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Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections  
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RE: Tree regulations update Racial Equity Toolkit

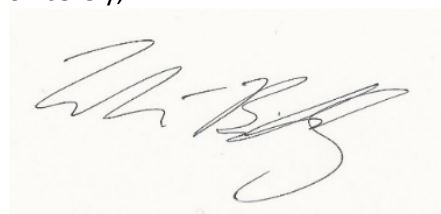
Dear Nathan,

The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) thanks SDCI for their ongoing work to update the City's tree protection regulations in general, and to Charlie Spear for his work on applying the City's Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) to this effort.

The UFC was encouraged to see that racial equity considerations are being brought into this work and is happy to provide input as the RET is finalized. It will be important to plan ahead for support to BIPOC communities as a tree removal permit and a payment-in-lieu option are designed.

The UFC acknowledges that SDCI is in the middle of the tree regulations update process and looks forward to having additional opportunities to engage with staff and provide input.

Sincerely,



Weston Brinkley, Chair

cc: Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, Council President Lorena González, CM Lisa Herbold, CM Debora Juarez, CM Andrew Lewis, CM Tammy Morales, CM Teresa Mosqueda, CM Alex Pedersen, CM Kshama Sawant, CM Dan Strauss, Jessica Finn Coven, Michelle Caulfield, Charlie Spear, Urban Forestry Management Team, Urban Forestry Core Team, Yolanda Ho, Austin Miller

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