

**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 09/11/19v2**

**From:** John Vance <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 4:50 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:** Mary Bell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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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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**From:** Debbi Pratt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**From:** Kathleen Myers <info@sg.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**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has a good plan. This no time to be compromising on our environment. Listen to those who care, and are thoughtful and organized. We just might survive.

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**From:** Jesse Taylor <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Veronika Fleck <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Linda Kharstad <info@sg.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: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 10:20 PM  
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Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net; Dilley, Jana <Jana.Dilley@seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>  
Subject: Fees for removing Trees of Significance without a Permit -- Durland and NE105th Street

CAUTION: External Email

Firewood for grabs!

Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance and a enforcement. Another example within a few days of each other: Cutting Trees of Significance without a Permit -- Durland and NE105th Street.

A witness observed Tony's Tree Cutting Service cutting down a cedar tree that is 3' in diameter, see pictures. Not only one wanton disregard for the tree code, but a second one of the same size was also removed without reason ( See pictures. ) Without city permits, Seattle relies on neighbors to tell the tree company what they believe is not allowed without a permit. Why should it be after the loss has already occurred? Yes, this tree was a designated Exceptional tree ; if not it was certainly a "tree of significance" to the neighborhood.

They refused to stop the cutting and it came down. There was no permit posted at the site and I believe that they lied when they said they had a permit. They spoke to one of the workers in Spanish to be sure that he understood what was going on and he did, but replied that the company he worked for told him to do it.

Does seattle tolerate hit-men in removing trees as long as it's paid for?

The 'service' removed two trees both of 3' diameter. These two trees easily could have been trimmed with pruning to create a window and one along 105th was blocking no view at all from the house in question.

There is a good reason for the ordinance. The reason why I like this neighborhood is it is so special for the trees that are here that provide habitat, shade, and beauty, not to mention they help with climate change. To Seattlites, this was an

outrage and the City should be enforcing the law to the full extent, especially they did not stop when told this was likely against the law.

We are very concerned that we will lose the character of what we love here and valuable habitat with all this unnecessary and We believe illegal cutting. There was more than one neighbor talking to them and all were quite disturbed. The neighbors would be happy to testify if They need to do so for the City enforcement authorities.

Where are the stewards of Seattle as our urban deforestation continues without balance?

Please reply as to how much of Seattle urban heat island impacts should we tolerate? How will this be resolved to eco/balance the loss?

Thank you,  
David Moehring  
For TreePAC

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**From:** Charissa Raynor <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 06, 2019 5:15 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Toby Fitch <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**Subject:** Keep Seattle Green + Covered!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

To whom this may concern,

As a resident of Seattle, I take this issue to heart because I know what's it's like to live in a city with little to no trees. We are very lucky to have an already impressive tree cover outside the downtown area, and I hope to see a more greener Seattle instead of the opposite.

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**From:** C Thomas Schaefer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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**From:** Amelia Petersen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 10:06 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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**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,

Sadly, the HALA completely neglected its obligation to make commendations for livability as we add density. We need to retain our 28% tree canopy as we grow. Single-family zones have 33% tree canopy and are the only zoning that exceeds the average. Parks have only 20% tree canopy. It should be obvious that retaining trees and single-family zoning with 35% built lot coverage is the key to retaining/increasing our urban tree canopy. Also, green paint on pavement isn't "open space"!

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**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:31 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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There are so many studies showing how vital trees 🌲 are to human health; both physical and mental. With climate change becoming even more threatening to life as we know it , it is even more crucial that Cities like Seattle save every tree they can and plant even more.

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**From:** Karen Gadwell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 2:19 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 3:03 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Vital to Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

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That happened across the street from us when developers, despite promises, demolished a gorgeous dogwood everyone enjoyed, especially in spring.

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Please act for a more livable Seattle and a cooler planet. Thank you.

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**From:** Maureen Brinck-Lund <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 7:00 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>  
**Subject:** Trees are long term residents too.

