

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Please note that these emails are providing input to the Director's Rule 13-2020

From: 2020suejackson@everyactioncustom.com <2020suejackson@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

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In addition to the boilerplate text provided by Seattle Audubon in the following paragraphs, I would like to provide my own thoughts here as well. I have lived in Seattle for 42 years. What makes Seattle special is not the city itself, but the place where the city exists. And that place is one of the most unique natural environments not only in our country, but in the world. The combination of deep, cold water in the Puget Sound, moderate temperatures, abundant rainfall, and the meteorological effect of our beautiful glaciated mountains provides the conditions for what are some of the healthiest forestland on the planet. I have been dismayed to see the toll that the hyper-development occurring in our city has had on our urban forests. I can point to examples in my own neighborhood where heritage trees have been cut down to maximize the footprint of new construction. I have read about the amount of canopy cover we

have lost in Seattle. Where the moniker Emerald City used to refer to the green of our trees, it now seems to refer to the green of dollar bills in the pockets of developers and their ilk. This is not right, and is not fair to the planet or to those of us who love the city for what it was. If you are a serious believer in climate change, then you know that the destruction of our priceless urban trees is wrong.

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Matt Sweet
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From: Annie Thoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:13 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We need much more protection for Trees

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I've written numerous letters over the past year-- meanwhile in my neighborhood I've watched numerous large, healthy trees being cut because of lack of awareness and protection from the city. People need to be educated on the value of mature trees, of maintaining our canopy for future generations-- and without a stronger ordinance with requirements for both builders, developers, arborists and homeowners to maintain more canopy-- replace (which is pretty darn impossible with mature trees, but they need to do it somehow). The livability factor of this city and the impact to pollution, global warming, habitat for other non-human beings and illness is at stake.

Please- don't delay-- utilize the recommendation from the UFC now. Make our city green for the future.

Thank you for your service,

Annie Thoe

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Marie Braaksma

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From: Imcginty206@everyactioncustom.com <Imcginty206@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:09 AM

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

Subject: Protect our trees and strengthen Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: keeley.godbout@everyactioncustom.com <keeley.godbout@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:41 AM

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

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If you haven't listened to the Growing Old podcast, check it out.

Sincerely,
 Catrina Cuevas
 7554 26th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117-4423 cncat247@yahoo.com

From: Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:36 AM
To: David Moehring <moehringconsultant@gmail.com>
Cc: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SCI_Microfilm <DPD_Microfilm@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: [TREE LOSS] More of Seattle's urban forest clears as rowhouses rowhouse development rules are circumvented

CAUTION: External Email

Dear government officials,

David really summed this up nicely. Of what value are guidelines if they are not being followed and one arborist's opinion is not validated?

Trees have really made a difference to our city in this time of lockdowns and quarantines. Please help us have development and trees.

Sincerely,

Bernice Maslan  

Zay gezunt! (Be well!)

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 10:25 PM David Moehring <moehringconsultant@gmail.com> wrote:
These townhouses and rowhouses are likely already being built... but are there plans showing that all 8 trees already removed?

Also, thank you for allowing public comment. But how does one comment without seeing the ULS site plans and proposed site plan with outline of the buildings?

Please provide all of the site plans on SDCI EDMS website for the 6-unit development at **1119 NW 57TH ST** and **1119 NW 57TH ST** (recently upzoned last year to LR2(M1).)

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Please assure that **Seattle's tree protections** being enforced. What design departures were implemented, if any, within this LR2(M1) zone to retain large trees? The arborist report prepared for Alex Mason has no photos in the report but claims the Western Red Cedar was only 34" DBH...and a couple of multi-trunk lawson cypress are also indicated to be only 32" DBH. Is City arborists verifying the close DBH values and species? Will any of these large trees be retained following the short plat subdivision which was to maximize the retention of existing trees by criteria #6? The Net Result? *Increasing Seattle's Urban Heat Island ranking from #10 nationwide.*

Pro-development that also considers space for trees to counter local climate change.

David Moehring

TreePAC Volunteer

[Arborist Report](#) 320 KB 12/18/19 [6758839-CN-001](#) Construction Application Intake

Species Dbh CSD Condition and Status

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What about the big ponderosa pine at the street?

