson-

Thank you for taking your time to prepare a letter dated December 5, 2019 that was distributed today. It's been about 4 months (~August 5) since the request for a public meeting... so many may have been wondering.

I cannot speak for the many others that wrote in to request a public meeting about the property being developed at the parent lot of 2411 W Boston Street. We can be fairly confident, however, that they were likely as disappointed to see the letter stating *"While we have received numerous identical requests to hold a public meeting to answer questions about impacts of proposed construction at these addresses, the specific concerns we have heard so far have been about the construction applications which are not subject to public comment. Therefore, we will not be holding a public meeting."*

The common reaction from many Seattle residents is *"No matter what we think, the City will just allow the Developers to do what they want anyway."* They are correct in thinking so. This letter from you neglects the right for a public meeting and (speaking as an architect only) appears to be against the Seattle Municipal Code Title 23, and

may be considered an insult to the public engagement process that our Mayor and other City officials often boast about.

23.76.015 - **Public meetings** for Type II and Type III Master Use Permits

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"A. (3)

The Director may hold a **public meeting** on Master Use Permit applications requiring **Type II** or III decisions if: Fifty or more persons file a written **request** for a **meeting** not later than the 14th day after notice of the application is provided;"

- The Department did release a Type II decision ;
 - More than 50 people requested a public meeting, many not providing a reason why - nor should it matter;
 - The Department continues to advance permit applications including street tree removals in the interim;
 - The application pre-dated the recent April 2019 zoning code changes, and the number of dwellings being created through Unit Lots exceeds that allowed within the prior zoning limits to this area (5 dwellings);
 - The lot abuts existing SF-5000 zone.
 - The single lot was sold to one developer who is developing at one time a functionally-related lot;
 - This single development violates Seattle Code that restricts building any other dwelling behind rowhouses;
 - Transparency is important. A covenant on the unit lot prohibits a condo organization being formed. If that is indeed the back-up plan as indicated in the first paragraph of the attached letter, then the original Notice from 4 months ago is null and void and a new notice must be released for just two rowhouse units at the street with two rowhouse units at the south backside of the parent lot.
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- The optics on this Department action is extremely fuzzy, and appears to be determined by faulty SDCI policy not substantiated by City or County ordinance. In fact, Title 19 of the King County Code - where property deeds are recorded and mapped- prohibit the use of lot segregation in attempt to exceed the allowed density limits.
 - In effect, SDCI is allowing a contract rezone of this (and many other) lots without obtaining the required contract rezone approval from the City Council.

Are neighbors and infrastructure cumulatively impacted when more dwellings are allowed than what the area and street right-of-way width is zoned for?

Yes, they are.

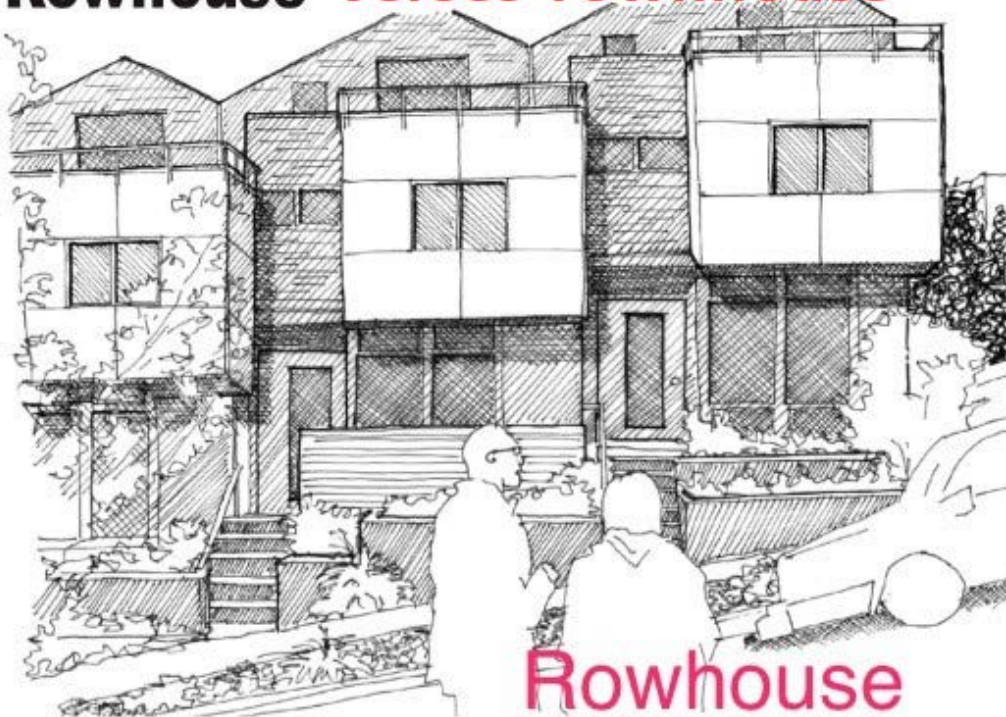
Please retract the letter that seeks to circumvent the requirements of SMC 23.76.016.

