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 February 17, 2020

From: David Powell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:20 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,

Dear elected official.

As a long time citizen of our wonderful city, I would ask that you please strongly consider making the saving of our urban forest a high priority. It strikes me as smart to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Thank you!

David Powell

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From: Charna Klein <charnaklein@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:26 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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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Charna Klein

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From: Anne Roda <a.roda@comcast.net> Sent: Friday, February 7, 2020 10:29 AM

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,

I worked for the Seattle Parks Department for many years as a Gardener and planted many trees for the City. I know first hand how much effort it takes to not just plant a tree, but to keep it alive over our hot and dry summers and over it's lifetime. As a city, we need to protect as many trees as possible to provide not just beauty, but all the vital elements that trees give to us by their continued presence, cleaner air, shade in the hot summer, lessening storm water runoff, as well as providing habitat for wildlife.

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Anne Roda

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:37 AM

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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Wendy Oberlin

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From: tawny Bates <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2020 8:36 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email** 

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I agree with the following comments about the critical importance of tree canopy. I also believe tree protection efforts MUST operate from the Office of Sustainability, NOT the Dept. of Construction and Land Use.

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Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Cat Reny <catreny@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 8:15 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

### **CAUTION: External Email**

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In fact, implementation and enforcement of tree protection should be transferred to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

Thank you,

Cat Reny

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From: Brian Magliozzi <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 9:44 AM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email** 

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Nancy Simsons <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 10:14 AM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

#### **CAUTION: External Email**

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Nancy Simsons

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Seatte, Washington 98103

From: Marilyn Reed <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 11:43 AM

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

**Subject:** Please please keep Seattle livable!

**CAUTION: External Email** 

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Marilyn Reed

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**From:** Holly Townes <hollytownes@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:35 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

## **CAUTION: External Email**

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Holly Townes

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Seattle, Washington 98103

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

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 8:42 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email** 

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Please don't allow money-grabbing developers to continue felling majestic trees which benefit us all and will continue to benefit others for generations to come.

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Susan Montacute

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Seattle, Washington 98108

From: Wimsey Cherrington <wimsey@wimsey.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 9:51 PM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

### **CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

This is my #1 concern and has been increasingly distressing as time passes without an updated Tree Protection Plan as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

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Seattle, Washington 98122

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

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 9:04 AM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email** 

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Developers have decimated my neighborhood by chopping down all trees in yards where new homes are being built. One developer tried to claim a large tree on the property would make it impossible to build a home on the property. That was false. A tree-conscious developer designed a home that included the large tree in the home/property design. The courts ruled in the neighborhood's favor to save the tree.

The same decimation is occurring along Greenwood Ave. Large trees lining the streets were needlessly chopped down just to fix a minor crack in a sidewalk. A year later they have not been replaced, and even when replaced, it will be 70-80 years before they reach comparable maturity.

When the trees are cut down, so are the animal habitats. The developers of the new house on the corner of my street chopped down a small tree on the parking medium despite a fence and sign requesting just 1 more week for the three baby birds to mature enough to leave the nest. The day work commenced, the developer pulled the nest out of the tree and killed all three chicks just to ensure their work schedule would not be interrupted. It is against both state and federal law to kill song birds. But a call to the City of Seattle said they had no ability to prevent private contractors from killing wildlife.

Do the right thing and save the trees and wildlife.

Susan Hemingway hemingwaysusanj@gmail.com

737 North 82nd Street Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Margaret Morrison <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 5:12 PM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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Seattle, Washington Wa.

From: Cynthia Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 7:43 PM

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

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From: Karen Barrett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 8:04 PM

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

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These are minimal requirements to keep our city on track for canopy protection!

Climate change is NOW & our ability to grow new trees must not be taken for granted!

Karen Barrett

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From: Jacqui Smith-Bates <jacquisb@spu.edu> Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:18 AM

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

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

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From: Catherine Ruha <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:53 PM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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This city MUST do something to combat climate change and prevent Seattle from becoming a

heat island. Trees provide natural cooling and keep this the Emerald City we claim to be.

Trees reduce stress and help people feel happy. Happy people walk more under the shade of

a tree where birds can nest and sing. The overall environmental and emotional health of the

city and our people need trees.

