

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through August 13, 2020. Please note that these the bulk of these emails are providing input to the Director's Rule 13-2020

From: Writekm@everyactioncustom.com <Writekm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:00 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have read and agree with the following letter:

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brendan.drummey@gmail.com

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:06 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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 patricia wolfram
 1728 1/2 N 125th St Seattle, WA 98133-7721 pmwolfram@gmail.com

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 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:23 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
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From: dsnov@everyactioncustom.com <dsnov@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:51 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,

Doreen Snow

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From: st34uv5@everyactioncustom.com <st34uv5@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:52 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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First of all, thank you very much for all of your hard work and dedication to the city of Seattle.

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Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Crystal Perez

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From: adam.charles.rose@everyactioncustom.com <adam.charles.rose@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:59 AM

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

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adam.charles.rose@gmail.com

From: markforcalquier@everyactioncustom.com <markforcalquier@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:04 AM
 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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Sincerely,
Mark Smith

12720 Dayton Ave N Seattle, WA 98133-7915 markforcalquier@gmail.com

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:11 AM

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

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Sincerely,
Diana Law

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:19 AM

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

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Sincerely,
 Lisa Arnold
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From: tae.mclaughlin@everyactioncustom.com <tae.mclaughlin@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:21 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Tae Yamasaki McLaughlin

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:22 AM

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

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 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:41 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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CAUTION: External Email

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First of all, thank you for all you are doing to address the multiple crises our city and country are facing. You are having to act as first responders.

I am sure you have received many copies of the suggestions in the form letter below. Here are my personal thoughts: I live in Wallingford, which has open space, street trees (some planted by me with the help of a city grant 20 years ago) backyard trees and parks- all of which have added to my quality of life, especially in the Time of Covid.

The presence of the natural environment is one of the privileges of white and affluent citizens that has been highlighted in the recent news coverage of racial and economic inequities. Trees (and their wild inhabitants) create oases of shade and lower temperatures on city streets, soften harsh landscapes, and improve air quality. I take them for granted until I am in a setting that doesn't have them. They have an enormous impact on my state of wellbeing, and studies have shown that patients recover more quickly when they have a view of the natural environment from their hospital beds.

My 96 year old mother just spent her last quarantined months of life comforted by the trees and the birds at the feeder outside the window of her retirement home.

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Carita Polin

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:49 AM

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From: bishopmarilyn18@everyactioncustom.com <bishopmarilyn18@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:57 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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From: sarahgkwan@everyactioncustom.com <sarahgkwan@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

While stuck at home during this pandemic, I've had to live through listening to the pounding of 4 townhomes being built on the lot next to me, but I've also had the pleasure of spending more time in my small back yard listening to and watching the local birds! In fact, a family of blue jays had a nest of baby jays (born sometime in early April) that are now learning to fly in our back yard. The lot behind my house is now slated for 5 more townhomes, and tragically the trees that the baby blue jays nested in and are learning to fly from is on that lot, and I'm sure it will be torn down in service of fitting 5 units into one lot.

As more and more people want to own residences in Seattle, I understand how important it is to increase housing density, but protecting Seattle's urban forest is a critical part of ensuring that Seattle remains a pleasant place to live. 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.

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From: carol@everyactioncustom.com <carol@everyactioncustom.com>
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Carol Hosford

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 10:53 AM

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Rachael McClinton

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From: mirabeau49@everyactioncustom.com <mirabeau49@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:00 AM

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

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

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:09 AM

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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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I agree with the recommendation below. My neighbors and I just invested \$500 to hire an arborist to properly prune a majestic black walnut tree on our shared planting strip. I have spent much more over the years to keep large cedar and maples in good health. Other residents do the same but our contributions to the welfare of our shared urban environment are unrecognized. Instead the demands of developers to scrape the earth and build hideous tiny apartment buildings are given the endorsement of city officials including the Council. We are losing the Emerald City in the false pursuit of "affordable housing." It is not a binary choice. People need trees in their neighborhoods, not only in park preserves! A small reduction in citywide development capacity is a small price to pay for the protection of mature trees. Both people and birds need a healthy, growing, and equitably distributed urban forest to thrive in our city.

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Appreciating the urban forest and its benefits, and the long timescale of tree replacement - I strongly support measures to maintain and enhance Seattle's tree protection.

I have been dismayed to see the extent of very large tree removal that has happened in my own neighborhood of Montlake with the SR 520 work- It seems clear to me that many of the very large trees taken down in construction staging areas could have been worked around. Regrowth of any trees planted as replacement will take many decades to resume the iconic stature of those removed.

I would then thank you for your work on proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 and support the Seattle Audubon's suggestions to improve the proposal.

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Dennis Shaw

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:01 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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 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:04 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
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swestervelt@comcast.net

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 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:24 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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rt.perbus@gmail.com

From: loiswoolwine@everyactioncustom.com <loiswoolwine@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Lois Woolwine
13508 28th At. NE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

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13508 28th St NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258-9227 loiswoolwine@gmail.com

From: florianray@everyactioncustom.com <florianray@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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florianray@comcast.net

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:19 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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I would propose strengthening the draft Director's Rule can by:

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
ELISE EVANS

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:32 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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Sincerely,
Alan Hardwick
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From: kim.scott@everyactioncustom.com <kim.scott@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Kim Scott

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

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 Carol Sue Ivory-Carline
 7523 31st Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115-4701 carolsic@umich.edu

From: sue@everyactioncustom.com <sue@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 4:52 PM
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Sincerely,
sue quigley

7156 34th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126-3302 sue@suequigley.com

From: kdaniels7@everyactioncustom.com <kdaniels7@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 4:54 PM

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Kathryn Daniels
217 NW 46th St Seattle, WA 98107-4341
kdaniels7@gmail.com

From: pokano@everyactioncustom.com <pokano@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 5:24 PM
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Pamela Okano

2211 NE 54th St Apt 2D Seattle, WA 98105-3250 pokano@rmlaw.com

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 5:26 PM

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From: Eatonb4@everyactioncustom.com <Eatonb4@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 6:16 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Brett Eaton

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 6:39 PM

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Estelle Shives

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:16 PM

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Sincerely,
Steven Gary

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From: frankbackus1@everyactioncustom.com <frankbackus1@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:51 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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Sincerely,
 Frank Backus
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From: katiemiles@everyactioncustom.com <katiemiles@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:51 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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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Being raised on a potato farm in Southeastern Idaho, I've never been at ease living in big cities, even though I've lived on and off in Seattle for the last twenty years. Never have I felt less at ease than now, with a construction project that feels like it's on top of my husband and me. They have maximized the square footage allowable on the lot. They've shaved it of all of its trees and shrubs. That's probably the

worst part about the whole thing. Losing the green is a tough thing to watch in Seattle, and it continues apace. It breaks my heart.