A concerned area resident,

David Moehring AIA NCARB
3444B 23rd Ave W
Seattle
312-965-0634

3034386-LU (for 2411 W Boston St) or 3034388-LU (for 2409 W Boston St)

Rowhouse *verses* Townhouse



Rowhouses are attached side by side along common walls. Each rowhouse directly faces the street with no other principal housing units behind the rowhouses. Rowhouses occupy the space from the ground to the roof. Units can not be stacked.*

1.0 or 1.2	
1 unit / 1,600 SF lot area on lots less than 3,000 SF	1 unit / 2
All others: No Limit	
30' + 5' for roof with minimum 6:12 pitch	
Front: 5' minimum	
Rear: 0' with Alley, 7' average, 5' minimum	
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60'	

Request in response to public notice **MONDAY AUG 5, 2019**

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From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 29, 2019 2:44 PM
To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

CAUTION: External Email

Howdy Dave,

I received this message at:1:39 PM

Cutting it kinda close, doncha think ?

Hello Michael, I'm right across the street from Kubota (actually I believe you picked up some trees from us once). As you're probably aware, we have a large subdivision being developed right behind our property called, "Kubota Village". Some other neighbors and I would like to know if you could refer us to an environmental expert who is familiar with waterways, wetlands and riparian corridors in our area. We are collectively trying to compromise with the developers regarding the next phase of development which would clear what is left of the trees. The City is giving us until 1/1/20 to comment. Thank you in advance for any referral you may be able to provide.

On December 5, 2019 at 9:34 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

What may Seattle leaders do to halt the needless clearcutting of forested areas with natural habitats?

Please inform me for the following functionally-related 'Kubota Village' development numbers 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU, and 3034702 -LU; and all permits involving the addresses related to these five site.

KUBOTA VILLAGE 28 LLC

9676 9678 + LINDSAY PL S subdivision #3034702, 3034703 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU, and 3034703 -LU