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am a District 3 voter and a huge fan of living among trees and I am frustrated that Seattle's outdated tree ordinance and uneven enforcement has produced a massive rootball-sized gap in the number of trees removed vs. planted. Seattle must grow our urban canopy as part of reaching our carbon pollution reduction goals. Trees also reduce heat island effects and help manage storm water runoff - critical as climate change influences weather patterns in the PNW to create more heatwaves and storms. Seattle's ongoing removal of trees without replacement has been racially and socially unjust. All neighborhoods need trees, particularly mature trees who live long lives alongside residents.

When trees are removed for development and not replaced, Seattle is dropping axes on its own feet. Letting economics displace humans and trees is unethical and counterproductive to visions of an equitable and sustainable city.

I urge Seattle's leaders to pass the new Tree Ordinance provisions recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, and to fund and implement them.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance and protect our Trees Now!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please reverse this decision to remove this legacy tree in Queen Anne now on 2813 4th Ave W. Here's yet another decision that will have long-lasting consequences in favor of rapid development without protection of trees. I have another clearcut in my neighborhood with giant trees removed for two mini- mansions, the second clear cut within a few block radius in the past three months. Why are we not saving our big canopy trees and designing our city to preserve more green, clean air and water, runoff issues? Why are we letting developers in control of our future, destroyed established canopy we need and removing the lifeblood of the land for future generations for a quick sale?

This is a smart city-- why do we have to choose between preserving environment and making low income housing possible? Can't we do both? Low income folks need trees and green too- - not just the upper class.

Let's make development smarter, preserve what can and also plan and plant more green infrastructure into the future.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 8:05 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter from Judy Bendich about SEPA appeal curtailment  
**Importance:** High

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Chairperson Pacheco and Councilmembers Herbold, O'Brien and Gonzalez:

I cannot attend tomorrow's committee meeting. I write to express concerns with proposed legislation CB 119600, which would dramatically reduce SEPA review (and even allow developers to build pending an appeal of the hearing examiner decision) except where "significant levels of adverse environmental impacts are likely."

I find it disheartening, if not hypocritical, that a city that touts its concerns about the environment is now trying to broadly curtail protection for the environment. On the one hand we have Councilmember O'Brien stating natural gas use should be curtailed (even though he uses it in his home and possibly his rental units) and at the same time he is pushing for this anti-SEPA review legislation. Both Councilmembers Pacheco and O'Brien are lame ducks. There is plenty of time before the state's deadline to decide whether or not to incorporate state legislation. There is plenty of time to allow the incoming Council to make that decision. This push to overturn SEPA

protections we now have is unseemly, a rush to judgment by councilmembers who leave office in a few months. The proposed legislation is also wrong-headed. We should be proud that unlike most parts of the country we have an environmental process in place that recognizes environmental review is among our highest priorities.

And that review has been critically important. We are seeing greater and greater decimation of our trees, the greatest natural asset we have against carbon and an amazing control for many kinds of pollution and environmental harm. Quite a few appeals to the hearing examiner have involved destruction of groves of trees and exceptional trees, as well as increased run-off and steep slope degradation due to tree removal. These appeals concern smaller projects and would not meet the threshold for “significant adverse environmental impacts.”

The proposed legislation would leave broad authority to DCI, which over the years and currently has not enforced the minimal protections we now have for exceptional trees, steep slopes, and has ignored significant lack of infrastructure concerns, in some instances resulting in increased massive sewage overflows into Lake Washington, such as from Madison Valley, and other sewage overflows into Puget Sound.

The staff memo relies on current state legislation, but that legislation does not require the City to eliminate the SEPA protections it currently has. The staff memo in August, (which is no longer available online) provided data that show that in fact the number of appeals has been minimal. There have been thousands and thousands of permits and developments over the last five years, and the number of appeals has been *de minimis*. And in at least 25% of appeals, the hearing examiner ruled in favor of the appellant and against the developer and the City. That is an extremely high error rate and actually supports why there must be continuing environmental review. The staff memo provided no information on the number of appeals that were settled prior to hearing where as the result of the appeal the developer revised the project due to the appeal.