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Sincerely,
Katie Miles

1916 Pike Pl # 1340 Seattle, WA 98101-1056 katiemiles@gmail.com

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:06 PM

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

Subject: Comments on 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 and out of my own love of trees, 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.

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Please don't wait to strengthen and enact this proposed director's rule. Every day of delay is more trees lost in "the Emerald City."

Sincerely,

Katherine Chesick

1039 NE 127th St Seattle, WA 98125-4005 kchesick@earthlink.net

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

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:46 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Over my 75 years living in the Ravenna/Bryant-UW-University Village neighborhood, I've observed a steady, and recently accelerating, diminution of tree canopy and related habitat, and of the diversity of animal life that should populate a healthy urban ecosystem

The land-use decisions the City makes, and the nature of the development these allow, are irreversible. The damage is done. For how much longer will the predations of development be allowed to define the future of our City, and condemn future generations to a degraded urban environment?

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Sincerely,
 Dick Birnbaum
 2211 NE 54th St Seattle, WA 98105-3247
dickbirnbaum@comcast.net

From: breean@everyactioncustom.com <breean@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:10 AM
 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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Sincerely,
Breean Kay
7305 25th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117-4417 breean@tingleff.com

From: jshenikoff@everyactioncustom.com <jshenikoff@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
Jorja Henikoff
4711 51st Pl SW Seattle, WA 98116-4331
jshenikoff@gmail.com

From: susan@everyactioncustom.com <susan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Let's strengthen tree protection!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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 Susan London
 711 Belmont Pl E Seattle, WA 98102-4420 susan@susanmlondon.com

From: gyrogal@everyactioncustom.com <gyrogal@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 8:58 AM
 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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Sincerely,
 Barbara Dick
 5109 Palatine Ave N Seattle, WA 98103-6023 gyrogal@earthlink.net

From: avcrofts@everyactioncustom.com <avcrofts@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 8:59 AM
 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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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Sincerely,

Anita Crofts
5803 24th Ave NW Unit 43 Seattle, WA 98107-5266 avcrofts@gmail.com

From: paulm@everyactioncustom.com <paulm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:12 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkan, Council President González, and Councilmember Juarez:

I am writing to urge you to protect and expand Seattle's urban forest. Trees are an essential part of the carbon cycle that sustains life on Earth. Seattle's trees provide habitat and foraging areas for more than 100 species of birds, which are of particular concern to me as a longtime member of Seattle Audubon. A healthy, growing, and equitably distributed urban forest are needed for people and wildlife to thrive in our city.

I am writing specifically to address 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.

However, the proposed rule could be strengthened in the following ways:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Metzner

12201 9th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125-4957 paulm@seanet.com

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

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:32 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,
Jan Lawrence
6211 2nd Ave NW Seattle, WA 98107-2022
janplawrence@msn.com

From: msawedball@everyactioncustom.com <msawedball@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Vicki Panzeri
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msawedball@yahoo.com

From: finleylester@everyactioncustom.com <finleylester@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:22 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I'm fine with the rule as is.

I love nature but I also realize that trees are just a part of it, and they can be expensive and problematic in cities. Seattle has more than enough trees.

Sincerely,
Russ Finley
1506 N 36th St Seattle, WA 98103-8932
finleylester@hotmail.com

From: tonypam@everyactioncustom.com <tonypam@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:15 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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Living near Carkeek Park and 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. Yet many of my neighbors have and are cutting down their trees.

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Sincerely,
Pamela Puglisi

1327 NW Norcross Way Seattle, WA 98177-5235 tonypam@comcast.net

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

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:16 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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Sincerely,

Frances Merenda

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From: larinsmith2010@everyactioncustom.com <larinsmith2010@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:30 PM

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

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Larin Summer

4251 Aurora Ave N Apt 214 Seattle, WA 98103-7331 larinsmith2010@hotmail.com

From: Penrose-Muerdter <mue.rose@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 1:45 PM

To: SCIDRulesComments@seattle.gov

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

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

CAUTION: External Email

To the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections:

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MY ASK: please do not delay strengthening and implementing the Director's Rule Relating to Tree Protection. Action is crucial to protect our trees, which contribute so much to our quality of life here in Seattle. Time to live up to our Emerald City nickname!

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Sincerely,
Nancy Penrose
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mue.rose@gmail.com

From: bdarrah1@everyactioncustom.com <bdarrah1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 1:47 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Having lived in the same house in the Madrona neighborhood for 58 years I have been gratified at the growth of the urban forest around us.. My husband and I planted a number of conifers in our yard shortly after we moved in in 1962. You can imagine how they now look after 58 years of growth. All protections you can provide to our beloved front and backyard trees are essential, not only to us but to our entire neighborhood and to the wider environment.

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. Please continue your good efforts.

Sincerely,
Betsy Darrah
826 37th Ave Seattle, WA 98122-5225
bdarrah1@comcast.net

From: schinzinger@everyactioncustom.com <schinzinger@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
 Barbara Schinzinger
 4835 Lake Washington Blvd S Seattle, WA 98118-1550 schinzinger@gmail.com

From: vkimcm@everyactioncustom.com <vkimcm@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 5:08 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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Vicki McMullin
112 N 49th St Seattle, WA 98103-6323
vkimcm@gmail.com

From: swanbird2@everyactioncustom.com <swanbird2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 6:05 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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Amy Swanson
27412 124th Pl SE Kent, WA 98030-8510
swanbird2@gmail.com

From: ewbankw@everyactioncustom.com <ewbankw@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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 Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:02 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: eileen.maloney@everyactioncustom.com <eileen.maloney@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: mmueller@everyactioncustom.com <mmueller@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:22 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: Audrey Meade <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 3:21 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,

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.

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

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated 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 (6" 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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8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect Seattle's urban forest!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I support the efforts of the Seattle Audubon and believe in the need for protecting Seattle's urban forest. Trees are essential for the environment, create healthier neighborhoods, lower temperatures, 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. This rule does offer improvements for tree protection, but I believe it can go farther:

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From: emily.pco1944@everyactioncustom.com <emily.pco1944@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Julie Olsen

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

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:29 PM

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

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

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Developers are currently allowed to clearcut our old growth trees with zero consequences. How can city official claim they want to do something to curb climate change, when they then turn around and put the developers' profits ahead of saving our tree canopy?? Old growth trees are one of the best defenses against climate chaos, but they don't have lobbyists or big bucks. Cutting down large trees and sometimes replacing them with small trees is doing very little to combat climate chaos since it takes 50 years for trees to be able to start performing their natural ability to mitigate climate change.

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. We can have development AND trees if more thought is put into the planning process.

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.

However, the proposed rule needs to be strengthened in the following ways:

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Trees benefit us all, so retaining them needs to be given a higher priority by Seattle city leaders.