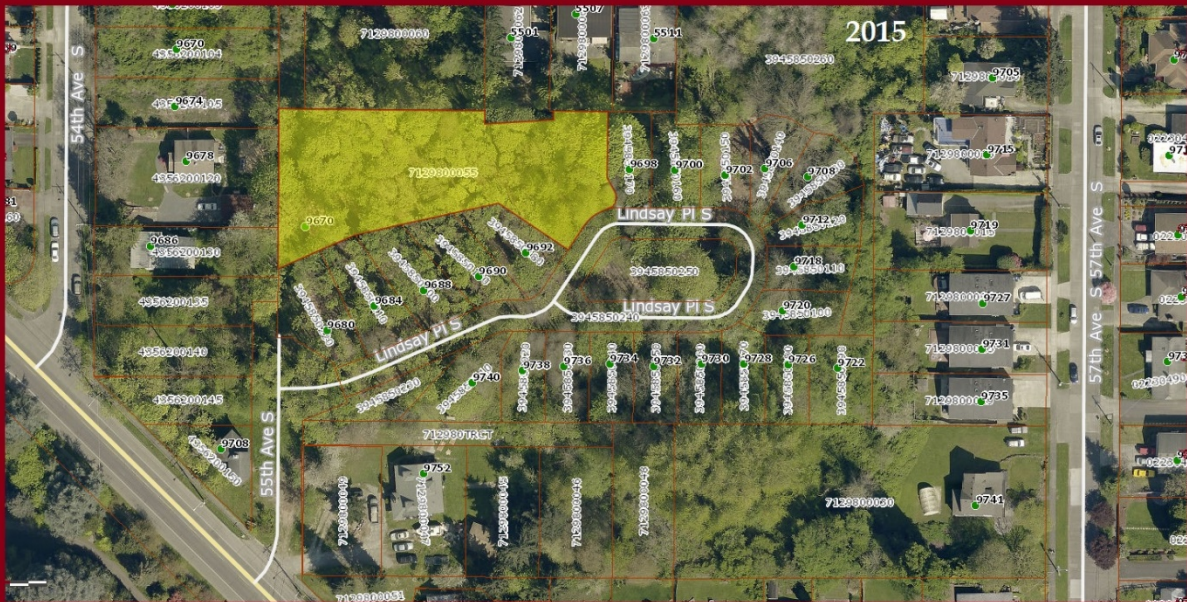
" Land use application to allow a 3 -story single family residences. Parking for vehicles proposed. To be considered with 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, for shared access."

We should also have a public meeting to discuss what is going on here. Comments may be submitted through: 12/18/2019

David Moehring
Member of TreePAC

Two years: 2015 to 2017. The remaining grove just to the north may since have been cleared.

CLEARCUT SEATTLE: 9670 LINDSAY PL S being DIVIDED INTO 4 MORE LOTS...



Seattle clearcutting at Kabota Village from 2015 (above) to 2017 (below)



David Moehring
312-965-0634

From: Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>

Sent: Sunday, December 29, 2019 5:23 PM

To: Graves, David <David.Graves3@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: The Exceptional Tulip Tree on QA hill is gone

CAUTION: External Email

Hello,

I hope you have been enjoying pleasant holidays.

The magnificent Tulip Tree that lived quietly for almost 100 years at 2813 4th Ave W. was violently reduced in 4+ hours to a stump on Dec 26th while most of us were out of town. The crew from Ballard Tree is coming to finish the job of clearing all the trees on the lot tomorrow/Monday. I'd be glad to meet you there in the morning if you are interested in witnessing the continuing saga of clear cutting Seattle.

Thank you.



Suzanne Grant



206 799 0600

From: Sheryl Stahnke <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:24 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 7:59 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Carla Cassinelli <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 12:39 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Subject: Save our Trees!

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm disappointed to see the latest development that cut down the tulip tree in Queen Anne. What had been the argument to cut down this tree? Was it not uniquely historical or have enough ecological importance? I should think especially in Seattle, where we take our trees for granted while development has been violently accelerated beyond our city's means, our urban forests should be properly protected.

Seattle is only harming itself in opting for greater "development potential" over the life of exceptional trees, or other urban forest cover. If the fact that the exceptional trees, or even general urban forest cover for that matter, cannot be so easily replaced for the benefits listed

later in this letter, is not motivating, I hope the commission does keep in mind that urban forest cover or the lack thereof correlate with divisions in socioeconomic experience, mental and physical health, and income between neighborhoods with greater/less urban forest cover and greater/lower income respectively. It's ridiculous enough that Seattle is razing its trees for more housing at extraordinary prices that push standing communities out of their neighborhoods, that it should continue to deepen inequalities in other indicators through all its neighborhoods. This is just one visible aspect of Seattle's deepening inequality and I urge you to please consider the stipulations proposed by Don't Clearcut Seattle per below. -

Hannah

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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:14 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: cutting down trees is not a sound environmental choice!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

To whoever this concerns.. which is all of us:

Cutting down old trees for new high density housing is not going to help improve quality of living for anyone. How dare you sell your souls to construction companies. Shameful shameful shameful.