Because of its track record, DCI should not be allowed to have any authority to set any thresholds or determinations as to what is likely to be a significant level of adverse environmental impacts, and the Council needs to adopt stronger tree protection legislation with stringent enforceable penalties before even considering any legislation that would weaken SEPA protections. And until you fund DCI and require real inspectors dedicated to protecting trees and enforcing other environmental protections, and until you enact real penalties against developers who flout with impunity even the inadequate laws we have, we will continue to use greater and greater losses to our environment, only without any remedy to rectify DCI’s inaction.

A major concern I have with the premises set out in the preface to the proposed legislation is that it bars SEPA review for “infill” in UVs except where “significant levels of adverse environmental impacts are likely.” What it fails to consider is the cumulative impact of these “infills” which are near environmentally critical areas or which will overwhelm our current infrastructure. Ravenna/Cowen Park is one example, but I assume that there are many others throughout the city. Ravenna-Cowen was exempted from upzoning because it became a National Historic District, but had that not occurred, at the hearing before the hearing examiner, Friends of Ravenna-Cowen presented evidence that the cumulative impact of turning a SF neighborhood that abuts the park to RSL (and higher) would have had significant negative adverse environmental impacts on the park. (The attached letter above describes these in greater detail. The hearing examiner never made a ruling on that evidence.) A Ph.D. biologist from the UW (Prof. Kern Ewing) testified about the adverse environmental impacts to the impacts to the park, and an

ornithology/wildlife/tree expert discussed that the intensified development would impact flyover migration of birds and dramatically decrease tree and large shrub cover.

Additionally, the UW expert, who is also a civil engineer, testified that developing all that “infill” without the required sewer infrastructure is a disaster, particularly with the CSO sewer systems we have throughout Seattle’s older neighborhoods. Seattle’s combined wastewater/sewage 8” pipes (from the early 1900’s) cannot handle the capacity from upzoning. West Seattle even has wooden sewers. Seattle is already under a consent decree with the federal government. Seattle’s sewer system in the Madison Valley cannot handle the overflows now and has repeatedly put sewage into Lake Washington. We had another breakdown this summer contaminating Puget Sound. We have had one sewer overflow problem after the next, contaminating our water systems, and unless that is addressed first, it is inevitable we will continue to have even more as infill increases due to more impervious surfaces and fewer trees, large shrubs and other ground cover. No one in the city has taken the cumulative impacts of upzoning on sewer infrastructure seriously, and *there has been no analysis of these cumulative impacts*. Removing SEPA review while not first addressing the city’s massive infrastructure problems and the cumulative impacts of development is grossly irresponsible.

Additionally, *the city has never analyzed the cumulative impact of development on potential historic resources*, which are an element of the environment under SEPA. Despite the staff’s memo regarding “protections” for historic resources, these apply only to city-landmarked properties or properties protected by section 106 of the national act on historic reservation. Since 2000, Seattle has not inventoried 17 of its 28 urban villages to determine what historic resources, cultural resources, and archaeological artifacts exist. The only remedy has been SEPA review of projects or programmatic projects, which this legislation would curtail or eliminate.

By this proposed legislation, we will continue to lose out trees, our history, and our reputation that we are a city that cherishes the environment. I urge you to take these concerns seriously because these are extremely serious problems that need to be addressed before you consider eliminating current SEPA review.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Mary Schlater <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 12:50 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Catherine Englehart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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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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**From:** Martha Baskin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 2:53 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Remaining Residential Tree Canopy & Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

In an era of climate change when trees should be the city's allies, why is the Emerald City not updating a long dormant Tree Protection Ordinance? For ten years the city has been saying

the ordinance will be updated. City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw is the latest council person to step into the void but we're told Mayor Durkan wants to put off the update until next year.

Meanwhile development is putting trees in the cross hairs with lots being razed for new housing and unscrupulous developers and arborists claiming existing trees are hazardous or in the way.

Housing and trees shouldn't be incompatible.

After the unnecessary clearcut of 25 majestic trees on North Seattle lot to build a new home, neighbors have come together to demand the city enact a tree protection ordinance with teeth. The campaign, "dontclearcutseattle.org" is connecting with tree protectors all over the city - Beacon Hill, Queen Anne, West Seattle, Ballard, Victory Heights - to push the Mayor to pass a new tree ordinance NOW.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Angela Núñez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**From:** Joyce Moty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:38 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 Durkan and Members of Seattle City Council,

Will you leave a legacy for Seattle that equals the Olmsted Plan?