Sincerely,

Gayle Janzen

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From: catlady1@everyactioncustom.com <catlady1@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:14 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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Sincerely,

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catlady1@wavecable.com

From: carolfurry@everyactioncustom.com <carolfurry@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
carol furry

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

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:41 PM

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

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Berggren

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From: carapko56@everyactioncustom.com <carapko56@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 7:24 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We have lived in this neighborhood for 30 years and have seen so many trees get churned up within days in order to build another giant house. There is so much more noise pollution now. Trees are taken down anytime of year. During nesting time and at such a fast rate all over the Seattle plus areas in order to bring in more congestion, and take away habitat for the birds and animals who also need to live here. Beauty and nature, quality of life are being replaced with no possible equal, a great loss to the future as well, which delivers only emptiness when more and more animals who support the natural balance are tossed aside. 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.

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Sincerely,
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From: corneil.jeffrey@everyactioncustom.com <corneil.jeffrey@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 7:48 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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Jeffrey Corneil

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From: suzanne.richman@everyactioncustom.com <suzanne.richman@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:07 AM

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

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 Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:59 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Protecting Seattle's urban forest is important to me. After spending the first two decades of my life here, the city's abundance of large trees and other green space is one of the reasons for my recent relocation back. As Seattleites, we are so fortunate to have a healthy, robust urban forest that spans across neighborhoods, and throughout the city. However, growing up in several different neighborhoods showed me that natural resources vital to public health and recreation -- like green space, street trees and a dense tree canopy -- are not equitably resourced and managed for all communities. People and wildlife need a healthy, growing, and equitably distributed urban forest to thrive in our city. Please ensure that policy direction included in the final version of Rule 13-2020, the Director's draft tree protection ordinance, strives to preserve and strengthen Seattle's urban forest in the most equitable way possible, in terms of race, social justice, equity and inclusion.

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Sincerely,
Conor Marshall
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From: kellyrwhite@everyactioncustom.com <kellyrwhite@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:56 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 this era of global warming, urban areas are especially prone to increased temperatures. Trees not only clean our air and take carbon out of the atmosphere, but they also cool the environment. Now is an especially crucial time to protect our urban trees. Please make sure that Seattle is a leader in strengthening our urban environmental protections.

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Kelly White
2846 44th Ave W Seattle, WA 98199-2427
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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:58 PM

To: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>

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Subject: Record Number: 1048666-VI - 536 N 67th Street - Exceptional Western Red Cedar removed without permit

CAUTION: External Email

On behalf of those in Seattle seeking to retain Exceptional trees when possible, it was good to see the January 2020 letter from the SDCI inspectors relative to the unnecessary removal of the Exceptional Red Cedar in the alley-facing corner at 536 N 67th Street.

From the new site plan attached, it seems the removal could have been avoided by simply keeping out a few parking spaces.

Has the owner decided to replace the canopy lost, or will they pay the modest \$35,000 penalty?

David Moehring
TreePAC

Seattle - Phinney Ridge

September 21 1:15 PM



[Notice of Violation](#) 804 KB 01/15/20 [1048666-VI](#) Notice of Violation

Public Comment: Niven_10282019	46 KB	10/30/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Public Comment: Siems_10282019	47 KB	10/30/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application
Public Comment: Thaler_10282019	48 KB	10/30/19	005294-19PA	Building & Land Use Pre-Application

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[Public Comment: D. Moehring 10-20-2019](#) 30 10/21/19 [6754334-CN](#) Construction Permit
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Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 at 12:17 PM

From: "Stuart Niven (via seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group Mailing List)" <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>

To: "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>

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Subject: [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group] Record Number: 005294-19PA - 536 N 67th Street - Exceptional Western Red Cedar removed without permit

Thank you David for raising our attention to this situation and for providing the evidence of the recent removal. According to documents in the online portal, I can find no evidence of an arborist report documenting the tree as a 'hazard' and through looking back on Google Street view the tree is clearly on site as recently as May 2019.

There are photos in the SDCI inspector's 'Site Photos' that clearly show the remaining stump that due to the colour of the heart wood, it is evidence of the recent removal (see <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=DPDPermits&TabName=DPDPermits&capID1=19SCI&capID2=00000&capID3=18142&agencyCode=SEATTLE>)

Presuming this was carried out under the instruction of the current owner of the property, please find them in violation of DR2008-16 and fine them accordingly for the removal of a healthy, clearly 'exceptional' native Western red cedar.

We cannot continue to allow property owners / developers remove healthy trees like this, simply for the future development of sites. If the protocol of the SMC 25.11 and DR2008-11 was followed here, this tree would be protected and retained, but unlike some trees that are being removed due to weakness in the current tree ordinance, this tree was simply removed illegally.

Please review this and act accordingly. I will submit a complaint to SDCI as the system requires before the stump is removed and the site razed.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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On Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 6:59 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

Every week another one of Seattle's Environmental work-horse trees falls victim without detection. See the attached tree from this week at 536 N 67th Street. This is why permits are needed to be able to check before trees are removed.

 <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/Resources/DR2008-16xExceptionalTrees.pdf>

 If a stronger tree ordinance was pursued rather than debated, this would not have happened.

 Do be sure that the removal of Exceptional trees is not lifted from the criteria to remove a project for SEPA.

 Restore tree planting requirements of at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq Ft of lot area that was just removed with the Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation. This despite early promises and an FEIS that indicated no changes would be made to existing tree protections.

For TreePAC,
Board member David Moehring

> [Man_In_Tree.JPG]

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From: Barbara Bernard <barbara_bernard@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 7:38 AM

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Subject: Re: Record Number: 1048666-VI - 536 N 67th Street - Exceptional Western Red Cedar removed without permit

CAUTION: External Email

Do we know if it was contested or fine paid by the February deadline?

*Barbara

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Sunday, August 9, 2020, 11:58 PM, David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

From: Joyce Moty <jmmoty@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:28 AM

To: barbara_bernard@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group] Record Number: 1048666-VI - 536 N 67th Street - Exceptional Western Red Cedar removed without permit

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Well this tree is as good as dead. What an ugly mess. Good example of a tree butcher posing as an arborist.

Joyce

On Aug 10, 2020, at 7:37 AM, Barbara Bernard (via seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group Mailing List) <seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net> wrote:

Do we know if it was contested or fine paid by the February deadline?