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Project:3036708-LU

Area: North/Northwest

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Address: 1124 NW 57TH ST 98107

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Guide to save trees before it is too late:

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From: jemskink@everyactioncustom.com <jemskink@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:29 AM

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

Subject: Need to Strengthen Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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304 W Highland Dr Seattle, WA 98119-3547 cathysark@mac.com

From: Annie Thoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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P O Box 15505

Seattle, Washington 98115

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From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:10 PM

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

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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From: David Miller <david@millerdavid.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 1:33 PM

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

Subject: Supporting Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am beyond thrilled to see the draft of DR 13-2020. It is a great step forward in the effort to balance the climate and rainwater benefits of trees with personal property rights. I would make a few observations I believe pertinent to decision making along the process to finalize the rule.

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Thank you very much for producing a DR based in the science of urban trees. I wholeheartedly support the implementation of this Rule as written given it contains a science-driven balance between the need to preserve trees and the need for increased housing density in our city.

Warm Regards,
David Miller
Seattle, WA

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 2:04 PM

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

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From: MartinWesterman <artartart@seanet.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 2:04 PM

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

Subject: Adopt SDCI Director's Rule 13-2020 without delay -- Seattle Green Spaces Coalition

CAUTION: External Email

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Please end 11 years of delay since urban forest protections were first proposed by the Seattle City Council in 2009, and adopt this updated Director's Rule with proposed amendments now.

In community as we work to make Seattle a more sustainable, resilient, equitable and livable city,

Martin Westerman, and the Board of
Seattle Green Spaces Coalition. / [SGSC](#)

Attachment: SGSC letter



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August 14, 2020

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From: Martin Westerman <artartart@seanet.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>
Cc: Postlewait, Christina <Christina.Postlewait@Seattle.gov>
Subject: RE: 6851 40th Ave NE

Dear Councilmembers---please see attached our response to Mr. Niven and the installation of tree protection during this construction project.

Nathan

From: Rasmussen, Betty <Betty.Rasmussen@seattle.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
Cc: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Lumsden, Faith <Faith.Lumsden@seattle.gov>; Khokhar, Jatinder <Jatinder.Khokhar@seattle.gov>
Subject: 6851 40th AVE NE and 6850 39th AVE NE

Dear Mr. Niven,

Thank you for bringing your concerns regarding the development of 6851 40th AVE NE and 6850 39th AVE NE to our attention. I assure you that SDCI is also passionate about tree protection in Seattle. We are committed to finding balance between tree preservation while allowing for the development of private property.

Tree protection has been installed for the Exceptional Deodar tree located on the adjacent property to the new development at 6851 40th AVE NE. The developer recognizes that this is an exceptional tree and is committed to protecting it. The consulting arborist is Doug Smith from Seattle Tree. The

developer has also decided to retain a tree previously marked for removal, a Western Red Cedar, #10 in the arborist report.

SDCI will continue our efforts to implement and enforce the Tree Protection Code in Seattle. I have recently highlighted some of the challenges my colleagues and I face in tree protection enforcement to our code compliance leadership team. We are now renewing a focus on working with Inspection Services and our permit review divisions to emphasize tree protection requirements.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,



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Original email

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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 4:57 PM

To: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; LEG_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>

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If you search the above property on Google and look at the maps with the satellite image, you will see a double lot with one house in the middle and trees on all sides, with literally no view to the ground at any point beyond the roof of the house.

The property has since been razed, leaving only random individual trees that border adjacent properties, with the typical subdivision approved so more than one building can be erected in place of the original building which from what i can tell was perfectly habitable.

I do see the arborist report for the development and a correction from SDCI about the fact adjacent trees had not been recorded in the tree inventory, but it was this issue that caught my eye as I drove by as I noticed the property to the South has an 'exceptional' deodar cedar on it which has not been protected and from what I can tell, the new building will likely be built within the inner root zone of the tree which is not permitted by the current SMC 25.11.050 which from what I can see means both SDCI and the developer are in violation of the current codes for tree protection during construction.