You can do it by passing the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

An updated tree ordinance is long overdue. Developers are logging Seattle at a rapacious pace. It takes years to replace the tree canopy that we are losing daily. Take action NOW. This is one of the best things that you can do for our environment and future generations of Seattle residents.

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**From:** Rebecca Watson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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The UFC has already spent 10 years of time and energy crafting this updated Tree Ordinance. It is a complete waste of tax payer money to invest more time on researching this issue. People with the expertise on this issue have already weighed in- again and again. Seattle - the so called “Emerald City” is falling far behind other cities in placing an intrinsic value on its green infrastructure. Please pass the UFCs Tree Ordinance for all our sakes. The clock is ticking.

- Rebecca Watson

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**From:** Nancy Penrose <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Adopt UFC June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkan and Council Members:

I am a Seattle resident and I vote in every election. I am utterly dismayed to learn that you are considering opting for more studies rather than adopting the Urban Forestry Commission's carefully researched and thought out June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. Seattle is losing tree canopy at a frightening rate and it is an equity issue as well as a climate crisis issue: wealthier neighborhoods are more likely to conserve trees, which provide invaluable mental and physical health contributions to quality of life in our urban environments.

You have the UFC roadmap for protecting trees in hand. Here are key provisions that must be in the updated tree ordinance:

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Thank you. I expect you to adopt the UFC Updated Ordinance rather than letting more of Seattle's trees fall to the developers' saws while you undertake another study. Time for punting on this is past. Action is required NOW.

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**From:** Brendan McGarry <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:01 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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To further this message, I'd like to note that I am a former tree care provider who worked at a reputable company. I believe that clear, easy to follow, and enforced regulations are highly important. This will help diminish corner cutting and illegal removals. Seattle has a reputation of being green, and of addressing climate change. Let's actually live up to that by protecting the trees we have, and planting more. No amount of housing density should sacrifice green spaces, parks, and individual trees.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Emily Riesser <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:07 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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**From:** Linda Fornero <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:11 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** With the population growth & out of control development going on in Seattle, more green space & trees are warranted. Humans don't do well in a concrete city. Trees do so much for our environment that they need to be protected. Clearly, they don't mean ...

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**From:** Marilyn Spotswood <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:12 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As the Board President of Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, a 501c3 whose mission is to "preserve and protect the heritage of the Ravenna-Cowen neighborhood as a shared community resource for all", I am writing to implore you to please update and enforce Seattle's Tree Ordinance. It is critical that we save our precious tree canopy. This too is a community resource for all!

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Thank you,

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**From:** Clark Casebolt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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**From:** Joan Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:18 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:** Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2019 5:23 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Steve Zemke' <stevezemke@msn.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee Agenda – 9/9/19 Proposed legislation to limit SEPA review

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader,

Mr. Steve Zemke suggested I forward my letter to the PLUZ Committee to the Urban Forestry Commission for you to forward to the commissioners as a comment re the proposed tree ordinance, which I and my community wholly endorse.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairperson Pacheco and Councilmembers Herbold, O’Brien and Gonzalez:

I cannot attend tomorrow’s committee meeting. I write to express concerns with proposed legislation CB 119600, which would dramatically reduce SEPA review (and even allow developers to build pending an appeal of the hearing examiner decision) except where “significant levels of adverse environmental impacts are likely.”

I find it disheartening, if not hypocritical, that a city that touts its concerns about the environment is now trying to broadly curtail protection for the environment. On the one hand we have Councilmember O'Brien stating natural gas use should be curtailed (even though he uses it in his home and possibly his rental units) and at the same time he is pushing for this anti-SEPA review legislation. Both Councilmembers Pacheco and O'Brien are lame ducks. There is plenty of time before the state's deadline to decide whether or not to incorporate state legislation. There is plenty of time to allow the incoming Council to make that decision. This push to overturn SEPA protections we now have is unseemly, a rush to judgment by councilmembers who leave office in a few months. The proposed legislation is also wrong-headed. We should be proud that unlike most parts of the country we have an environmental process in place that recognizes environmental review is among our highest priorities.