*Barbara

From: martincat@everyactioncustom.com <martincat@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:49 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

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:

- Please accurately communicate the existing code's intent to maximize tree retention throughout the development process, not just during land division, and not just for Exceptional trees. For example, SMC 23.22 requires applicants during the platting process to indicate the species and location of all trees greater than 6" in diameter on the site to maximize their retention. This requirement makes no sense if after platting, SDCI is no longer concerned about the fate of the smaller, non-exceptional trees.
- Protect red alders, black cottonwoods, and bitter cherries. These native trees provide important resources to birds and other wildlife and contribute to our sense of place in Seattle. Following the "right tree, right place" philosophy, these native trees can safely thrive and should be protected like other species.
- Expand the definition of tree groves to stands of six or more trees at least six inches in diameter, including street trees. Tree groves provide important habitat for birds and are becoming less common outside of parks and natural areas. We must do more to protect them and there is also no ecological reason why street trees should not be allowed to contribute to or be protected as part of a grove.
- Require public notice postings on development site and online for removal of Exceptional trees, even when hazardous, to ensure community members know when and where legal tree removal is occurring.
- Require replacement for trees removed from groves and removed hazard trees.
- Align SDCI's proposed Tree Care Provider Acknowledgement with SDOT's Tree Service Provider Registration. Do not automatically renew this form annually. It should be updated each year. Reduce the number of infractions tree service providers can incur in a year before they are removed from the City's list to do business from more than three infractions to more than two infractions.
- Section 4: Preference for planting off-site replacement trees on public property is restrictive. The Director should be able to allow replacement trees not only on public property, but also on private

property, where desired by the property owner, in order to meet the City's goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle's Equity and Environment Initiative.

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,
melodie martin
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From: David Moehring <moehringconsultant@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:25 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; SCI_Microfilm <DPD_Microfilm@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>

Subject: More of Seattle's urban forest clears as rowhouses rowhouse development rules are circumvented

CAUTION: External Email

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).)

Please also keep the neighbors informed of adjacent forthcoming tree clearings at 1123 NW 57TH ST, 1125 NW 57TH ST, and 1133 NW 57TH ST (all recently purchased by different development companies.

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

- 1 Arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis) 4 4 Good condition and health. Not exceptional.
- 2 Arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis) 4 4 Good condition and health. Not exceptional.
- 3 Colorado blue spruce (Picea pungens) 16 14 Good condition and health. Not exceptional.
- 4 Western red cedar (Thuja plicata) 17 34 Fair condition and health. Not exceptional.
- 5 Lawsons cypress 28 32 Fair condition. Multiple trunks (Chamaecyparis lawsoniana) from topping. Not exceptional.
- 6 Lawsons cypress 20 32 Fair condition. Multiple trunks from topping. Not exceptional.
- 7 Saucer magnolia 6 16' Good condition and health. Not exceptional.

What about the big ponderosa pine at the street?

Rowhouses at street Address:1119 NW 57TH ST

Project:3036708-LU

Area: North/Northwest

Notice Date:8/10/2020

Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6759358-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Townhouse behind rowhouses Address:1117 NW 57TH ST

Where is 191200-ULS_1117.pdf SDCI_EXT_PREAPPLICATION/Site Plan 06/10/2020

Project:3036709-LU

Area: North/Northwest

Notice Date:8/10/2020

Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6758839-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. Comments may be submitted through:08/24/2020

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Subject: Who cut down Exceptional tree for developer at 2014 NW 63RD ST 3036205-LU ??

CAUTION: External Email

Yet another case in Ballard of owner being induced to **removing large trees BEFORE closing the property** over to the developer.

Will the new Director's Rule being proposed for Exceptional trees stop pre-closing Exceptional tree removals? Will SDCI inspectors report these as the document them?

A posted site photos in Feb 2020 for the permit application for **2014 NW 63RD ST** included the proof that an existing paper birch tree was cut down prior to the transition to the developer (species and size not verified by city arborist).

Per Director's Rule, Paper Birch "Betula papyrifera" are exceptional at 1 ft 8 inch DBH. The photos show tree fragments that appear to be at least that large.

Please verify where the arborist report is prior to this tree being removed. The PASV states that Dave Biddle of Blueprint (typically a surveyor and expediter) was also the authorized property owner. [677539-CN](#)

After the LBA, the lot size of 5,084 Sq Ft will accommodate 4 townhouses. Why is the notice including the construction permit number for the adjacent housing project; and was the adjacent former Ballard Baptist Church knowledgeable about the LBA that sliced about 100 sq ft from their property**?

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Address:2014 NW 63RD ST

Project:3036205-LU

Area: North/Northwest

Notice Date:8/10/2020

Project Description Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into **four unit lots**. The construction of residential units is under Project #6773649-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

David Moehring

312-965-0634



New owner of Church for HOUSING
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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:31 AM

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Subject: Sixty Year Old Seattle & Northwestern Native Murdered near Green Lake yesterday morning.

CAUTION: External Email

Good morning, afternoon or evening,

Most of you will likely not know anything about the following news item which has been void of radio, television or internet coverage yet should be in the headlines. In brief the story reads as follows:

After approximately sixty years of peaceful existence, a sixty feet tall native of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest was murdered by Man during the morning of Monday the 10th of August 2020, cut with a roaring chainsaw and dropped to the ground unceremoniously within thirty painful minutes, following the City of Seattle's Department of Destruction, I mean Construction and Inspections (SDCI) permitted removal of a healthy native Western hemlock as part of the 'development' of a 'single family property' at 7540 Sunnyside Ave N near Green Lake.

According to the developer's arborist's report the tree was in 'poor condition', 'infested by insects' and should be removed. The insect referenced, known as the 'woolly adelgid' is not currently known to cause any adverse health or structural issues with Western hemlocks if the host tree is relatively healthy. The tree was measured to have a diameter of 22.5 inches 'at breast height' (also known as 'DBH' which is measured at 4.5 feet above the ground) which means it is not currently protected from removal under any circumstances. That is to say, anyone at any time for any reason can remove a tree of this size from any property within Seattle's city limits. From what I saw last week, this particular hemlock was in relatively good condition, was growing within six feet of a larger native Western red cedar supposedly 29.5" in diameter (according to the developer's arborist) and based on my knowledge and experience as a climbing and consulting arborist, there was absolutely no reason whatsoever for recommending the removal or even pruning of either of these trees. They were peacefully cohabiting practically the same space, had been for many decades and could have been for many more.

For the past sixty years or so, the two trees had been sharing not only a canopy but also water, nutrients, sunlight, wind, snow, insects, animals, birds, bats, owls, eagles and a myriad of microscopic lifeforms; shading other wildlife including humans for many years also, reducing pollutants in the air, slowing the rain fall that reaches the ground, helping reduce the volume that runs into drains and into the Puget Sound. The cedar, now with no protection from its cousin, will be thrust into a situation beyond its control and will have to deal with dramatically increased amounts of sunlight, wind and other climatic elements. This will include a dramatic change in the exchange of water, nutrients and even information through the shared root system, which will from this day forth be dramatically changed forever as the dead hemlock's roots decompose.

