

**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 8/25/19v2**

From: Ava Coe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Problems with Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
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Please establish a citywide database for applying for tree removal and replacement permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
Also please allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development. Recently 8 large trees on one lot were cut down in my neighborhood in Pinehurst/Victory Heights area . The loss is being felt by the whole neighborhood! Please stop this type of clear-cutting in Seattle !!
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From: Brent McFarlane <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Just this week our block at N 125th St (District 5) lost another exceptional tree (35" diameter conifer) with no public posting of intent to remove or apparent proof for the need to remove it. Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
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From: Paige Heggie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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My Fremont landlady thinks vegetation is clutter. They once boarded up a nest of baby birds in the attic rafters to wait for them to die, this is the sentiment I am dealing with. After she saw a Democratic political sign on my porch she called an arborist to remove the last tree I had lobbied to save, a 3 story fir cut down by Bloom Tree Service even though 2 reputable arborists had deemed it healthy - 4207 Phinney Ave. N 98103. Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
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From: David Moehring <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Seattle continues to lose its maturing trees that once formed a canopy to reduce the impacts of local heat island effects. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
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From: Barbara Bernard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Please stop clear cutting Seattle.
4 lots on my block are being developed and the lost of exceptional trees on these sites has been devastating to the urban wildlife creatures. The storm water run off has increased in the alley way resulting in undercutting in the one and only drain at the end of the dead end. The impact has been documented and yet the developments continue.

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

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From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Some of the most important parts:

- Require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6" DBH and larger with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.

- Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit trees over 6"DBH being removed on undeveloped lots.

Allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development

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From: Muriel Lawty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I have fibromyalgia that is triggered by air pollution - trees help clean the air. Below are other

reasons with which I agree: (copied from the Don'tClearCut Seattle website)

Trees provide climate crisis mitigation. Ongoing scientific research confirms that reforestation is among the most effective action that can combat the looming climate crisis. As one of the most environmentally aware cities in the nation, Seattle should be taking the lead in the preservation of our urban forest.

Trees clean the air. According to the Nature Conservancy, leaves can filter out fine particulate matter (PM)—one of the most dangerous forms of air pollution, generated from burning biomass and fossil fuels.

Our urban forest is an integral part of our public health infrastructure. Numerous studies have found trees have proved to aid mental health, decrease obesity, and just generally make people happier.

Urban Heat Island mitigation – Trees are natural and sustainable form of air conditioning. According to the EPA, the heat island effect increases energy costs (e.g., for air conditioning), air pollution levels, and heat-related illness and mortality. This disproportionately impacts low income residents who may not have access to air conditioning. Research published by Climate Central, ranks Seattle as #10 among US cities for urban heat island temperature effects.

Trees are increasingly recognized for their importance in managing runoff and so reducing the toxic runoff into Puget Sound. Their canopies help reduce erosion caused by falling rain. They also provide surface area where rain water lands and evaporates. Roots take up water and help create conditions in the soil that promote infiltration.

Trees provide critical habitat for birds and other wildlife. Many birds rely on continuous tree canopy for migration.

Density vs trees is a false choice. Other cities, particularly those designed prior to the automobile, are denser than Seattle and also preserve tree canopy and open space. Vienna Austria, for example, has twice the density, while having more green space than Seattle.

The updated ordinance provides for data collection and reporting. Everyone sees the tree stumps, but it is difficult to accurately determine where all the trees are going. The updated ordinance provides for data collection and reporting. This will enable the city to make informed decisions regarding tree canopy as we move forward.

Certification of tree care professionals (arborists etc) to work in Seattle. The UFC recommended updates to the ordinance require Seattle to license arborists to ensure compliance with laws. This will stop the practice of falsely classifying a healthy tree as hazardous in order to cut it down.

The updated tree ordinance provides predictability and a level playing field to developers.

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From: Annie Thoe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our legacy tree canopy, Fight Global Warming Now!