And that review has been critically important. We are seeing greater and greater decimation of our trees, the greatest natural asset we have against carbon and an amazing control for many kinds of pollution and environmental harm. Quite a few appeals to the hearing examiner have involved destruction of groves of trees and exceptional trees, as well as increased run-off and steep slope degradation due to tree removal. These appeals concern smaller projects and would not meet the threshold for "significant adverse environmental impacts."

The proposed legislation would leave broad authority to DCI, which over the years and currently has not enforced the minimal protections we now have for exceptional trees, steep slopes, and has ignored significant lack of infrastructure concerns, in some instances resulting in increased massive sewage overflows into Lake Washington, such as from Madison Valley, and other sewage overflows into Puget Sound.

The staff memo relies on current state legislation, but that legislation does not require the City to eliminate the SEPA protections it currently has. The staff memo in August (which is no longer available online) provided data that show that in fact the number of appeals has been minimal. There have been thousands and thousands of permits and developments over the last five years, and the number of appeals has been *de minimis*. And in at least 25% of appeals, the hearing examiner ruled in favor of the appellant and against the developer and the City. That is an extremely high error rate and actually supports why there must be continuing environmental review. The staff memo provided no information on the number of appeals that were settled prior to hearing where as the result of the appeal the developer revised the project due to the appeal.

Because of its track record, DCI should not be allowed to have any authority to set any thresholds or determinations as to what is likely to be a significant level of adverse environmental impacts, and the Council needs to adopt stronger tree protection legislation with stringent enforceable penalties before even considering any legislation that would weaken SEPA protections. And until you fund DCI and require real inspectors dedicated to protecting trees and enforcing other environmental protections, and until you enact real penalties against developers who flout with impunity even the inadequate laws we have, we will continue to use greater and greater losses to our environment, only without any remedy to rectify DCI's inaction.

A major concern I have with the premises set out in the preface to the proposed legislation is that it bars SEPA review for “infill” in UVs except where “significant levels of adverse environmental impacts are likely.” What it fails to consider is the cumulative impact of these “infills” which are near environmentally critical areas or which will overwhelm our current infrastructure. Ravenna/Cowen Park is one example, but I assume that there are many others throughout the city. Ravenna-Cowen was exempted from upzoning because it became a National Historic District, but had that not occurred, at the hearing before the hearing examiner, Friends of Ravenna-Cowen presented evidence that the cumulative impact of turning a SF neighborhood that abuts the park to RSL (and higher) would have had significant negative adverse environmental impacts on the park. (The attached letter above describes these in greater detail. The hearing examiner never made a ruling on that evidence.) A Ph.D. biologist from the UW (Prof. Kern Ewing) testified about the adverse environmental impacts to the impacts to the park, and an ornithology/wildlife/tree expert discussed that the intensified development would impact flyover migration of birds and dramatically decrease tree and large shrub cover.

Additionally, the UW expert, who is also a civil engineer, testified that developing all that “infill” without the required sewer infrastructure is a disaster, particularly with the CSO sewer systems we have throughout Seattle’s older neighborhoods. Seattle’s combined wastewater/sewage 8” pipes (from the early 1900’s) cannot handle the capacity from upzoning. West Seattle even has wooden sewers. Seattle is already under a consent decree with the federal government. Seattle’s sewer system in the Madison Valley cannot handle the overflows now and has repeatedly put sewage into Lake Washington. We had another breakdown this summer contaminating Puget Sound. We have had one sewer overflow problem after the next, contaminating our water systems, and unless that is addressed first, it is inevitable we will continue to have even more as infill increases due to more impervious surfaces and fewer trees, large shrubs and other ground cover. No one in the city has taken the cumulative impacts of upzoning on sewer infrastructure seriously, and *there has been no analysis of these cumulative impacts*. Removing SEPA review while not first addressing the city’s massive infrastructure problems and the cumulative impacts of development is grossly irresponsible.