On the face of it, from our human perspective this may not seem like a great loss or anything to be concerned about but through years of research into how trees and plants co-exist in a range of environments, it has become widely accepted that trees communicate with each other, even across

species variations, through a complex network of microscopic fungi known as 'mycorrhizae', sending both positive and negative messages about threats to health and structure, as well as about beneficial elements such as insect activity and nutrient sources. This is only the beginning of what we are learning of the interplay between trees and the many interactions that take place during their existence. We may eventually understand enough to translate what is being said between trees, which makes me imagine the dialogue between these two cousins, likely planted or germinated from natural propagation at the same time or within a few years of one another.....

"Morning Hemlock, how was your night?", asked Cedar not long after sunrise this morning.

"Wonderful, that stealthy owl was perching on its favourite branch in between rodent catching and there was a lovely cool breeze tickling my foliage," Hemlock replied.

"Yes, I felt the same light movement through my arms too. I hope it won't be as hot today as Birch nextdoor was forecasting as I really struggle with temperature regulation these days and I know many of our cousins have died recently with the increased heat and drier, longer Summers," pondered Cedar.

"Me too, I do prefer the cooler wetter days and am looking forward to Autumn to wet my toes. Hello Robin, welcome back; watch out for Squirrel, he is playing up and down my stem chasing his siblings and might knock you from your perch!"

Suddenly, the peaceful interaction was disrupted by a truck door slamming. "Hey Hemlock, what is that man doing over there?" Cedar inquired.

"I don't know but he looks scary and isn't that one of those nasty torture devices that cuts our limbs off and has killed millions of our kin over the years; like an axe but much much worse?" Hemlock responded, audibly concerned.

"He's coming over to us and yes, he's carrying a chainsaw," Cedar announced fearfully. "Can we help you Man?"

"I don't think he is listening or cannot understand you Cedar. What does he have on his feet?"

"Oh no, Hemlock, they are spikes.....that only means one thing.....Man is going to cut one of us or both of us down, I have seen this happen before, elsewhere in the neighbourhood!" Cedar nervously stated, shocked.

"Ouch, get off me. Cedar, he has started climbing me, spiking my flesh.....Oi, get off me!" Hemlock shouted.

"He cannot hear you, or is not listening, Hemlock.....he is starting his machine...cough, splutter, that's nasty....horrible fumes and oil spurting from it. Stop it, leave Hemlock alone!" Cedar pleaded.

"Help, he's cutting my limbs off, help me.....help me.....please stop, PLEASE!!" Hemlock's cries of pain were barely audible over the ripping and roaring sounds of the revving chainsaw. Within moments Man was cutting deep into Hemlock's body. "He is going to cut me in half, what is going on? How can this be? What did I do wrong? Does my existence not mean anything to Man? Cedar, I'm going to die. I'm scared."

Man cuts the top half off Hemlock, leaving a limbless form, descends then prepares to finish his murdering. "This is it, I have nothing left; no limbs, no top and now Man is cutting at my ankles, I'm going to fall to the ground, still living but unable to breath, sap running from my veins, dying slowly and painfully and Man does not care! Goodbye Cedar, I will forever miss you my cousin." Hemlock's final

words before Man cut through the base of Hemlock and the rest of Hemlock fell onto the broken and smashed branches before turning off the chainsaw, brushing off Hemlock's woody cells, getting in his truck and driving off without a care in the world for the murder he just committed.

Trees are living organisms. They are not moveable, replaceable and insignificant parts of a property, like a shed or a swing set. They take decades to grow and evolve, often in close proximity to other trees and plants and they rely on the network of hidden lifeforms to maintain their healthy existence. The current tree code in Seattle is completely ignoring this proven fact, with a black and white code that does not take into account the complex symbiosis between trees and the variety of site conditions on each and every property. This must be changed and trees must be looked at on a site by site basis to work out exactly how it will be best to retain and truly protect healthy trees, regardless of size so that we have a healthy and evolving urban tree canopy with a thriving ecology that co-exists with all of the trees and plants.

This site is already a threat to the existing cedar tree and as it stands, when I visited the site yesterday morning there was no tree protection in place around the cedar tree while an excavator ripped up the ground and will likely dispose of Hemlock's lifeless body, into a dumpster or dump truck to be carried away from its home and its family with not even a moment to honour its life. The cedar will be exposed to more sunlight today and every day than ever before, its roots will be shocked and when the wind returns later this year, it will suddenly be loaded with increased stresses that will increase the chances of branch and stem failure. Coupled with unknown impacts during the groundwork and possible root damage and compaction during the construction process, the future of Cedar is unknown but it is dramatically more depressing and stressful than it has been for the past 60 years or so.

Furthermore, according to the plans for the new building, the hemlock tree did not need to be removed. There is only going to be one building on the property and there was plenty of room around the site to place the building and retain both the hemlock and cedar trees. This removal is senseless and destructive, serving no real purpose beyond exerting man's control over nature. This will not be the only healthy tree removed today, as permitted and illegal removals continue while the City of Seattle sits idly by and allows developers to continue to rape and pillage the urban canopy and the interwoven ecology and environment which a multitude of lifeforms call home, including human residents for no other reason than greed. The developer responsible lives on Mercer Island, so does not even have to experience the results of his destruction, beyond the profit gained. However, the neighbours on all sides of this property will experience the results, especially if the remaining cedar tree declines and is removed or fails in a wind storm. This negative impact adds to all of the other removals of healthy trees in Seattle in a cumulative way, just like frogs in a pot of water being brought to the boil, to such a degree that by the time the resulting effects are felt by everybody, it will already be too late to escape them.

Seattle not only needs a radically much stronger tree protection ordinance and code that actually protects trees of all sizes (all trees over 6" DBH would be a good place to start), especially our native trees that should be revered and honoured without question. It must acknowledge that trees are living

organisms, truly organic and cannot be looked at through a rigid set of rules. Every tree on every property is different so we must adapt and evolve, just like they do and instead of thoughtlessly condemning trees and removing them because they are in the way of achieving the supposed 'development potential', we must respect their truly awesome benefits and work with them, incorporating them into the landscape and helping nurture them for many generations of all lifeforms to come. Developers should not have special privileges, allowing them to remove more trees, larger trees and healthy trees, while long term residents must abide by the already weak regulations. This is discrimination, unethical and screams of inequity. If a developer has no other option but to remove a tree, at least charge them an amount that adequately represents the true value of the tree so that that money can be put into a fund to help provide free trees to the City, helping re-forest Seattle.

Please open your eyes to what is happening to the Seattle urban canopy and stop this wanton destruction. We are better than this and can easily find practical solutions to both the need for increased density, affordable housing and retain, protect and even grow our urban canopy and ecosystems.