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You are in position to do something right now to stop Seattle from losing our large trees and canopy to fight global warming-- which can't be replaced by planting little ornamental ones. Ethiopia is prioritizing tree planting with 350 million trees already planted in one day! It's unimaginable that we keep cutting our large trees down and can't design around them. Aren't we smarter than that-- is greed the only force that runs our government? We can't afford to cut these trees when we need to be planting twice as many more to stop global warming. Temperatures are rising, air and water quality is worsening, fires-- what more evidence and facts do you need to act now? Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission. Be the change by enforcing this new updated ordinance-- and also pass a budget to enforce it. Enforcement is the critical action we need to save our trees and keep our country healthy and vibrant. Thank you for your service! Annie Thoe
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From: Gayle Janzen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: MARIANA SINTAY <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 6:29 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

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I would like our city council to take efforts to promote better tree cover in the city.
In Belltown, on 2nd (I think) there is a beautiful block of evergreens lining the street. It is stunning! Can we consider to plant more evergreen trees along our streets?
The world desperately needs trees to save our planet. We are supposed to be the evergreen city and all I see is trees getting cut down. Sometimes I see dinky deciduous trees getting planted but they are not enough- nor are they a substitution for the mighty evergreens we have lost due to development.
There are some great ideas through the don't clear cut Seattle group, who I support. What do you think of measures to better protect our trees?
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From: Cynthia Rose <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 5:41 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
Please establish a citywide database for applying for tree removal and replacement permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
Also please allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development. Recently 8 large trees on one lot were cut down in my neighborhood in Pinehurst/Victory Heights area . The loss is being felt by the whole neighborhood! Please stop this type of clear-cutting in Seattle !!
Cynthia Rose
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11557 23rd Ave. NE
Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Brent McFarlane <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Just this week our block at N 125th St (District 5) lost another exceptional tree (35" diameter conifer) with no public posting of intent to remove or apparent proof for the need to remove it.
Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
Brent McFarlane
mcfarmer@mac.com
12248 Phinney Ave N
Seattle, Washington 98133

From: Paige Heggie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
My Fremont landlady thinks vegetation is clutter. They once boarded up a nest of baby birds in the attic rafters to wait for them to die, this is the sentiment I am dealing with. After she saw a Democratic political sign on my porch she called an arborist to remove the last tree I had lobbied to save, a 3 story fir cut down by Bloom Tree Service even though 2 reputable arborists had deemed it healthy - 4207 Phinney Ave. N 98103. Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
Paige Heggie
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4207 Phinney Avenue North, Apt 205
Seattle, Washington 98103

From: David Moehring <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Seattle continues to lose its maturing trees that once formed a canopy to reduce the impacts of local heat island effects. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
David Moehring
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3444B 23rd Ave W
Seattle, Washington 98199

From: Barbara Bernard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:54 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Please stop clear cutting Seattle.

4 lots on my block are being developed and the loss of exceptional trees on these sites has been devastating to the urban wildlife creatures. The storm water runoff has increased in the alleyway resulting in undercutting in the one and only drain at the end of the dead end. The impact has been documented and yet the developments continue.

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

Barbara Bernard

barbara_bernard@yahoo.com

3010A 31st Ave W

Seattle, Washington 98199

From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:10 AM

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

Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

Some of the most important parts:

- Require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6" DBH and larger with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.

- Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit trees over 6" DBH being removed on undeveloped lots.

Allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development

Kjersten Gmeiner

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12051 14th NE

Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Muriel Lawty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:46 AM