Additionally, *the city has never analyzed the cumulative impact of development on potential historic resources*, which are an element of the environment under SEPA. Despite the staff’s memo regarding “protections” for historic resources, these apply only to city-landmarked properties or properties protected by section 106 of the national act on historic reservation. Since 2000, Seattle has not inventoried 17 of its 28 urban villages to determine what historic resources, cultural resources, and archaeological artifacts exist. The only remedy has been SEPA review of projects or programmatic projects, which this legislation would curtail or eliminate.

By this proposed legislation, we will continue to lose out trees, our history, and our reputation that we are a city that cherishes the environment. I urge you to take these concerns seriously because these are extremely serious problems that need to be addressed before you consider eliminating current SEPA review.

Sincerely yours,

Judith E. Bendich

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**From:** Judy Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:42 PM

**To:** Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pennucci, Aly <Aly.Pennucci@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Finance and Neighborhoods Committee Meeting Sept. 11 2-4 pm

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Chairperson Bagshaw, Councilmembers, and Mayor Durkan:

I disfavor another resolution that goes nowhere. It has been 10 years of resolutions and doing nothing about Seattle's inadequate tree ordinance and in those 10 years Seattle is losing greater numbers of trees at a faster rate. And there has been little enforcement by SDCI of the few protections that exist. It is time to adopt an ordinance. I support the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's proposed legislation to:

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Trees are the best natural protection that exists to ameliorate pollution, to “eat” carbon, to retain water and prevent run-off into our woefully inadequate sewers system as well as providing health benefits to humans, and habitat for wildlife. Seattle has been decimating its trees at a faster and faster rate. Our local NPR station had a series of articles on tree loss and trees' benefits.

Let's get this done! The foot-dragging by the Council and Mayor has to stop. Please enact the proposed legislation now, not just resolution after resolution.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Susan Ward <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:35 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

To Mayor Durkan and the Council:

The time to act to preserve Seattle's tree canopy is now. The Urban Forestry Commission has worked with the City for years, and has presented a detailed plan to update our inadequate Tree Code. We do not need more studies and more delays. Development has been put on a fast track, and the same must be done with preserving trees and green, open spaces. If not, we will lose one of the most valuable and appealing features of Seattle: its trees.

I urge you to adopt the recommendations/revisions of the UFC. Stronger protections of trees on private property is the only way we can reach our goal of at least 30% tree canopy, as most of our trees are there-one City estimate was 72%.

In particular, we must strengthen enforcement, as even the current Tree Code has not been adequately enforced. More staff is required, and better notification of the public about proposed removals, with a longer warning period.

As summers get hotter and the air more polluted with growing population, would it be sane not to prioritize protection of our greatest defense?

The UFC's revisions to the Code should be adopted as quickly as possible. SDIC should not be leading the job of revising the Code, but should work equally with the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Urban Forestry Commission.

Additionally, the ruling on the exceptional tree at 2813 4th Av W in West Seattle should be reversed.

Thank you,

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Seattle resident and  
Chair, ReVisioning Northgate

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**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,

Please quit "studying" ( read: shelve it until politically usable for reelection) the need FOR a tree ordinance that is truly protective of trees, and start protecting trees.



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Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance.

In other words :. Quit studying how trees are removed. By the time the council and mayor are done "studying" there won't be any trees to study.

I suggest the following be included in a real 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 (4" and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
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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.

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**From:** Alicia Keefe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:58 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:03 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,

Born and raised in Washington near Grays Harbor I have the clouds and rain, and TREES, in my DNA. The familiarity and appreciation of this climate and landscape comes natural to me,

and also the sensibility when I see the forest canopy of the Northwest being lost. Having been a teacher and lived in the Seattle area for 38 years I've shared my knowledge and passion of the Northwest landscape and beauty with kids and families for decades, with great reception. Now retired and volunteering in Seattle Parks with Green Seattle Partnership, the reception of citizens, born in the Northwest and those from afar, are loving and learning the beauty of our region and the need to retain our Northwest and Seattle landscape. Do what you can to support a healthy Seattle canopy and urban forest to enjoy. -dean

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**From:** nannette martin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:43 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

PLEASE DO YOUR JOB AS MY REPRESENTATIVE AND PASS A TREE ORDINANCE NOW !! We are losing precious ancient trees everyday. They can not be replaced. Please think about the future and global warming and move to protect the few great trees we have left in this boom town city! Don't procrastinate another day...PASS THE TREE ORIDINANCE NOW. Please .