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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:47 PM

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Cc: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Tree removals without arborist reports at 8046 32nd Avenue (more 'lows' in Loyal Heights)

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Dear SDCI code compliance:

It has come to the attention of TreePAC that many trees have again been needlessly removed over the past nine months from a new house development at **8046 32nd Avenue NW**.

Concerns to answer from SDCI (and SDOT) inspector(s):

- 1) where is the **arborist report** reviewed prior to permit? No record of an arborist report exists on SDCI EDMS.
- 2) why are trees within the **perimeter of the lot** being removed?
- 3) why was the large tree within the front yard set-back area of the lot **removed at the time of application** without a permit?
- 4) what were the species, condition, and size of the trees removed? Are / were any of these **trees Exceptional**?
- 5) what drawings showed the existing trees over 6-inches DBH on the **application site plan** as required?
- 6) Which **permit authorized the removal** of the significant trees?
- 7) without authorization, when will **Director Rules penalty fees** be applied using photos as evidence?
- 8) Per SMC 23.44.008, where is the **tree preservation plan**?
- 9) Per SMC 25.11, why was this lot of ample lot area not developed with the **new home being located for retaining existing tree** and the critical root zones?
- 10) Where is the **on-site tree root protection** as commented by the SDCI planner, David VanSkike?

(Note: TreePAC is a not-for-profit group that would like to see a stronger tree ordinance in Seattle, but TreePAC should not be affiliated in any way with the enforcement of tree protections as is the responsibility by SDCI and SDOT.)

Reference SMC:

https://fremontneighborhoodcouncil.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Tree_Protection_per_SMC_Title_23_and_SMC_25_by_zone_FINAL.pdf

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code/243570?nodeId=TIT7COPR?nodeId=TITLE25ENPRHIPR_CH25.11TRPR_25.11.060TRPRSIUNDESIMIRESMLOZO

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"Tree Preservation Option. For lots over 3,000 square feet, at least 2 caliper inches of existing tree per 1,000 square feet of lot area must be preserved. On lots that are 3,000 square feet or smaller, at least 3 caliper inches of existing tree must be preserved per lot. When this option is used, a tree preservation plan is required. "

City leaders, Seattle needs stronger tree protection enforcement. It is all common sense. Let's aim for better results in 2020.

David Moehring
Board Member for TreePAC

This image attached is from the the March 18, 2019 SDCI record showing the large tree near street removed PRIOR to the permit application.



8046 32ND AVE NW

001315-19PA.pdf Site Photos 03/18/19 #001315-19PA Building & Land Use Pre-Application

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10. Offer incentives to developers to plant and/or import native tree species when building. Cutting down 40 year old cedars and putting in 3 year old deciduous trees is not adequate for local bug and animal populations. We share this land.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Keep the Emerald City Emerald, and the Evergreen State Green!

Best,

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Born and Raised PNW

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 1:59 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Re: UPDATE - End of 90-foot tall and 60-foot wide Exceptional Tulip Tree on Dec 26, 2019

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David, as always you raise very good points.

I have been thinking a great deal about what problems exist with the current regulations and the changes proposed in the revised version being suggested by the UFC, and always come back to this one simple question, which I have never had answered with any clarity or authority that the situation cannot be changed, simply, efficiently and with no additional cost to the City:

"Why are developers not subject to the same restrictions as regular property owners?"

I would very much appreciate a clear explanation beyond "It is just how it is!"

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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From: Andre Vaiman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 2:58 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Harley Birdsong <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Do You Job!! Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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THIS IS NOT NEWS!

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To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: Re: Yet another 29+ trees to axe at Inverness Drive NE along Country Club (3034423 and 3028628)

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you again David for your diligence in finding out about this proposed development that could very well wipe out a large section of natural and established 'green belt' environmental buffer. I agree that there are plenty of other already developed areas in the City to target for increased density, we simply cannot afford to lose yet more healthy, active forest; especially one in an ECA.