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

Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
I have fibromyalgia that is triggered by air pollution - trees help clean the air. Below are other reasons with which I agree: (copied from the Don'tClearCut Seattle website)
Trees provide climate crisis mitigation. Ongoing scientific research confirms that reforestation is among the most effective action that can combat the looming climate crisis. As one of the most environmentally aware cities in the nation, Seattle should be taking the lead in the preservation of our urban forest.
Trees clean the air. According to the Nature Conservancy, leaves can filter out fine particulate matter (PM)—one of the most dangerous forms of air pollution, generated from burning biomass and fossil fuels.
Our urban forest is an integral part of our public health infrastructure. Numerous studies have found trees have proved to aid mental health, decrease obesity, and just generally make people happier.
Urban Heat Island mitigation – Trees are natural and sustainable form of air conditioning. According to the EPA, the heat island effect increases energy costs (e.g., for air conditioning), air pollution levels, and heat-related illness and mortality. This disproportionately impacts low income residents who may not have access to air conditioning. Research published by Climate Central, ranks Seattle as #10 among US cities for urban heat island temperature effects.
Trees are increasingly recognized for their importance in managing runoff and so reducing the toxic runoff into Puget Sound. Their canopies help reduce erosion caused by falling rain. They also provide surface area where rain water lands and evaporates. Roots take up water and help create conditions in the soil that promote infiltration.
Trees provide critical habitat for birds and other wildlife. Many birds rely on continuous tree canopy for migration.
Density vs trees is a false choice. Other cities, particularly those designed prior to the automobile, are denser than Seattle and also preserve tree canopy and open space. Vienna Austria, for example, has twice the density, while having more green space than Seattle.
The updated ordinance provides for data collection and reporting. Everyone sees the tree stumps, but it is difficult to accurately determine where all the trees are going. The updated ordinance provides for data collection and reporting. This will enable the city to make informed decisions regarding tree canopy as we move forward.
Certification of tree care professionals (arborists etc) to work in Seattle. The UFC recommended updates to the ordinance require Seattle to license arborists to ensure compliance with laws. This will stop the practice of falsely classifying a healthy tree as hazardous in order to cut it down.
The updated tree ordinance provides predictability and a level playing field to developers.
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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Susan Ward <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
It is critical that Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance be updated and strengthened immediate. The changes recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission should be incorporated, and funding for more staff to enforce the Code must be provided. Without better enforcement, not even our current tree code is effective. We must prioritize protecting trees of a significant size, require tree-cutting companies to be registered, and require public posting, both online and on streets, of planned tree cutting. Code requirements should be well-publicized. We must recognize the many benefits tree canopy provides to the health of our citizens, and we must treat tree protection more seriously. Pass the Tree ordinance, with the UFC's recommendations, now, please.
Susan Ward
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From: Melinda Mueller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Seattle continues to lose its trees. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
I see the loss of trees in my neighborhood. Where new development is built in up-zoned areas, the units often abut property lines. What had been yards with trees and shrubs becomes nothing-but-structures, with, at best, narrow planting strips that will never accommodate trees. The developers maximize profits by maximizing units, and more canopy is lost.
This is the wrong direction for addressing climate change.
Melinda Mueller
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Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Bernice Maslan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission. It is shameful that the existing program was evaluated as a big failure and has not been updated. Please protect our trees. Start by expanding the existing tree removal and replacement permit program, including two week public notice and posting. The proposed tree ordinance is good. Please allot money for it and approve it this year! Thank you.
Bernice Maslan
Seattle resident since 1972, homeowner since 1979.
Bernice Maslan
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Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Heidi Siegelbaum <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 5:36 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please update the tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission. Top provisions include retaining protections for exceptional trees to 24 inches DBH, protect tree groves (and remove institutional loopholes like Ingraham HS) and prohibit trees over 6 inches DBH from being removed on undeveloped lots. You also must hire at least 20 enforcement staff, go back to see whether you have ever enforced your own laws (SMC 25..11.090), an issue worthy of legal review by the City Attorney's Office and register any and\\all tree service providers for certification. There is rampant violation of the law whereby spurious hazardous tree determinations are made when the other proximate steps to reduce risk have not been taken and hundreds of property owners, developers and companies are removing trees as a condition of sale AND telling neighbors to cut theirs. You HAVE to enact this ordinance-

you are laying waste to our green infrastructure and should consider mature trees and that infrastructure as part of the City's Climate Change strategy and Green New Deal. We know you can do better than this.

Heidi Siegelbaum

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Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Catherine Ruha <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Trees are important in the Green New Deal!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

It is time to pass the Tree Ordinance with the new updates. Losing tree canopy feeds Heat Island issues and climate change. Trees cool, clean the air, and help people feel better and reduce stress. This city can no longer allow developers to cut down our trees. Developers who want to build here must think of the health of the city environment and the beings who life here. Please Expand the existing tree removal and replacement permit program, including 2-week public notice and posting, as used by the Seattle Department of transportation (SDOT) – to cover all trees 6" DBH and larger on private property in all land use zones, both during development and require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6" DBH and larger with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements. Trees are not a luxury items. They are helpful and healthful in many ways and on many levels. Keep the Emerald City green.

Catherine Ruha

cathyruha@yahoo.com

1541 NE 91st Street
Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: TREES: Updating Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader:

I wish to share with you and your team the email that I am sending to Mayor Durkan and to each Seattle City Council member on the importance of following through with the recommendations by the Urban Forestry Commission to update the current Tree Protection Ordinance. I thank all of you on the Urban Forestry Commission for all the work you have done to protect the trees of Seattle. They are treasures that are too often taken for granted and sorely missed when gone.

Thanks to you and to your team.

Sincerely,
Judith Leshner

Dear Mayor Durkan:

I have written to each City Council member as well as to you many times about the imperative need for Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance. As a member of TreePac, Friends of the Urban Forest and now Don't Clearcut Seattle, I am familiar with the recommended improvements and updates from the Urban Forestry Commission to the current Tree Ordinance and I wholeheartedly support these proposals.

Particularly important is the need to establish a database where tree removals and replacements are tracked and where permits can be viewed by the public.