I have submitted yet another complaint through the portal but thought you should take a look at this as a good example of how the tree ordinance is not working to save trees as yet another property what was fully tree'd is not without any trees and the ones left, including neighbouring trees, will likely decline and die, fail or be removed by the new owners of each property as they are not good looking trees as they used to be surrounded by others and now are stand alone and relatively unattractive trees.

This is a clear example of why development should not have special privileges when it comes to how many trees can be removed from a property. It simply is not sustainable and yet another shaded property will become a hot, dusty mix of concrete, glass and siding which will increase the temperature of the neighbourhood, provide no habitat for wildlife and basically be an eye sore.

What are we doing here?

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a supporter of Seattle Audubon, protecting Seattle's urban forest is important to me. Trees provide essential services to people and support over 100 local bird species. Both people and birds need a healthy, growing, and equitably distributed urban forest to thrive in our city.

Thank you for your work on proposed Director's Rule 13-2020. It offers some immediate improvements for tree protection, including expanding protections for big trees, emphasizing tree retention during land division, registering arborists, and by beginning to track trees on private property.

The proposed rule can be strengthened in the following ways:

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The most important thing we can do for Seattle's urban forest is to protect the trees we already have. Please strengthen and implement this Director's Rule now and continue working with the Urban Forestry Commission, Seattle communities, and our elected officials to update the City's tree protection ordinance.

Sincerely,

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From: Joni Vanderburg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection Save Urban Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:30 PM

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

Subject: Public Comment on Proposed DR 13-2020 from Seattle Audubon

CAUTION: External Email

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections:

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Seattle Audubon urges you to strengthen, adopt, and implement the proposed Director's Rule without delay.

Sincerely,

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RE: SDCI Director's Rule 13-2020 Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal During Land Division, Including Tree Service Provider Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

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Below we provide specific comments on the proposed Director's Rule 13-2020.

Seattle Audubon supports the following in the proposed Director's Rule:

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Seattle Audubon makes the following comments and recommendations to strengthen the proposed Director's Rule:

GLOBAL COMMENT

To fulfil the purpose and intent of existing land use and tree protection codes, as well as to achieve the environmental goals set in the Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan, the City must maximize retention of exceptional trees and trees at least six inches DSH (SMC 23.22, SMC 25.11.010, 2035 Seattle Comprehensive Plan EN 1.1 & EN 1.2). Maximizing tree retention must be the goal during land division and throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones across the city. The proposed Rule as written does not communicate this goal and seems to imply that maximizing tree retention is limited to only exceptional trees and only during platting.

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Seattle Audubon notes that trees with defects or damage, including cavities, cracks, and crevices, can provide exceptional habitat and nesting opportunities for birds. Further, our urban forest is severely lacking in snags and coarse woody debris. The value of damaged, dead, and downed trees ought not to be overlooked.

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SECTION 2: EXCEPTIONAL TREE PROTECTION.

1. Please remove "EXCEPTIONAL" from section heading. The section applies to all trees greater than six inches DSH.
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SECTION 3: EXCEPTIONAL TREE REMOVAL

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Qualification must already have three years of full-time experience in arboriculture or a combination of education and practical experience. Does a "qualified professional" per DR 13-2020 require an additional three years' experience? What exactly does "tree evaluation" mean? Does that mean performing tree risk assessments? If so, how would a younger TRAQ certified arborist gain experience if experience is required to receive work in the field?

4. *Section 3.1. Tree Risk Assessment Required for Tree Removal. Fifth paragraph and associated bulleted list. The third bullet point: "International Society of Arborists" should be "International Society of Arboriculture."* The "and/or" conjunctions obscure the meaning of this bullet point and the education requirements are not clearly connected to arboriculture or forestry. These educational requirements may be redundant anyway, as the ISA Certified Arborist credential has clear experiential and educational requirements for eligibility. Further educational requirements by the city may disproportionately impact arborists who may not have had the resources for post-secondary education. If the educational requirements are necessary, the point could be clarified by the following:
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SECTION 4: REQUIRED MITIGATION FOR ALLOWED TREE REMOVAL

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Tree Species	DSH at which Species Becomes Exceptional
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ASPEN, Quaking – <i>Populus tremuloides*</i>	12"
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6. *Table 1. Record for WILLOW species: All specific epithets, subspecies, and variety names should be lower case, and species varieties should be indicated by "var." instead of "ver." The entry should read:*

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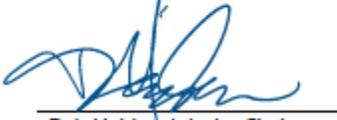
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Respectfully,



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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:53 PM
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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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PLEASE! Kind Regards and Stay Well, Rachel E. LaRoche

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Really, it should be obvious that we need trees more than ever!