Please take this as my request for a public meeting. I am sure more than 50 concerned residents of the City will like to find out more about the plans and openly discuss them with the developer and those responsible within SDCi and other departments.

Thank you and kind regards,

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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Shame on you, Jenny Durkin. You have no vision or love for this city. You are not a leader. You let us down with every concession you make that allows developers to dismantle the very heart of this place.

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From: Sierra Houston <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Jenny Gerber <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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From: Seage Harris <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 5:51 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Sara Blixt <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Sonya Doucette <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 7:31 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: J Green <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 7:46 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Furthermore, where I live we have been losing many trees to construction that could have been replanted elsewhere, please stop killing out olde growth trees.

Thank you for your time.

J Green

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From: Jean Darsie <jdarsie@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable! Protect its tree canopy!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Joy Pruitt <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 9:04 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Holly Shull Vogel <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 9:24 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Stacya Silverman <browshaper@seanet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Leslie Pobst <leslie@pobst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Even though I live just outside of Seattle's city limits, I beg of you to better protect and expand the urban forest that makes Seattle what it is. If there is ONE thing we can do to counteract climate change, saving trees is it. It seems so simple - and it's a legacy we leave for generations to come. It's our duty to be shepherds of the land while we're here - for future generations.

While it may seem insignificant to cut down a few trees here and there (in the name of development and to accommodate the increased population growth), actually INCREASING a city's urban forest can have the MOST impact on health and happiness, not to mention combating climate change.

Please don't think/act like Issaquah - that We "have enough trees already."

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From: joan lassiter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Dianne Kelso <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Erika Langley <erika@drizzle.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Sarajane Siegfriedt <sarajane3h@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Seattle's Trees Are Life-giving

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle ought to be able to do two things at once--absorb growth and support livability.
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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-Lana Nyman

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From: John Casseday <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:13 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Trees are a critical component in the goal to keep our planet habitable.

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From: Allison Conley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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From: Linda Clifton <lclifton1@mindspring.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 2:57 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Our trees keep our city more beautiful. Even more important, Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. 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. Trees aid carbon sequestration.

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Please let me know what action you plan to take. Thank you.

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From: Megan Brandon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 5:55 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Sophia Keller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 2:48 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

At the end of a year during which one of the most widely implemented environmental improvements has been the planting of trees worldwide, it is critical that Seattle enforce the mandate to replant wherever a tree is cut down. Tree removers are currently not informed that this is in fact a legal expectation in the case of tree removal.

It should be added here that no amount of new planting can compensate the effect on micro and macro climate change that takes place when a mature tree is removed. Seattle does not need reminding that mature trees have an outsize impact on precipitation, temperature regulation and soil improvement. They also contribute to real estate value and community beauty, an effect that can't be quantified scientifically but that is nonetheless lamented by urban dwellers once it vanishes. Removing them simply because they are now on private property and are at the whim of the owner is irresponsible.

Please upgrade the listing of mature trees as a community asset with expectations for care that match those of historic places. Buyers who purchase properties with such trees should agree to comply with these expectations prior to purchasing. We are blessed to live in a naturally verdant region with abundant rainfall and a gentle climate. Let's not sacrifice those assets and desertify our city with ill-thought short-term actions.

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From: Antonie La Chappelle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 9:18 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Kimberly Fulton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Irene Suver <moclips@prodigy.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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It is absolutely essential to have a healthy tree canopy; for the environment and for our mental health. It is inexcusable that a supposedly liberal city council continues to let developers and the real estate lobby control development. We can provide affordable housing, we can welcome our new residents WITHOUT destroying the trees that make our city a healthy and beautiful place to live.