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**From:** Christine Deppe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Regarding Tree Ordinance - Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a Seattle Forest Steward it came to my attention that Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our forests protected and 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. Cutting more trees will raise temperatures which will threaten the health of all other city trees.

It is important to promote environmental equity as trees are replaced.

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**From:** Cynthia Rose <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

In the 3 years I have lived in Seattle I have seen many large trees in my Pinehurst neighborhood be cut down. I thought Seattle was supposed to be a green environmentally concerned city but I find the cutting of such trees to be horrible; there are no replacement trees visible on the latest bare lots. Will this be a GREEN city in the future? Not at this rate. It will be a brown city of stumps controlled by developers. We do need housing but there are ways to build with conserving and enhancing the green canopy.

Ten years ago the Urban Forest Commission started trying to get an amendment to the tree ordinance to strengthen it and allow it to be enforced, but evidently the Seattle City Council over and over fails to enact an amendment to try to preserve trees. Please be the ones to keep and increase Seattle's green canopy.

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**From:** carrie lafferty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:47 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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**From:** Regina Brennan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:25 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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**From:** Carol Olwell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:27 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Last month, on 6th Ave between W. Crockett and McGraw, a large tree with a diameter of probably 3 feet at it's widest part was cut down and all vestige of its stump ground out within

48 hours. When I called City government to see if there was any way this could be stopped, I found out there were no real protections unless the tree had been designated as a very significant one.

The time to act to protect our trees is now; we do not need further study.

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**From:** Barbara Broderick <info@sg.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**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived here in NE Seattle for 38 years. In these many decades people here have tried to get a tree protection ordinance that truly protects the urban forest in our city. Decade after decade, the City Counsel and Mayor have not followed through and have "kicked the can" down the road for others to deal with. ENOUGH! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PASS SEATTLE'S TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE NOW!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:07 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,

I work in health care and study public health, and I am truly alarmed by the number and size of the trees being removed throughout the city. Our health, our children's health and the health of our neighbors depend on this vital green infrastructure. "Make room for our neighbors" is a great approach to make our city more inclusive and provide housing for all, but it is a false dichotomy to say we need to remove our tree canopy to do this. Please don't let us turn into Phoenix Arizona! We can build smarter and more strategically by leaving a little room on each lot for a tree!

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**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Do we really need to debate the value of tree canopy? No one needs more studies to know the value of trees. Sane tree protection ordinance provisions are crucial. Please adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

I read the Durkan Digest every Friday, and look forward to soon reading something in it about the Mayor's whole-hearted acceptance of this Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Greetings- I write to urge you in the strongest terms I can of the profound importance of protecting our tree canopy here in Seattle. I have watched as Seattle has lost more than half of our canopy of trees in the last 20 years. This loss is having a profound effect on our climate too: see the NY Times article in the last couple of days measuring 20 degrees of difference in the temperatures in different areas of Washington DC depending on whether trees and greenery were present. This is part of a new developing survey of American cities that is beginning.

As we will never be able to grow these giant trees again I hope you can see what an incredibly important mitigating factor our big trees will have in the future. This is the Emerald

City! I feel heartsick when I see big trees cut down, to see these magnificent life forms destroyed. I fervently hope you will do all you can to protect what makes Seattle so unique an environment: the trees are part of our home and our safety and our life.

Please act on this issue-everyone I know is extremely concerned about this, but I don't think they know how important it is to let you know how they feel...Most people thought that the trees were already protected.