Funding for our improved Tree Protection Ordinance has to be provided. We all are becoming more and more aware of the benefits of trees to our environment. They provide clean air and water and shade to help keep the increasing temperatures bearable. A downside of trees might only be when someone determines that "that tree is in my way" and is not really aware of the consequences of the removal of that tree.

You and the City Council have the power to help us all keep these treasures of our city and to help insure that Seattle will have trees, significant trees 20, 30 and more years from now. In the future citizens will surely notice if our city is looking rather bare in the winter and hot in the summer and will wish that the Mayor and the City Council had done more to keep our city Green.

Please help preserve our trees and encourage the City Council to vote this year for a new Tree Protection Ordinance with ample protective provisions and funding for it.

Thank you for your care.

Sincerely,
Judith Leshner
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Seattle, WA 98119"
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From: woodrow thompson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 7:59 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Trees - #1 mitigation in climate crisis

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
with the expanded backyard cottage, adu, ddu allowance law, more trees will be in risk of being chopped down to be replaced by adu's, ddu's. any adu or ddu should give trees first priority to the land and the adu or ddu be reduced or not allowed if it means to harm or displace trees in order to build the adu or ddu
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seattle, wa, Washington 981245

From: Judith Akalaitis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Seattle NEEDS the Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Dear Mayor Durkan,
I am a mom, a teacher and a librarian. I believe in progress but I do not believe in developers clearcutting lots, tree companies cutting down trees without complying with permitting, and developers doing mostly whatever they want to get their own agenda. I believe in a future for my children and for Seattle, and that includes a healthy and not rapidly disappearing tree canopy.
I urge you to stand up and protect our city and its children by putting the tree ordinance on the table and fighting for it. I voted for you and I believe that you can do better. This is what needs to be done:
Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.
Expand the existing tree removal and replacement permit program, including 2-week public notice and posting, as used by the Seattle Department of transportation (SDOT) – to cover all trees 6" DBH and larger on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
Require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6" DBH and larger with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a

City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit trees over 6"DBH being removed on undeveloped lots.
Allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development
Establish one citywide database for applying for tree removal and replacement permits and to track changes in the tree canopy. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all tree service providers working on trees in Seattle.
Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.
Please give me a call or have any of your staff give me a call ANYTIME to talk about this crucial issue.
Kind Regards,
Judith Akalaitis and Family
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From: Michelle Najera <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We need a new tree ordinance now

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Hello. I'm writing to support updates to Seattle's tree ordinance. The trees of Seattle should be a source of pride. The shading they provide impact the appeal of the city and the comfort of its residence. Studies show that cities with 30% shading have greatly reduced needs for cooling. Due to heavy development that does not consider trees, we are losing the canopy that many of us connect with this place. Homeowners that have invested in Seattle are rightly encouraged to protect trees. But developers have free reign. The city should set and hold to tree coverage goals and hold develops to the same or higher standard for tree preservation. We only get one chance to steer the development of Seattle in the right direction. Once the trees are gone, we won't be able to bring them back.
Michelle Najera
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12008 22nd Ave NE
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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 1:20 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; Landry, David <David.Landry@seattle.gov>; TreesforSeattle <TreesforSeattle@seattle.gov>

Cc: David Moehring <Dmoehring@consultant.com>; Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

Subject: At least 2 'Exceptional' & 7 Significant Trees under threat from 12 large townhouses at 14302 30TH AVE NE upzone from SF to LR3

CAUTION: External Email

Following the recent Design Review meeting for the proposed development at the above property, it appears that yet another development of a property with mature native and non-native 'exceptional' and 'significant' trees on site is not being reviewed as per the SMC 25.11.070 requirements that are in place to protect 'exceptional' trees. Please take the appropriate action to request design alternatives to protect and retain all existing 'exceptional' trees on site, as well as many 'significant' trees.

It is possible to design new developments and retain trees as the attached document clearly shows is possible in the City of Seattle.

It is universally accepted that trees are essential for all life on planet Earth. Every week there are news articles and reports about the fact that climate change is negatively affecting the health and livelihood of all people around the world and how important trees are in urban environments for help provide essential ecological benefits that in turn reduce the financial burden on individuals and Cities. This is a scientific fact, yet Seattle continues to allow the removal of large, mature trees and does not adequately protect any of its so-called 'exceptional' trees when a site is being developed, nor does it track these losses or enforce the replacement of them (25.11.090). This must STOP before it is too late and we lose all mature tree canopy cover and are left with small ornamental trees that provide very little ecological benefits.