Requiescat in pace Hemlock.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

PanorArborist

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From: a-oleary@everyactioncustom.com <a-oleary@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:01 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,
Anne Brink
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From: John <john.nuler@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:44 AM

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

Subject: Parks Dept. Tree Care

CAUTION: External Email

Urban Forestry Commission,

A private contracting crew has been demolishing the house at 7137 38th Ave SW. This is property recently acquired by Parks as an addition to the Orchard Street Ravine Park. They are not doing any dust mitigation (sprinklers) and we witness clouds (asbestos, lead and DDT?) from our house. A visit to the site shows disregard for ECA Steep Slope regulations as they have covered the ECA fence with debris. The protective fencing placed for an 40" dia exceptional cedar has been covered with debris. They have approached the house from the south with a large excavator tearing up the ECA Steep Slope plantings causing damage to the park. Their permit states access from the north which would not have been damaging.

I called in a complaint and filed one online with Seattle DCI, but the que is long and the damage will continue.

The parks Dept Architect responsible Redi Karameto submitted false and incomplete surveys, plans and documents that can be seen at DCI.

I filed a complaint and contacted Redi was either not aware of the ECA codes or are allowing abuse of them.

ECA Analysis

Pursuant to SMC 25.09.045 Exemptions, "[c]ity agencies taking the action under any subsection of this Section 25.09.045 and a public agency taking the action under subsection 25.09.045.J do not need to make an application to the Director, provided that, if no application is made, they shall comply with all provisions of this Section 25.09.045, make all determinations required to be made by the Director, including required conditions, and maintain records documenting compliance with all provisions."

The provisions of 25.09.045 have not been followed. The ECA survey does not comply with ECA 25.09. The Steep Slope and Steep Slope Buffers are required. All trees must be located and labeled by species. The Survey Plan you sent is not the plan that is being followed. The document plan does not encroach into park and Steep Slopes areas. You claimed that in discussions with the contractor the project was changed. Changes that include encroaching into ECA Steep Slope and Parkland and not provide required tree protection are not allowed. No ECA Standard Mitigation Plan has been sent to me. This also is required under 25.09. Please update all plans and send them to me.

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required conditions, and maintain records documenting compliance with all provisions." 1 I - Structure maintenance of existing public facilities and utilities provides that the

"[o]peration, maintenance, remodeling, repair, and removal of existing public facilities and utilities, if these activities are normal and routine and if these activities do not result in substantial disturbance or adverse impacts of environmentally critical areas or buffers."

You state,

"All existing trees and any native vegetation will be protected in place and appropriate BMPs will be implemented. It is unlikely that the proposed demolition and restoration will result in substantial disturbance of the underlying Steep Slope ECAs."

This responsibility has not been carried out. Who do I make a complaint to?

Please let me know who your supervisor is.

John Nuler

No inspector or city representative was present. I was told to leave "for my own safety."



From: John <john.nuler@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:59 AM

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

Subject: Re: Parks Dept. Tree Care

CAUTION: External Email

Please post these documents regarding Seattle Parks disregard of Parks Property, Exceptional Trees, Parks Flora and Fauna and ECA Steep Slope and slide regulations.

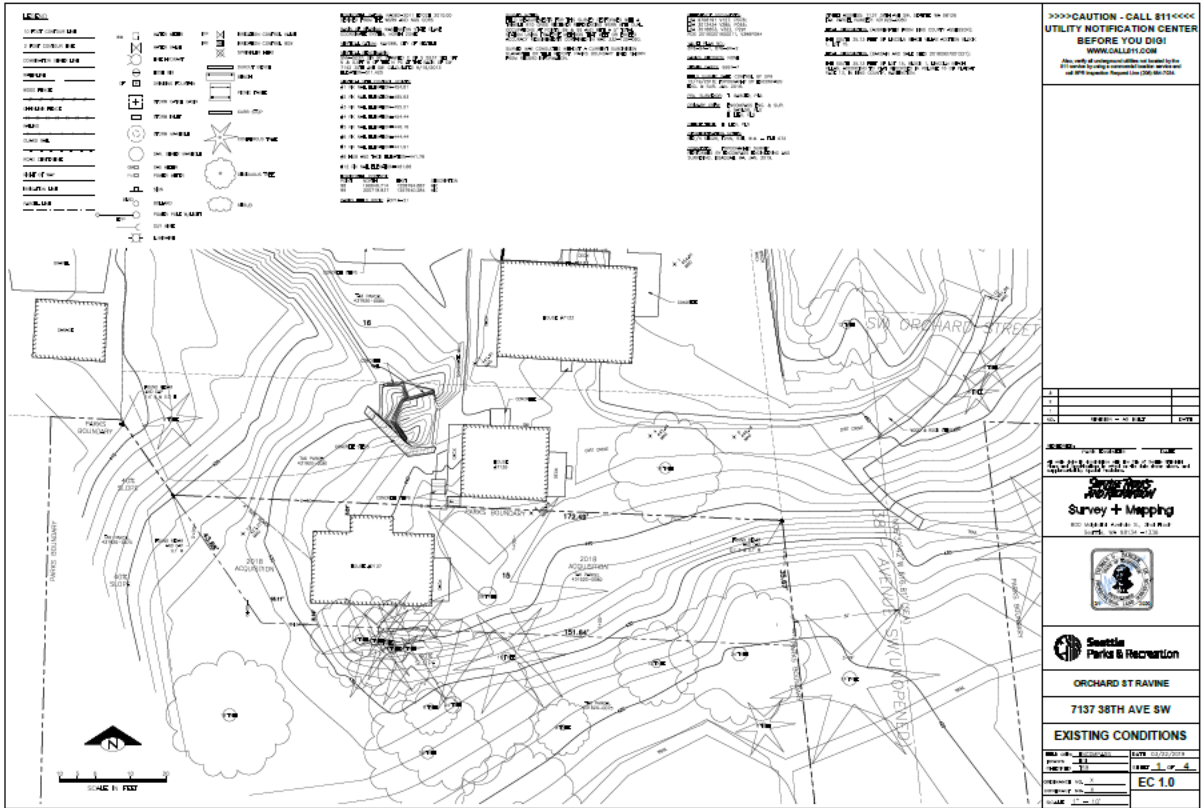
The Parks has not followed any part of the submitted plans and encroached into the critical areas contrary to the plans and permit.