Irene Suver

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From: Sherry Dryja <sherry@dryja.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 1:23 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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In addition, trees are a part of our legacy. They are there for decades if we let them be. They tell the next generations what we thought about the earth. They connect us to the generations before us, those who saw those trees grow from seedlings, on into the generations beyond us, to those who will judge us and/or deal with the consequences of our actions today. We

have an opportunity now to save what trees are left and to provide a living legacy. Please consider updating the tree ordinance to allow mature trees and tree groves to stand.

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Thank you.

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From: Rose Wedlund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 3:22 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 3:34 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 3:40 PM

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Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Tracy Schultz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Sanna Miller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Sanna Miller

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From: Bridget Nowlin <bnowlin@uw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 11:14 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: robert gensley <rtreater@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:37 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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From: REBECCA ROWLAND <RR@REBECCAROWLANDINTERIORS.COM>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:06 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: The Trees of Seattle deserve your attention

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

WILL YOU READ THIS? DO YOU CARE?

Density and growth are causing the systematic removal of Seattle urban forest. While both are necessary to the continued economic health of our city, the trees are essential to keeping our city healthy. We don't want to be like Beijing or even LA - breathing masks and hazy days. Crisp, clear blue skies and verdant horizons are what make living in our city so amazing on days when we have a break from the clouds.

Please tighten the ordinances aimed at protecting our trees. I want to continue to see my fair city as the Emerald City it's always been and not a city that is filled block to block with light-blocking soulless apartment buildings. Keep our city GREEN. Protect our heritage trees. Protect our lungs. Protect our environment.

thank you.

Rebecca Rowland

DON'T CLEAR CUT SEATTLE.

REBECCA ROWLAND

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From: John Stewart <stewartj@seanet.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:06 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have watched too many trees disappear in Seattle in ways which were preventable. It is way, way, way past time for Seattle to get its money where its mouth is, and actually preserve our urban tree canopy.

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From: Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:39 AM

To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Lewis,

Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Trees as assets

CAUTION: External Email

Video of Natural Capital Assessment funding hearing. https://www.facebook.com/michael.oxman.3/videos/vb.1529173774/10220590478541793/?type=2&video_source=user_video_tab

----- Original Message -----

From: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>

To: jesus.aguirre@seattle.gov

Cc: sgsc-board <sgsc-board@googlegroups.com>, treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net, "Juarez, Debora" <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>

Date: January 1, 2020 at 11:19 AM

Subject: Trees as assets

Howdy Jesus,

Thanks for your November 25th, 2019 value statement that Seattle Parks trees are assets.

The same day as we received your message, the city council passed the 2020 budget, which authorized funds for a Natural Capital Assessment.

We appreciate the effort your staff must have undertaken to determine the \$12 million dollar figure Parks spends annually to maintain trees.

Each of the 9 city departments with authority to plant or condemn trees will participate in the assessment of the city's trees, parks, streams, hillsides, and wildlife habitat.

We hope that the inventory reveals that an adequate investment is being made to optimize financial resources that help us achieve equity, canopy, and climate goals.

In closing my New Years message, please find attached the photo of today's Rose Parade float, designed as a massive tree by a landscape company called Western Asset Management.

Michael Oxman
Seattle Green Spaces Coalition
(206) 949-8733

On November 25, 2019 at 1:04 PM "Aguirre, Jesús" <Jesus.Aguirre@seattle.gov> wrote:

November 25, 2019

Michael Oxman

michaeloxman@comcast.net

Dear Mr. Oxman,

Thank you for your November 7 email about valuing trees as assets. We appreciate your interest in and advocacy for Seattle's forested parklands.

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) values trees as major capital assets in our urban setting, providing ecological, economic, and social benefits. Trees are important assets that are a part of a community's infrastructure, requiring care and maintenance the same as other public property, such as streets, sewers, public buildings, and recreational facilities. Trees help define the character of the city, support Seattle's public health, provide habitat for wildlife, create spaces for exploration and enjoyment, clean our air and water, and reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, further helping to improve water quality. SPR invests significant resources in urban forestry and tree maintenance (over \$12 million in the 2020 Proposed Budget) in support of the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) and city staffing responsible for tree health and maintenance.