This project, like many before it, needs to be reviewed properly, per current Tree Protection Codes and so it is in line with the City's own claim on the 'Trees for Seattle' website that, "Seattle's goal, established in 2007, is to reach 30% canopy cover by 2037. The City of Seattle's most recent canopy cover study, using data from 2016, found that 28% of Seattle is covered with trees." There is

absolutely no way the canopy can increase if there is a continual allowance for the removal of significant and exceptional trees on properties being developed.

SDCI's own tag line claims "As stewards and regulators of land and buildings, we preserve and enhance the equity, livability, safety, and health in our communities", but this is absolute hypocrisy given the blatant disregard for threats like this one to existing mature tree canopy cover, and the lack of adherence to its own Tree Protection Codes.

One excuse and reasoning for this type of development is typically the claim that it is creating 'affordable housing'. With no subsidy for housing or caps on property values in Seattle, this is an abstract concept that has no basis in reality and is clearly political rhetoric that benefits the few, not the many, and is destroying our environment and fragile ecology along the way.

Please enforce the Tree Protection Code and work with the Urban Forestry Commission to adopt the proposed revisions to the ordinance so that Seattle can retain and enhance its tree canopy cover and volume. Protecting trees does not mean increased density cannot exist; intelligent design and conscientious review will mean both trees and development can co-exist in relatively harmony.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

PanorArborist

ISA Certified Arborist PN-7245A (2012 - Present)

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) (2013 - Present)

ISA Certified Tree Worker - Climber Specialist (2011 - 2015)

Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission (2018 - Present)

Lifetime Member of PNW-ISA & Member of Seattle Audubon

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From: Annie Thoe <annie@sensingvitality.com>

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:02 AM

To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Steve <steve@friends.urbanforests.org>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Updated Neighborhood input into tree ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Stuart, Steve and all working on protecting trees and vitality of Seattle,

Here's an updated/edited list of suggestions/considerations as you move to pass a new tree ordinance. Thanks for all you are doing!

Sincerely,
Annie Thoe

Annie Thoe, GCFP

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 7:49 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: Examiner, Hearing <Hearing.Examiner@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

Subject: appealed short plat for 3641 22nd Ave W

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for allowing comment on this LR1 lowrise residential rowhouse-townhouse project at **3641 22nd Ave W** --- which Short Plat Lot Subdivision was appealed to the Office of the Hearing Examiner of Seattle early in 2018 (MUP-18-001).

Despite testimony that indicated the parent lot could have been subdivided longitudinally in the east-west orientation to avoid utility easements cutting through tree's critical root zones, this case was dismissed by the Hearing Examiner suggesting that there was insufficient evidence of an alternative residential development layout that would maximize the retention of trees. Consequently, last week the three existing significant trees on the lot were chopped down. Looking at the development plans, there will be NO site area remaining to replant and regrow the amount of canopy that was removed. That's been the mode of operation... and the relatively treeless future of Seattle.

Moreover, despite that Municipal Code 23.84A.032 rowhouse development rules prohibit locating rowhouses between the street and other dwellings behind the rowhouses, that is exactly proven to be the case here. And to our dismay, the SDCI policy to allow such short plats as an excuse to circumvent the density limits and standards of the Seattle Code is the true testimony that our ethics and legal system has failed - at least in this case. The allowable density on this 120 ft by 50 ft lot is only 3 townhouses (1 dwelling per 1,600 sq ft of the 6000 sq ft lot). Yet, SDCI is allowing 5 dwellings as if this lot was within a different zoning area like LR2.

Who is responsible? We are told that the City Council writes the rules and everyone "abides" by those rules (and the exceptions to those rules). We think it is time to come clean of the City Council and its staff providing undercover privileges.

Thank you,

David Moehring AIA NCARB
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Background information

06/24/2019	001168-19PN	3641 A 22ND AVE W SEATTLE	Application for project 3034438-LU	Land use applicat three unit lots. Th Project #6596711 the purpose of al Development sta and not to each c
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Is the Department trying to hide using revised posting policies over the past 18-months? The City Permit and Property Records website (**) posts no building plan permits for these three (3) unit lots on the street facing half and two (2) unit lots on the alley-facing 3641 22ND AVE W.

(**) <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/>.

Yet, the June 12, 2019 'Record Snapshot' for 6596711-CN includes a listing of several documents that have not been posted including the sought "SDCI_INT_CONSTRUCTION/Plan Set" dated 05/10/201. Is it too much information for neighbors to have?