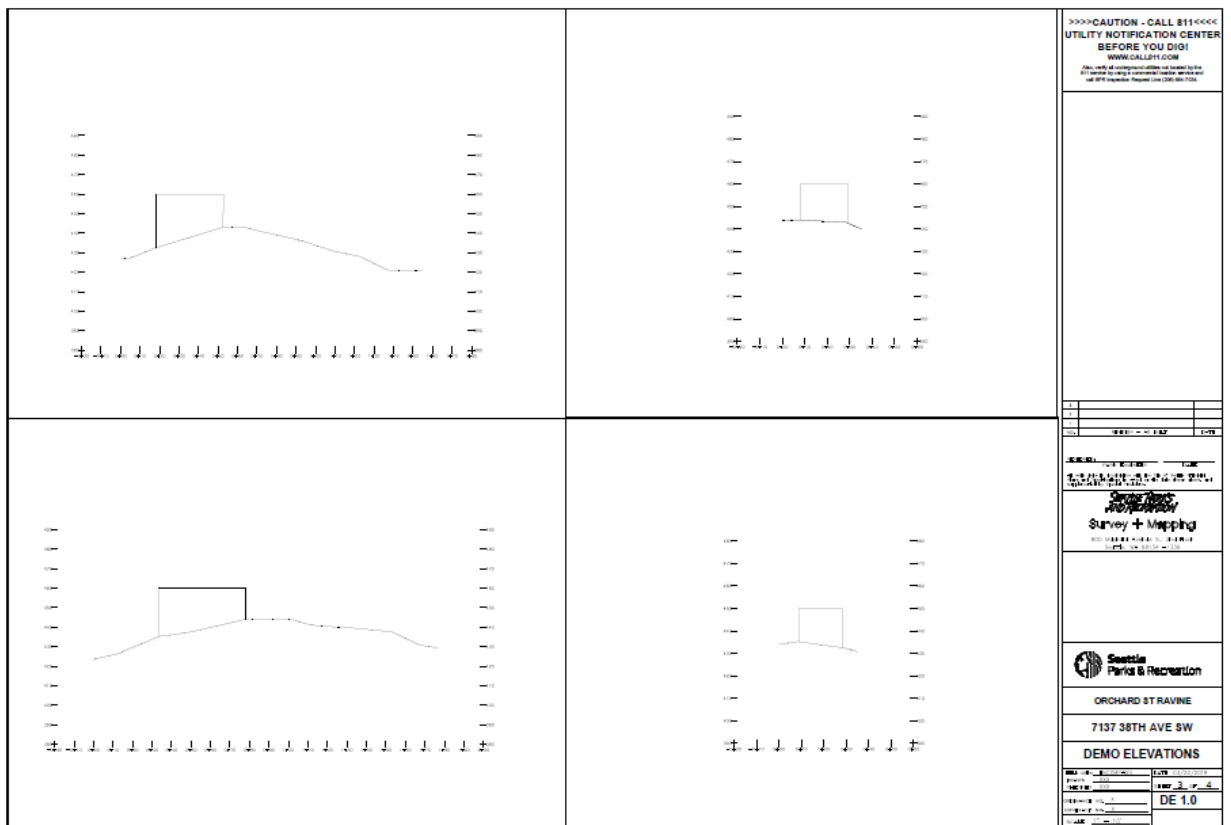
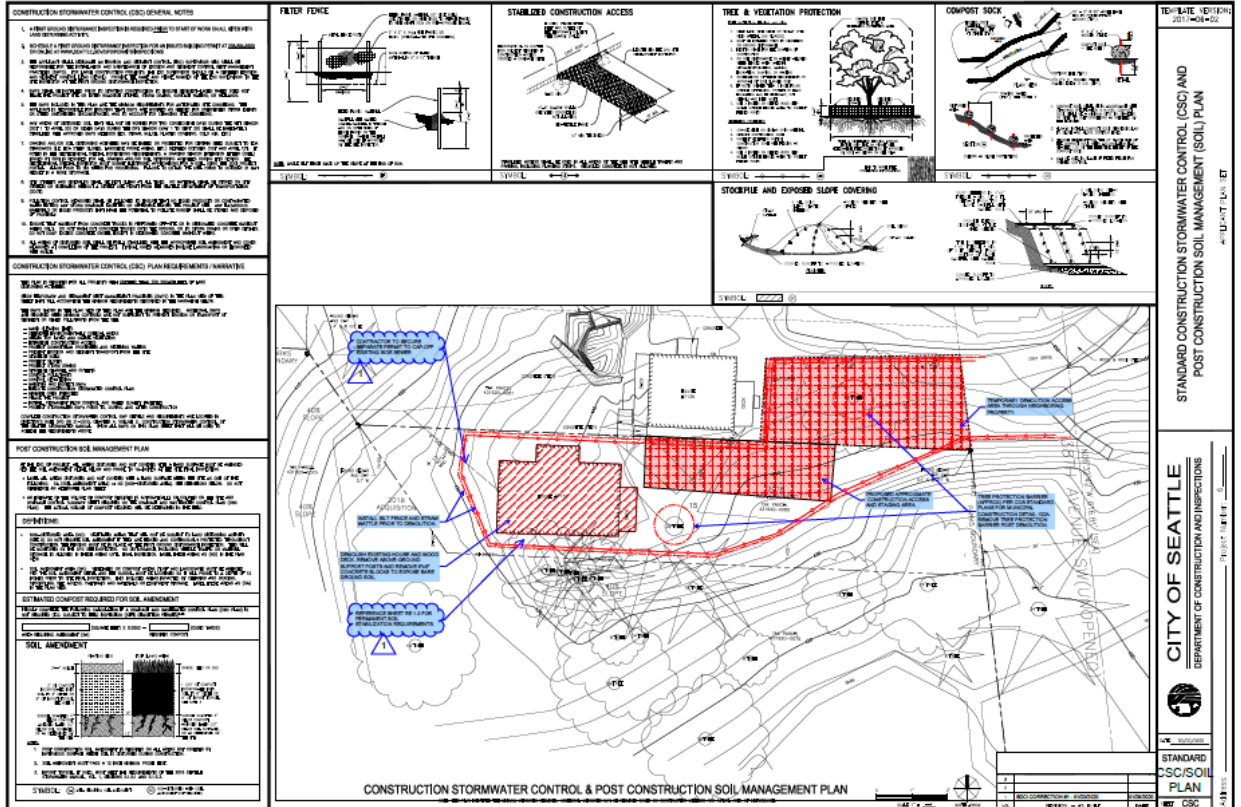
The Exceptional Cedar was not properly fenced off and the construction area fence was buried in toxic house debris covering the base of the tree and all of its drip-line. The permitted route for removing