SPR cares for trees by starting with specimens of appropriate species that have been sourced from a responsible nursery in an appropriate zone and are of good quality and health. Trees are then planted in appropriate conditions (location, season) and according to quality planting specifications, including mulching and watering to start them off with the best chance for success. Planting is followed by typically 2-5 years of continued establishment care, the level of which varies depending on weather and site conditions. Monitoring of planted trees is accomplished annually by evaluating trees planted in the initial years after planting, gauging tree health, and developing the list of trees to receive continued watering each year. Trees are included in SPR's tree inventory database, which tracks information about them. In addition, since 2018, the GSP has begun conducting seedling survival studies to more accurately assess the health of trees planted by the program.

Again, thank you for reaching out and for your interest in ensuring that the City values Seattle's urban trees as assets.

Sincerely,

Jesús Aguirre

Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation

From: Wendy Gardner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 6:02 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Shoreline, Washington 98155

From: christopher_buckley@alumni.stanford.edu <christopher_buckley@alumni.stanford.edu>

Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:35 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Seattle , Washington 98115-7247

From: Leanne Hust <Lkhust@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>

Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 5:25 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: My "Plea to Preserve and Protect Seattle's Trees"

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader:

I have sent the following email to the Mayor and individually to the six members of the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee as well as to the general City Council email address.

Good Day:

I attended the December 18, 2019 Council meeting on Seattle's trees with Alex Pedersen and Dan Strauss. The meeting provided an opportunity for many people to offer testimony and constructive suggestions on the need for the City Council to adopt the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's [draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance](#).

Do we want clean air and water? Trees give it to us. Do we want relief from heat and emissions from air conditioning? Trees give it to us. Do we want inviting public places? Trees can give that to us, too. One guest speaker stated that Portland, OR recognizes trees as part of their infrastructure and integral to the well-being of its citizens. We need to value what we have. You need to preserve and protect what we have and lead. Help us citizens understand the benefits of our trees and make us follow a plan to insure that there will be a glorious tree canopy many years from now.

Please act on this now. Don't procrastinate and push it off "for more study". Thank you for caring about our trees and what they mean to our city.

Sincerely,
Judith Leshner
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Seattle, WA 98119
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From: Jordana Blum <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:26 AM
To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
Cc: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Clearcut pocket of trees at 6517 Ravenna Ave NE

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle needs better enforcement or a stronger tree protection ordinance per the prior mayor's Executive Order.

Since there are no permit applications on file for the clearcutting at **6517 Ravenna Ave NE**, please provide a copy of the Pre-removal Arborist report and tree clearing investigation of complaint 010901-19CP. Will there be fines relative to last year's schedule of fines per the Director's Rule? Will equivalent canopy be replaced ?

David Moehring
TreePAC 🌲

From: Michael Richards <mikelrich@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Subject: RE: Clearcut pocket of trees at 6517 Ravenna Ave NE

CAUTION: External Email

Dear DPD, I live not far from this clearcutting, which is across the street from a wine store. I was shocked when I saw the trees cut down. If you haven't done it yet, whoever did this needs to be fined up the kazoo and required to provide and pay for replacement trees of equal size.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Bendich

1754 NE 62nd St.
Seattle, WA 98115

From: Lia Hall <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We were neighbors to a mature 4 acres of forest which was clearcut and is now a non-affordable housing development of 30 large homes. This was home to owls, bats, many birds and other species.

What we lost can not be replaced, but could have been salvaged. we can develop in a way that is mindful to preserve the quality of life for all.

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and to track changes in the tree canopy.

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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Lia Hall

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From: william Waldman <wwaldmanmd@erols.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Lance Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:53 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Interurban Trail Tree Preservation Society urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

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WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents; and

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Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by Interurban Trail Tree Preservation Society, Lance Young, Director

Lance Young

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From: Martha Read <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Martha Read

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From: Marie Braaksma <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Ben Braaksma <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Marie Vanschravendijk <asclepias37@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:01 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Jeremy Sumner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Frank Baltich <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Diann Durbin <diann.durbin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: marjorie rhodes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

RE-development robs the city of urban trees as well as the trees in the forests that are logged for lumber for this RE-development.