File Name: HELD Approved Plan Set.pdf

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/cap/CapDetail.aspx?type=1000&fromACA=Y&agencyCode=SEATTLE&Module=DPDPermits&capID1=17HST&capID2=00000&capID3=48655>

It's time to stop playing the shell games.

Buried with the EDMS system is two townhouses being permitted BEHIND the rowhouses under a new address of 3641 D 22ND AVE W (Alley parcel)

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4592582>

Suggestions for Tree Protection and Stewardship (pg. 4)

- **Neighborhood involvement with tree monitoring for health, measuring, tending (ivy removal or other maintenance) and mapping trees in neighborhood to raise awareness, bird counts—** can engage interest in stewardship through block parties. Ranking neighborhoods for most tall trees, best bird habitat, best bee and butterfly, best native plants, Frog habitat, owl/raptor/hawk habitat, best “green” houses, best vegetable gardens and rooftop/container gardens.
- **Encourage neighbors to notify other neighbors out of courtesy when applying for tree removal or large specie tree planting, and help city monitor tree cutting with a hotline or website with approved tree cutting address lists that people can look up.** Even with trees in one's yard, these trees provide shade, windbreak, soil and groundwater stability and cool the neighborhoods in heat. Tree planting also can affect shading/obstruction for other neighbors. Trees can affect neighbors as much as home development and fence-building.
- **School programs: adopt a tree in your neighborhood for the year, study about this type of tree and compare with others, change through season, which birds live there, etc.** - can pair up with neighbors or non-profit education groups for interest in our local trees and habitat.
- **University programs: more emphasis on research with urban forestry with effects of health and livability, community building, combat global warming, business attraction, tourism, habitat. Tracking tree loss and replacement. Tracking positive gains in areas of more tree density.**
- **Engaging more local non-profit communities from environmental groups, garden groups, churches, social clubs, sporting groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, outdoor activity groups** to assist in their own ways of retaining, stewarding trees - cheering each other on. Mapping trees helps expand awareness and community. NYC has a tree map for birders at Central Park that is now a tourist attracting tool but can also be attractive for gardeners, designers, etc.
- **Awards for Businesses to implement tree preservation, home design and community building for innovative designs to reduce footprint/home size/reduce building material use and design with consideration of habitat and environmental impact, community enhancement, tree-planting, local food production and rooftop gardens.** Possibly work with Social Venture Partners – Seattle (SVP) to come up with incentives to encourage businesses to develop more innovation around supporting tree habitats, protecting existing trees and planting more trees <http://www.socialventurepartners.org/seattle/who-we-are/>
- **Utility cost analysis of large homes without trees vs. small/modest homes for cost for heating, cooling, watering using resources. Incentives to reduce energy and resource consumption by increasing cost of utilities for gas, water, electricity after these large homes exceed a base rate of sustainable use comparable a modest home.**
- **County offer a rebate on the "drainage fee" portion of our taxes for each large tree that is an incentive to care and maintain trees, rather than charging for permits to remove trees. Reward those who have the trees, while they are providing the benefits.**

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Suggestions for Tree Protection and Stewardship (pg. 3)