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**From:** Gayle Janzen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** We need more trees! Please strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Councilmembers:

Why do you hate our trees so much??? You prioritize putting in affordable housing everywhere, and have little interest in saving our trees. We can do both, but you refuse to do so. You talk out of both sides of your mouths. On the one hand you say you care about climate change, yet on the other, you allow legacy and old growth trees to be cut down by greedy developers. It's all about the developers in this city. This ultra-liberal, we care only about low-income/affordable housing policy is obsessive and extreme.

Yes, we need urban density to protect surrounding farmland and wilderness areas AND we also need to preserve our urban green spaces, large trees, groves and canopy. It's that simple. We need to get more creative with how we develop, make smaller homes, use less



resources etc or we simply can't survive. At the rate we are going, our world won't be prettier, healthier, safer or more comfortable with all this concrete, asphalt, toxic pollution and heat.

I am saddened beyond belief in your latest decision to cut down the legacy tulip tree in Queen Anne now on 2813 4th Ave W. Shame on you. This is yet another decision that will have long-lasting consequences in favor of rapid development without protection of trees. Why are we not saving our big canopy trees and designing our city to preserve more green, clean air and water, runoff issues? Why are we letting developers control our future by destroying established canopy we need and removing the lifeblood of the land for future generations for a quick profit sale? Why are you trying to turn over parks and golf courses to developers? Stop it, please. You are not making Seattle more livable, but are destroying its character along with our trees.

This is a smart city-- why do we have to choose between preserving environment and making low income housing possible? Can't we do both? Low income folks need trees and green too- - not just the upper class.

Let's make development smarter, preserve what we can and also plan and plant more green infrastructure into the future.

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Immediately, Right Now, Today, Stop the Paralysis: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear All,

You know this: Seattle has been losing its tree canopy mostly to the advantage of developers and mostly to the disadvantage of citizens and the health of all living things. Global warming exists. Trees are vital to the environment and the city's livability and identity. Please take action and make the changes in alignment with your department's professed concerns.

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

Please let me know if I can help.

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**From:** Annie Thoe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Sept. 11, 2019

Dear Councilmembers,

Trees represent community, shelter, mental health and survival. The first white settlers in Seattle cleared the trees without much thought of this impact for future generations. Over 130 years now some of those trees were replanted, but with declining habitat and and the impending doom of global warming as well as the enormous data gathered on the benefits of retaining our trees to solve our climate crisis— it boggles my mind why Seattle government and our developers continue to approve so many projects that involve removal of giant trees and entire groves of trees. Why is Seattle government not promoting and requiring better designs and planning to incorporate more trees and save our remaining trees?

Four months ago, I filed a complaint to DCI about one of the latest clearcut developments in my neighborhood of an entire lot removing 25 trees in lieu of building 2 mini-mansions. The Department of Construction and Inspections told me that “developers in Seattle have the right to make as much money as they can.” How can our current permitting process allow developers carte blanche to make as much money as they can despite the costs to our declining habitat. How can we continue to uphold short-sited development practices for handling our precious remaining resources in the city and for combating global warming? 100-year-old trees are not easily replaced— simply put: Because of our current development practices, our children will ever see those heritage trees or groves of trees like this in their lifetime.

While the DCI may be doing the best they can, I have been researching how our current tree ordinance fails miserably to protect our trees - our tree ordinance has not been updated in 10 years and even the current ordinance not been enforced because of many loopholes for developers. DCI and the developer community should not be in charge of drafting our tree protection ordinance since this would be a blatant conflict of interest since they are funded from development fees. Their input of course is needed and I urge you to adopt the tree ordinance drafted by the Urban Forestry Commission and particularly make sure that city must develop a DEPARTMENT- WIDE policy for tree policy like all other cities do.

We need more low income housing and planned density, and we need to demand a stronger tree protection ordinance that push for future designs from our developers, city officials and planners that use and remove less of our natural resources, make smaller footprints to incorporate more trees and habitat, provide apartments and low income housing with tree and



green spaces to protect our streams and watersheds, cool our city and beautify our urban landscapes.

Below are the chief points that could be adopted right now if we hope to have a livable Seattle for the future:

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Thank you for your service and for including trees in your vision of Seattle’s future planning.

Sincerely,

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Neighborhood Treekeepers member

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