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Trees need time to grow up!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Susan Picquelle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

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From: Sonia Popadycz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:48 PM
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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:53 PM

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:02 PM

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Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

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Sincerely,
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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:37 AM

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

Subject: Don't cut off the limbs of Seattle

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:40 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Protection

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From: Cassandra Strople <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:05 AM

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

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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From: Amy Vandergon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:29 AM

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Sincerely,

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

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Barbara O'Steen 60 years living in Seattle with children and grandchildren needing you to act!!!

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 12:35 PM

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

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 12:42 PM
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Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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

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

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Thank you for your work on proposed Director's Rule 13-2020. It offers some immediate improvements for tree protection, including expanding protections for big trees, emphasizing tree retention during land division, registering arborists, and by beginning to track trees on private property.

The proposed rule can be strengthened in the following ways:

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Sincerely,
Deb Dur

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From: Vincent DeLuca <vince.deluca13@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 2:23 PM

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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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From: Tom Hundley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 3:01 PM

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Subject: Constituent Feedback re: Construction & Inspections' Director's Rule 13-2020 - please adopt, w/amendments

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Thank you very much for all you and your fine staff do each and every day to help make our beautiful city more livable and pleasant. You're doing fine work and I'm proud of you.

My hard working and conscientious friends with Don't Clearcut Seattle and Friends of Urban Forests have made me aware of the important effort being conducted by the Department of Construction and Inspections as relates to a draft update to its 2008 Director's Rule on Exceptional Trees that will be used to assist developers and land owners with regard to tree protection.

I agree with the fine folks behind the Save Our Trees movement here in lovely Seattle, and join them in asking that you "... please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 - Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements ..."

Our city - with all the remarkable development that's been going on over the past decade and a half - has some crucial decisions to make about how we'll best protect our wonderful urban forest. The updated Director's Rule that I refer to above is - in my opinion - a very meaningful

step forward that will help assure citizens of this amazing city that trees - so important to a healthy community - will be safe and abundant for us all to enjoy in the decades to come.

I urge your office to thoroughly consider the arguments being presented by my friends with Don't Clearcut Seattle, and to find your way toward agreeing with them that indeed "... Seattle must move forward now, WITHOUT the delay urged by some, in adopting [the] updated Director's Rule ... [and that] ... the amendments proposed below be [accepted]."

It is my understanding that improving tree protections all throughout gorgeous Seattle was initially brought forward by our City Council more than a decade ago. I feel that it's entirely wise and reasonable to finally move ahead on it favorably.

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Thank you very much for your time with my communication. I know that you and your excellent staff value the trees that help make Seattle a healthy and beautiful place to live, work, study, worship, and recreate. Wishing you a tremendous and peaceful summer,

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Thank you,
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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CAUTION: External Email

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From: Amy Hansen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:33 PM

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

Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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From: THEANO PETERSEN <theano@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:27 PM

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

Subject: PLEASE SAVE SEATTLE TREES AND ECOSYSTEM! Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

This letter has the details if you need them. I have attended many meetings of the tree protection groups over the years. Many experts and groups have come together to craft this plan. It has literally taken over a decade to even get this looked at, and while you wait, Seattle trees and green space are disappearing at a horrendous rate. Fewer trees means worse air and water quality, hotter temperatures, death to insects, birds, and our beautiful ecosystem, not to mention reduced quality of life for humans. Coronavirus restrictions have made people realize that life in tiny concrete boxes with no trees or green spaces is no good. I'm hoping now that people realize that, our trees can be saved. Please stop delaying.

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:55 PM

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Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI’s Director’s Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Subject: , SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Karen Keeley <keeley.godbout@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:10 PM

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Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission is a first-rate group of expert, dedicated tree

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Sincerely,
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