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- **School programs: adopt a tree in your neighborhood for the year**, study about this type of tree and compare with others, change through season, which birds live there, etc. - can pair up with neighbors or non-profit education groups for interest in our local trees and habitat.
- **University programs:** more emphasis on research with urban forestry with effects of health and livability, community building, combat global warming, business attraction, tourism, habitat. Tracking tree loss and replacement. Tracking positive gains in areas of more tree density.
- **Engaging more local non-profit communities from environmental groups, garden groups, churches, social clubs, sporting groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, outdoor activity groups** to assist in their own ways of retaining, stewarding trees - cheering each other on. Mapping trees helps expand awareness and community. NYC has a tree map for birders at Central Park that is now a tourist attracting tool but can also be attractive for gardeners, designers, etc.
- **Awards for Businesses** get involved with tree preservation, rooftop gardens, tree-planting possibly work with Social Venture Partners – Seattle (SVP) to come up with incentives to encourage businesses to develop more around supporting tree habitats, protecting existing trees and planting more trees <http://www.socialventurepartners.org/seattle/who-we-are/>
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- **Arborists hired by developers make money to cut down trees and can be persuaded with the excuse that the tree is hazardous.** Any additional trees that developers want to cut have to have an **independent arborist selected by the city review any additional trees.** All trees must be marked before cutting and reviewed. **Neighbors should be notified as well** since any large tree removal greatly impacts the neighborhood and threatens health of their trees. The developer in this clear cut pressured a neighbor during the cutting process to cut a tree on the property line without getting a permit claiming it would die in two years anyway from the driveway they were constructing near it. There will always be some hazards with trees. But even worse hazards without trees— We need an **independent arborist** to review a building project without the developer present to intimidate the arborist. Make a fee for independent arborist review part of development application process.
- **Pruning versus Cutting.** Trees are disappearing faster than replaced. Pruning requires more expertise but gives arborists more work later and just as much or more money. Cutting, when unnecessary, stresses and can diminish or threaten the health of other trees. How do you replace trees that are 100 -130 feet tall quickly? this is a false claim that the canopy taken away can be replaced by a developer. This current development case would take over 100- 120 years.
- **We all pay for this! Short term and long term costs of tree removal need to be assessed by city prior to permitting process of development.** Costs to the consumer and city for waste management basement flooding, flooding and street damage from runoff, pollution to our streams from water runoff, drought and damage from lack of protection to neighboring plants, rising costs for higher temperatures and air conditioning, damage to neighboring trees, weakening trees. Costs of these developments are currently deferred to the neighbors and citizens. City Building Code Violations replied: "The developers have a right to make as much money as they can with their lots— but to whose expense?"
- **Larger signage in residential areas of project intentions.**The signage in this recent development was so small, practically hidden with no indication of clear-cutting. Signs should indicate when a large tree is going to be removed and reasoning so folks can be alerted. Removing these trees increases our temperature, reduced air quality, increase costs for cooling homes, kills other trees and native plants- not to mention wildlife that rely on shade, increase watering demands, basically depletes our infrastructure costs to the city and community well-being.
- **What avenues to stop developers who disobey the law? tree poachers?**
Suspend or remove licensure, bigger fines. Retaining the tree itself probably pays much more than the fine. I called the Building Code Violations & Complaints for the City about this developer- Gamut360 who clear-cut this recent property and talked with the city employee Eddie Scott 206-233-7857 said this developer had all his permits approved to cut. He excused himself, saying he was new and checked with his supervisor who said "everything was fine." How is this possible?
- **Awards for designs/projects that work with retaining trees and their impact on the environment.** Let's have developers strive to do better with ecosystem design. Work with Universities to award better research and design for maximizing tree use, sustainability and green building that necessitates trees as part of the design and development.

from **Urban Forestry Meeting 6/5/19 - (updated 6/10/19)**

Suggestions for Tree Protection and Stewardship in Seattle

- from Annie Thoe, Seattle Victory Heights and Pinehurst neighbors

Trees represent the concept of **Teamwork**: community, peace, inclusion, protection, homes and habitat for all, survival and vitality. Need to shift in perspective from land use to land stewardship. Sustaining and planting more trees is one clear way to improve conditions for cleaner air, cool the planet, ensure our resources for building supplies, and connect communities.

- **City issue an immediate moratorium to declare any lots with native Trees and Exceptional trees over six inches in diameter as “Environmentally Sensitive”** category in order to protect lots from being clear cut, to protect our exception trees from our present zoning laws. This will halt the pace of illegal development that threatens our air quality from diminished old growth tree canopy, storm water issues,
- **Moratorium: Outlaw logging/clear cuts in the city for development immediately until a stronger policy to protect critical areas is in place** — see above point. We need to re-think this fast-track development without providing adequate infrastructure, community impact, environmental impact, transportation issues and long-term impacts of density (Cambridge, MA- just issued a moratorium this year in response to public outcry. Look at Chicago’s projects and density nightmare) In our neighborhood alone, we have two more critical wooded lots that could be logged again- one by this same developer: 11344 23rd Ave NE. and the other is 2203 22nd Ave. NE. Until a moratorium can be placed, uphold strict enforcement of the current policy that all trees over 6” diameter: *“No more than three non-exceptional trees six inches in diameter or greater may be removed on a lot in any one-year period.”* - This current policy should be removed and is no longer working with our current situation and with global warming. 6-inch trees take 30 years to grow. We can’t afford or allow to lose any of these larger trees at this point.
- **Mandatory Review on development designs for minimum number of trees to be retained** e.g., at least three trees of significant diameter size (or what environmental consultants design) to ensure tree protection in residential neighborhoods, single family home zones least monitored in the city. Engage EPA and non-profit groups to help.
- **Storm water department can issue recommendations on properties in critical areas, declare areas critically environmentally sensitive** where mature trees need to be not only maintained, but what numbers of trees would be beneficial and recommend planting trees to homeowners who don’t currently have trees on their lots.
- **Neighborhoods or individual homeowners can petition zoning to declare their lot or areas of their neighborhood that contain large stands of native, exceptional and mature trees as “Environmentally sensitive”** to ensure we protect and foster old growth within the city for vitality for the future.
- **Easements once issued for a building permit currently cannot be withdrawn and need to be when permits threaten large trees.** Right now even with massive public complaints in this case with removing a perfectly healthy big tree, the developer has the right to remove a heritage tree if they’ve been granted easement. This needs to be changed to allow some public input and appeal.