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

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 8:11 PM

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

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My wife and I are frequent visitors to Seattle. For more than 20 years we have been coming to visit our son, and more recently to visit our grandchildren. We have always been impressed with what we perceived to be a very progressive tree protection program. Now more than ever it is important to protect our trees. If our grandchildren are to have any chance to living a good life we need to protect our natural environment. Trees are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem. Please give them a chance.

Tom and Bea Hoffmann

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From: Deborah Bell <deborahbell@comcast.net> Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:52 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:26 AM

**To:** Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa

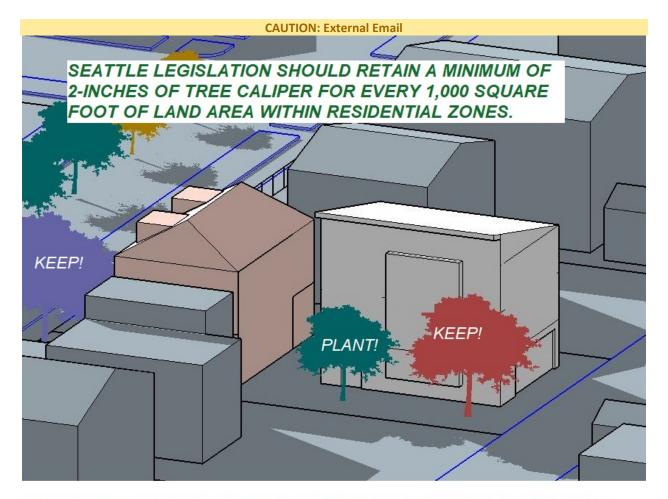
<Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

Cc: Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Magnolia Community Council

<magnoliacommunityclub@gmail.com>; Queen Anne Community Council <queenannecc@gmail.com>;
Barbara Bernard via Magnolia Tree Keepers - All messages <Magnolia-tree-</pre>

keepers\_all@googlegroups.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; ppcprint@nwlink.com; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Today at 9:30am- Tree Ordinance EIS first in November 2020: Is this serious?



**SEATTLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL:** Please reinstate minimum tree retain-age / planting requirements for all lots that have maximum 35% ground coverage. The minimum was removed with ADU legislation in August 2019 for no reason.

REFERENCE: Highly objectionable code changes that was not studied within the FEIS for the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance is found within the Seattle Municipal Code SMC 23.44.008.I. This legislation reduced the minimum tree retain-age and planting requirements by 80% despite the fact that the amount of open land area remained unchanged.

Seattle Needs a **Stronger Tree Ordinance** now. As such, why would an Environmental Impact Study be conducted as late as November 2020? Please resist the delay on work that has been progressing through the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission for years. Since an EIS would only be required if the City Council intends on reduce tree protections, a stronger tree ordinance may proceed sooner rather

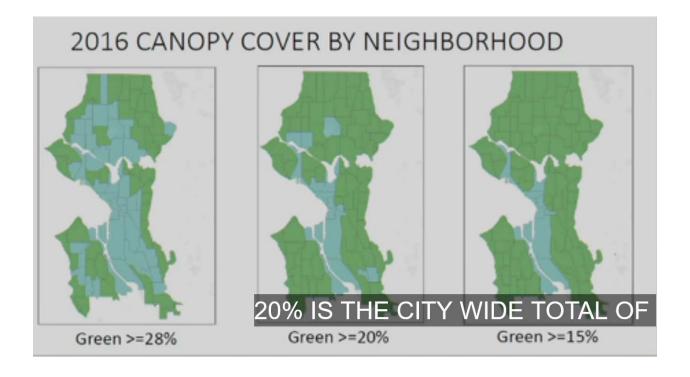
than later. Public outreach was extensively conducted in 2018. Why would SDCI be looking first at an EIS in November 2020 which could mean an ordinance not being in place until early or mid-2021?

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David Moehring AIA Board Member, TreePAC

SEATTLE LEGISLATION SHOULD RETAIN A MINIMUM OF 2-INCHES OF TREE CALIPER FOR EVERY 1,000 SQUARE FOOT OF LAND AREA WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Note the disparity within the tree canopy is mentioned in Josh Morris' December 2019 presentation as well as the presentation planned for today.



Forwarded email

From: "Michael Oxman"

Date: February 11, 2020 at 6:35 PM

To: "Thaler, Toby",

richard\_ellison@hotmail.com

Subject: Re: [treepac\_seattle] Review of DCI Tree Submittal per Resolution

Howdy,

Thanks for the update on tree policy. I also have a list of 8 comments:

1).