RE-development for density is a joke. RE-development is for the profits of developers and not for the environment.

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marjorie rhodes

From: Jessica Dixon <PRCC-Board-Communications@googlegroups.com>

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 5:23 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Phinney Ridge Community Council urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Resolution adopted by Phinney Ridge Community Council, Jessica Dixon, Board Member

Jessica Dixon

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328 N 71st St

Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Matt Stevenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Seattle Mayor et al,

Please take heed of this initiative - climate change is real. As an Australian I feel well educated on the effects of it having endured the bush (wild) fires this summer. Trees are important in mitigating climate change, not to mention the benefits of green space on & for your residents.

I look forward to experiencing your beautiful city complete with intact & maybe even enhanced urban forests/green spaces.

Kind regards,

Matt

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From: Nancy Simsons <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:35 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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I'm in a neighborhood that is zoned for multi family development. They raze the lots and put in ugly boxes. Any mature tree is lost. You wonder why neighborhoods fight these zoning changes without any protections. This needs to stop.

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From: Mary Ann Baltich <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I did not write all of the words you'll read below but I support them wholeheartedly. I moved to Seattle in 1981 and I loved how people loved their city and respected all of the natural beauty of Seattle and the surrounding area. How could you not? We all know that the Seattle of today is not the same Seattle. What happened to green building? I'll tell you what happened: greed! What happened to preserving our environment for future generations? Same thing: greed! It seems that every mayor and city council member has some sort of special interest that benefits a small group but not those of us who have been the backbone for decades or for a lifetime. Well enough is enough. Please grow the (insert whatever body part works) to take a stand for quality of life for ALL, including our native wild creatures. Please make sure Seattle to returns to THE EMERALD CITY.

Keep reading to read the words of experts, not just a heartfelt citizen of planet Earth who dearly loves the Pacific Northwest.

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From: debbi pratt <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Nancy Hanson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Trees have always been my friends. I grew up in Southern California with a black walnut tree in my backyard. It was my refuge. When we moved to Seattle in 1997, the urban forest sang to me. I have been dismayed at the rate of tree removal in our city.

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Please give thoughtful consideration to this legislation that will allow continued beneficial community between people and their environment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hanson

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From: Janet Calcaterra <2004kunkcal@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 12:12 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Don Percival <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Updating Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have watched with disappointment in recent years as the tree canopy in the "Emerald City" has shrunk noticeably. This threat -- which is not only aesthetic, but can also lead to a cascading effect on other vegetation, wildlife and structural support for residences and related improvements -- increases each year as Seattle deals with the challenges inexorably posed by pressures to increase density. Seattle's outdated tree ordinance is inadequate to this challenge. It is urgent that we act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves.

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I believe this can be done in a manner that adequately accommodates the desire to increase density in Seattle. Let's not lose this opportunity to preserve Seattle's canopy for future generations.

Don Percival

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From: Alexandra Griffith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 4:32 PM
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Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 9:02 PM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Hadley Wan <hads@tuta.io>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Julianne Lamsek <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Rachel LaRoche <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We need to breathe!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Kathleen Jackson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Aloha! Seattle Trees Need Your Support!

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Mahalo to work quickly so Seattle can preserve their grand trees which are vulnerable without your action.

Any tree which has managed to thrive for over 50 years deserves to be honored and protected from greedy and dishonest neighbors and businesses. Can we count on YOU? Please contact me if you have any suggestions for action I can take to help you help our trees.

Warmest aloha,
Dr. & Mrs. Randolph (Kathleen) Jackson
Washingtonians for trees.

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From: amy@actionnetwork.org <amy@actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 6:59 AM

To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Stacya Silverman <browshaper@seanet.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Benjamin Lukoff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Bonnie Bledsoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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