from Urban Forestry Meeting 6/5/19 - (updated 6/10/19)

From: Robin Briggs <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Seattle Tree Ordinance Update

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,
Seattle is losing tree cover at a time when we know we really need it. We need it because of climate change, and we need it for the psychological health of its citizens. The new proposed ordinance has been years in the making. Please don't let it be years more before it is enacted. We need it now. Therefore I urge you to support the following:
Expand the existing tree removal and replacement permit program, including 2-week public notice and posting, as used by the Seattle Department of transportation (SDOT) – to cover all trees 6” DBH and larger on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
Require the replacement of all trees removed that are 6” DBH and larger with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay an in-lieu fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24” DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit trees over 6”DBH being removed on undeveloped lots.
Allow removal of no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development
Establish one citywide database for applying for tree removal and replacement permits and to track changes in the tree canopy. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all tree service providers working on trees in Seattle.
Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.
Thanks very much for your consideration,
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From: ROBIN SMITH <blondie1958@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 9:55 AM
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Cc: Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; stevezemke@TreePAC.org
Subject: Amazon burning - what are we doing here at home?

Dear Ms. Durkan et al,
I live in Wedgwood - one of the few neighborhoods in Seattle that has a lot of trees. The burning Amazon is a huge concern, but I have no control over that. Maybe I have some clout in my own city? I am in favor of increasing residential building lot coverage to 50% to encourage higher density residential housing, affordable housing, and to encourage MIL's, though I think we need to require the same of any commercial development. While we work toward that goal, is there any way to immediately require shopping malls and grocery stores and any other developments with giant parking lots, to reduce all parking lots by 50%, and replacing that with TREES ! ? It truly just sickens me to see all that asphalt heating up the atmosphere and doing nothing for the environment, and I also don't enjoy parking in the hot sun, rain, snow, etc. Our City has a responsibility to do whatever we can to assist in the fight against global warming, and a cleaner environment.

I am also sending this email to support the
[Resolution urging passage of Seattle UFC draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance](#)

Thank you,
Robin Bartlett-Smith

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

Whereas Seattle is not only losing its big trees but many others as developers scrape lots clean of trees to maximize their building sites, and

Whereas Seattle is not requiring developers to replace all exceptional trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) removed, as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090, and

Whereas, unlike Portland and other major cities, Seattle has not instituted a Tree Removal and Replacement permit system on either developed property or property being developed but only relies on a complaint-based system on developed property that is not protecting trees, and

Whereas the Seattle City Council ("the Council") voted in 2009 and again in Resolution 31870 in April 2019 to support updating its Tree Protection Ordinance, and

Whereas in 2017 in its Tree Regulations Research Report, the city found that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general.", and

Whereas Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital green infrastructure in Seattle that reduces air pollution and stormwater runoff, reduces climate change impacts like heat island effects, provides essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and is important for both physical and mental health for people living in Seattle, and

Whereas the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several Council members, an updated Tree Protection Ordinance that is consistent with the eight recommendations the Council adopted in Section 6 of Resolution 31870 in April 2019, and

Whereas the draft ordinance would:

1. Increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring tree removal and replacement permits for all significant trees (over 6" DBH) removed on both developed property and property being developed on all land use zones in the city;
2. Require 2 week posting of tree removal and replacement applications on site as SDOT does;
3. Require tree replacement on site, which in 25 years, is equivalent to the tree canopy volume removed or require a fee paid into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund to plant and maintain for 5 years the trees elsewhere in the city;
4. Retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;
5. Allow no more than 2 significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;
6. Require registration of all tree services providers with the city;
7. Track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
8. Provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that we support the efforts of the Coalition for a Stronger Tree Ordinance to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance. We urge the Seattle City Council to pass the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 15, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Signed _____ Title _____ date _____

Name and address of organization _____

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From: Colin Wright <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 2:14 PM

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

Subject: Trees - #1 mitigation in climate crisis

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Emily Geballe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2019 2:02 PM

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