The letter does not express awareness of a profound emergency. The values statement at the beginning of the proposal omits the fact that rapid development can wipe out our limited stock of mature trees in a very short amount of time.

What happened to the City Auditor recommendation to centralize authority in the Office of Sustainability?

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- 7) Deploy crews to underserved communities.
- 8) Replace damaged concrete farther from tree trunks.
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I write this keeping in mind that 4 City Councilmembers retired rather than face the criticism that they failed to update the tree ordinance for over 10 years.

Thanks for listening.

Michael Oxman ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0756A (206) 949-8733

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On February 11, 2020 at 12:42 PM "Thaler, Toby" <<u>Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov</u>> wrote: Your review of the presentation and SDCI report in response to Resolution on Wednesday's Land Use and Neighborhood Committee agenda (item 3 at <a href="http://seattle.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=760835&GUID=97474BF7-3480-4539-892C-3F106ADC9619">http://seattle.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=760835&GUID=97474BF7-3480-4539-892C-3F106ADC9619</a>) would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Toby Thaler, Legislative Aide

Councilmember Pedersen's Office

Cell 206 640-6982

From: Michael Cvitkovic <cvit4@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:50 AM

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

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From: Laura Skiles-Bundy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:12 AM

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

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From: Laura Lovell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:30 AM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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## Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am writing to sxpress support for the proposed Urban Tree Protection Ordinance. Seattle's tree lined streets are a treasure. They clean the air, create beauty and a sense of peace in troubled times. Some of them provide food for pollinators, and a home for birds. Sometimes they drop leaves on us, sometimes push up sidewalk paving slabs. Get over it. They give us more than they inconvenience us. Seattle's neighborhoods are more lovely by far than San Francisco's, because we have trees and gardens. Please do not make our city a dreary expanse of concrete. We have enough such areas already. Please support this proposed plan.

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Thank you!

David

David Geisen

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From: Justin Clark < jbclark2@live.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 4:50 PM

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

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From: Nora Lih <nelih@q.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:35 PM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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The suggestions offered by this organization is, in my opinion, way too little. What I want is no trees cut down without two being planted AND something supported by city funds to get rid of the English ivy--the other factor destroying our trees. It is absolutely appalling to see how few trees we have now, and how many of those that remain that are being choked by ivy.

Nora Lih

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From: Paul Grekin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:17 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Chuck Dolan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Ron Lewis <rhlewis@lps.k12.co.us>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:13 PM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email** 

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

There's a hole in the sky!

Ron Lewis

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From: Alan Greenbaum <agreenb@uw.edu> Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:50 PM

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

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From: dsucher@citycomforts.com <dsucher@citycomforts.com>

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 1:23 PM

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

Subject: Fwd: Proposed tree ordinance -- meeting of 2/12/20

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Hi Sandra,

Please forward to all Commission members.

Thanks,

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#### **David Sucher**

Begin forwarded message:

From: "dsucher@citycomforts.com" <dsucher@citycomforts.com>

Subject: Proposed tree ordinance -- meeting of 2/12/20

Date: February 14, 2020 at 1:21:52 PM PST

To: andrew.lewis@seattle.gov

Dear Councilmember Lewis,

I was impressed by your candid remark about the inevitable mis-use of a legitimate tree protection ordinance to stop development of housing.

I was also impressed by the energy and sincere passion on the part of my neighbors who advocate for the proposal. But I was saddened by their lack of a factual basis. They offer a lot of heat but not a lot of light. (please see my post below).

If you get to legislation I am looking forward to the SEPA process because it will flush-out some data-based answers. I also suggest you start asking the Urban Forestry Commission to think of alternatives, as the SEPA process requires. I do not believe that the proposed legislation will help us meet out explicit goals urban forest canopy goals.

