

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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Mayor Ed Murray and Councilmember Sally Bagshaw
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Opportunities for Urban Forestry in the Carbon Market

Dear Mayor Murray and Councilmember Bagshaw,

The Commission heard an interesting briefing by Mark McPherson who has been working on the Urban Forest Carbon Offset Protocol for the Climate Action Reserve in California. He briefed the Commission on some interesting opportunities for funding urban forestry through carbon policies or legislation, including the California cap and trade law and possible Washington carbon policies.

The Commission sees opportunities for funding urban forestry through the creation of tree planting and canopy protocols that might allow California businesses to purchase carbon offsets coming from Seattle.

The Commission will follow developments in Olympia and continue to engage in finding urban forestry opportunities in the Carbon market.

Sincerely,



Peg Staeheli, Chair
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cc: Council President Burgess, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant, Jill Simmons, Erik McConaghy

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