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Here's my own post from a few days ago on Next Door Neighbor:

https://nextdoor.com/news\_feed/?post=136679199&comment=340283374

# "Significant loss of healthy mature trees?"

Stuart Niven and I were starting to discuss trees and their loss. But the author of the original post (it was on DADUs) was concerned about side-issues and asked us to move the discussion to another post. So here goes: —— Hi Stuart, You often mention your concern and claim about "significant loss of healthy mature trees" in Seattle. I question (literally) the scale of the claim. My question is timely. You advocate new legislation because of such "significant loss of healthy mature trees". So I'm curious about the factual basis for your claim [1] I ask [1] 1. Roughly, how many such healthy mature trees have been lost? Over, say, the last 10-15 years? 2. How many trees, without your legislation, are likely to be lost over the next 10-15 years? 3. By what process did you determine such number(s)? What are your numbers? Both historical and prospective? We've discussed more than once and you do not have such

numbers (or similar ones) and so I assume that such historical numbers don't exist. It seems to me that without such historical numbers on tree loss it's premature to change the current tree ordinance. We should wait until we have some facts. To be doubly clear: I am not stating that you are wrong. But because you and others base your advocacy for a broad new law, your claims require factual substantiation. BTW, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't do something but that "something" should be to plant more trees. The City has figures on % current tree canopy and has established a goal to increase that % and I support that goal without reservation believe that the current attempt to preserve trees, while well-intentioned, misses the larger point believe that Yes we need to enhance our urban forest — but by mostly planting more trees. — street trees in particular— rather than focusing on the preservation of, as you yourself say, a relatively very few existing trees.

Sincerely, David Sucher

From: Marian Wineman < mwineman@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 4:44 PM

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

Subject: Save our Trees - they are making us healthy by cleaning our AIR

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Remember that replacement is not nearly as effective or climate friendly as saving our existing trees! I strongly URGE you to PROTECT our cities lungs NOW!!

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From: Laurel Stanford <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:43 PM

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

Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: J.A.H. <deergrazingbymoonlite@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 5:24 PM

**To:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; climbwall@msn.com; info@plantamnesty.org; Maria

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Subject: TREES going down in Seattle and beyond...

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Good day all at Seattle City Council to Dow and KCLS and everyone on this e mail ~ Thank you for working to make the city more beautiful and helping it and all of us thrive.

I just heard on KUOW about the tree issue at the council and the wonderful song, the musical activism, reminds me of the antiwar and civil rights movements.

I am writing you today to leave information with you about just a few of many observations on trees in Seattle (and Vashon) that I have noted over 25 yrs...

I have been on multiple occasions in contact with Sandra Pinto de Bader of the Urban Forestry Commission. My first contact was setting an appointment to meet with her in person. She gave me materials about her dept. It felt as tho I was getting a marketing talk; I didn't feel that she was able to listen or care about my concerns at the time.

After that we e mailed back and forth. I often tried calling but she was usually gone out of office and I was told by staff that she traveled a lot. She offered me to come to their mtgs. which I would have loved to do but I cannot afford to go downtown for them.

One serious concern I had was for about 12 trees, full grown Maples I believe, that were cut along Fauntleroy Way in West Seattle. They stood beautifully between an athletic field and Fauntleroy. I was told that a limb from one tree hit a car causing some (minor?) damage.

This was the reason given for cutting down all those full grown beautiful trees. Sandra did not know why they were cut but she looked into it.

This makes me wonder, wouldn't it be best if the city was notified when trees are planned to be cut but BEFORE CUTTING?

Permission should be given, especially these days when we are asked to PLANT TREES TO HELP REMOVE CO2 from the atmosphere and GIVE US OXYGEN.

I fear for two historic black walnut trees that sit in front of a historic bldg along Vashon hwy, The Fuller Store. A very wealthy (billionaire?) bought the property and after painting the bldg it has sat empty for a number of years now. Will those trees suddenly disappear one day? He clear cut an entire block that he purchased 5 min. from town center and exposed a pond that used to have wild life and water lilies, a terrific apple tree and lots of cover for animals. Now naked with a barren and lonely dark spot of water.

A huge and beautiful eucalyptus tree alongside our pharmacy. Some years ago, suddenly gone.

So much for the greening of our environment.

Sandra did not seem too concerned whenever I communicated with her.

And what do you know, a few years go by and some spindly little new trees/sticks are planted in the very places where the full grown trees were cut down on Fauntleroy.

Trees were considered a "danger" so they were cut down. Yes, trees do have a "dangerous " aspect I guess. In the same way that living is "dangerous".

There was an old man in a very small cabin-like home here that lived through a storm when a large tree came down upon his house. One can't predict these things but certainly cutting down trees needs to be well thought out and, I would say, approved/no exceptions.

I have two gorgeous very large double Redwoods right next to my house. They are what sold me on my home.

But my neighbors on my small street have in recent years for no good reason cut down over 30 trees or more.

I contacted KCLS library over a year before they had planned to renovate our library here on Vashon.

I asked them to please protect the (about 8) full grown maples in our pkg lot which seemed easy enough to accomplish and hoped they could also save two specimen Japanese Snow Bell trees whose fragrant flowers in the spring and whose easy to climb moderately sized trees were fun for the kids.

Our library felt homey and "small town". It's very different now; people new to the island have no idea how pretty our library used to be.

Tho I persisted and spoke with two people in charge by e mail for over a year, I made the mistake of not getting a petition started. I even pleaded with the workers before they began their work.

I know the community would have been all on board and we could have saved those great trees.

Cool shade in hot summer sun in our parking lot and such grace, beauty and fragrance just as you entered the library door especially in spring when you walked under the fragrant blossoms of the Snow Bell trees. And a half circle bench with a short wall behind it and bushes for a cozy private feel.

No respect for trees or the community that loves and needs them. All were cut.

So visit Vashon and see our library. The concrete sidewalk was expanded and huge lights put in, lights that are sized for the city, totally out sized for our small community. Who are the designers?!

The trees are all gone. I'm going to say that nothing, absolutely nothing is there to replace them.

Spindly sticks of trees, of no size shape or beauty were put in, died, more of nothing put in.

It's all truly terrible.

KCLS OWES VASHON AND NEEDS TO PUT SOME MONEY AND EFFORT TO REPLACE AT LEAST SOME OF WHAT WE HAVE LOST.

I've heard the librarians say they missed the original trees in the year or so after they were gone. Take a look at the trees that face the hwy there at Ober Park where the library is; they were just like those lovelies.

I have seen pictures of libraries that King Co. has upgraded/renovated and it appears that there has been a loss of trees around the new bldgs.

Certainly on Vashon it is devastating, our loss of beautiful fully grown trees.

And I will say that planting tiny new trees is not equivalent to the loss of a 26 (or more) yr old trees.

WHO WILL PREVENT THE LOSS OF TREES, THE LOSS OF OXYGEN, THE INCREASE OF CO2, THE LOSS OF A SOUND BARRIER THAT TREES PROVIDE, THE LOSS OF ALL THE INSECTS AND other 4 legged ANIMALS THAT LOVE AND NEED TREES?

Where will we find peace and beauty without trees?!

I have seen other serious losses, an old tree in Lincoln Park where I was actually lied to by the city when I asked why cuts were made on the tree ("that's what we do to older trees') and then, short time later, the tree was cut down, a small new tree in its place. Plant amnesty whose head has now died joined me on that brief fight.

Who is making these decisions? It is my hope that in the near future Seattle will be moving towards more protections for trees, our most valued neighbors, and that the depts like Urban Forestry and perhaps your influence on King County for their library and all organizations in the system be better monitored for what they are doing and not doing regarding caring for, maintaining and protecting trees.

This 4 min video below was made by the man who planted and now mourns the loss of the eucalyptus he planted. To see another eucalyptus he planted at the same time that still lives, see the one at the Market Space on the hwy in the center of town.

For a great true story of a woman who lived in an ancient tree, about 1500 yrs old, 180 ft. tall Calif. Redwood for 738 days. Read The Legacy of Luna. Julia Butterfly Hill is her name.

Do we realize that we are creating A FUTURE WHERE WE WILL HAVE NO OLD TREES?

Canada has a contest each year where the children are asked to find the largest maple leaf.

What can our future be?

What can you do at your job to bring about positive change for Seattle for King County for Vashon?

I ask you.

Thank you.

One World,

Jo Ann Herbert RN, BSN (retired) Vashon 206-567-5852

#### tree

From: Michael Byrd <byrd4646@man.com> Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 8:30 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Susan Robbins <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:29 AM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email** 

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From: Sophia Keller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:00 PM

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

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**From:** Chris Covert-Bowlds <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:40 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees for our health!

#### **CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a family doctor, I urge you to pass the tree ordinance now, for our health.

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**From:** Patricia Duff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 6:23 PM

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

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From: Nancy Miller <nsergeant@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 7:58 PM

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

**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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From: P Stevenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 1:02 AM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 6:28 PM

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

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From: Jane Lybecker <janelyb@man.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2020 12:31 PM

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

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