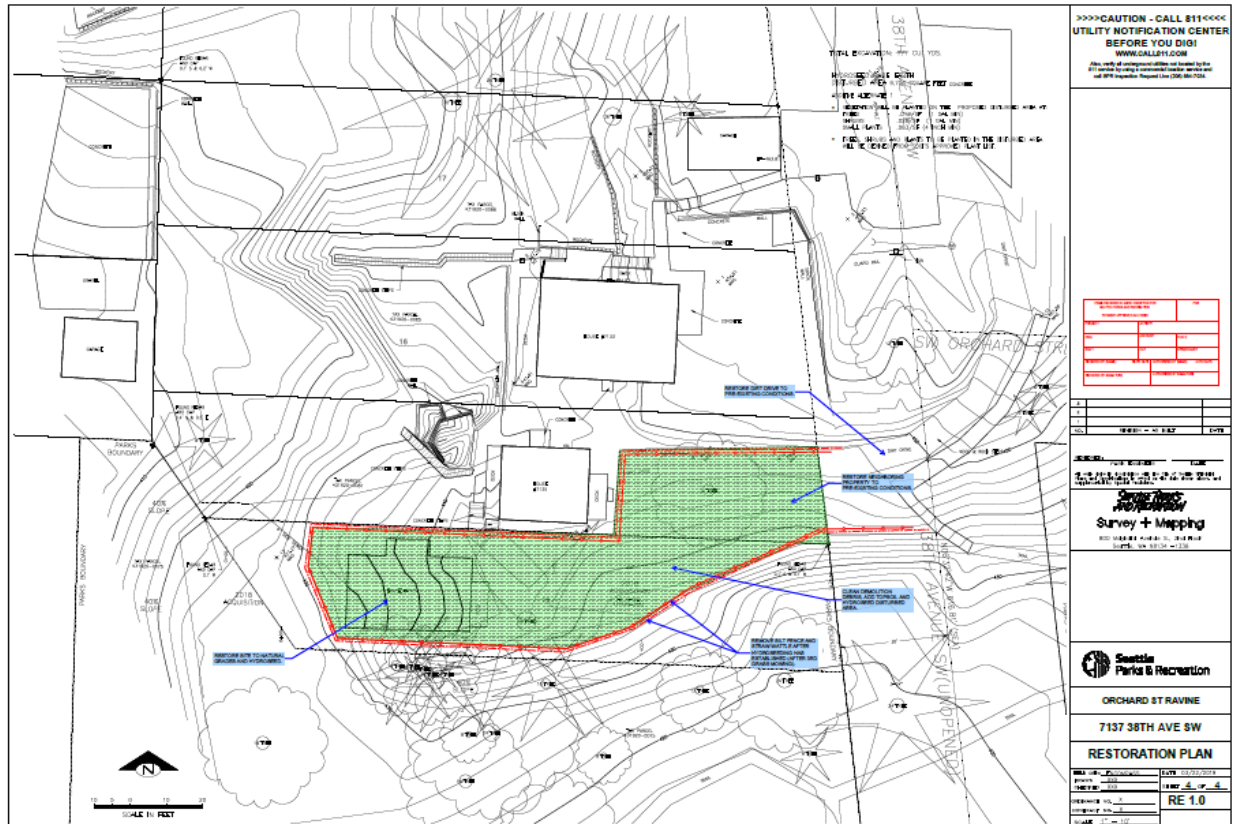
demolition debris would have avoided this EXCEPTIONAL Cedar and encroaching into established Park and Steep Slope. That approved route was not followed.

The survey shown does not comply with Seattle ECA Requirements. The Critical Areas are not shown nor are the types of trees identified.

How will the proposed changes affect illegal activities by the Parks Dept and other city agencies currently ignoring the codes?







From: James Davis <jamesdavis1400@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Comments on SDCI Directors Rule 13-2020 Regarding Protection of Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for your efforts to protect Seattle's remaining large trees. I would like to comment on Director's Rule 13-2020

Summary

1. Acknowledgement Document and Name of Company Posted in Window of Truck
2. Construction Companies Included in Acknowledgement Process
3. Not Including Trees on Site Plan Should Have a Penalty
4. Not Including Exceptional Trees in Arborist Reports Should Have a Penalty
5. Retroactive Application to Have Cut Down Tree Declared Hazardous Should Have Automatic Penalty
6. Ensure Access of Inspectors
7. Take Added Steps to Protect Trees in Neighborhoods with Low Percentages of Tree Canopy

1. In reviewing the Tree Care Provider Acknowledgement section I will comment that the trucks should have a specific posting that is visible to the public that they have signed the acknowledgement form. There should also be a requirement also that the name of the company be posted so the public can see it. For example, they can put these documents taped to the windows for the job. Additionally, there should be a requirement that a copy of the permit to cut down an Exceptional Tree be posted also.

With Angie's List now facilitating bidding for tree removals, we are seeing companies from all over coming in to do jobs here in Seattle. Everett, Kirkland, Monroe, and Olympia companies are showing up right here in my neighborhood. They don't know the rules. We have to control this hopefully through the provider registration process.

2. Having just watched two Exceptional Trees theoretically protected have the construction crews push aside the protective fencing and bulldoze the root systems to the very tree trunks, I would comment that construction companies should also have to sign an acknowledgment form. Additionally, if an Exceptional Tree is significantly maimed and damaged during the construction process and an independent arborist states the life of the tree has been compromised, then a penalty based on a tree being illegally cut down should be applied.

3. In reviewing the Exceptional Trees During Platting, I will comment there should be a penalty when the site plan neglects to have the actual tree(s) put on it. I recently saw a case of a mature evergreen that was cut down and the tree wasn't on the site plan submitted.

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6. There should be language that empowers access by inspectors. I believe the current standards are that an inspector can go anywhere a mail delivery person can. It should be that an inspector can go anywhere a utility inspector can go, at the very least.

7. Please make special efforts to protect trees in neighborhoods with lower percentages of tree canopy such as increasing penalty amounts associated with tree removals in these specific zip codes or census tracts.

Finally, without funding for legal back up to SDCI, and the subsequent reversals of enforcement actions in the appeal process, many of these efforts will be limited in strength.

Again, I appreciate efforts to ensure there are life-enhancing large trees across all our city for this generation and future generations.

Jim Davis

From: taneastephens@everyactioncustom.com <taneastephens@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Sincerely,
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From: pfeffer828@everyactioncustom.com <pfeffer828@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Trees are crucial for climate control and stabilization and Seattle's trees are becoming all the more important as trees outside the city continue to be removed for suburban construction.

Sincerely,

Mark Blitzer

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Lucinda O'Halloran
1523 A 30th Ave S # SO Seattle, WA 98144-3905 lucinda@blarg.net

From: John <john.nuler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Parks Dept. Tree Care

CAUTION: External Email

Please view and post complaints which likely go nowhere, with no action being taken. This is similar to Parks Dept permitting illegal by code tree removal and reduction on Parks Properties for residential views. This has been banned for decades, yet continues secretly to this day.

Record Number: 006791-20CP

Code Compliance Complaint

Record Status: Under Investigation

- Record Info :
- [Record Details](#)
- [Status](#)
- [Related Records](#)
- [Attachments](#)
- [Inspections & AppointmentsNotes](#)
- Payments :
- [Fees](#)
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Work Location

7137 38th AVE SW

Record Details

Project Description:

CONSTRUCTION - PHOTOS IN DOCUMENTS

Application Information

complaint information

What is your complaint?:

Building destruction encroaching into ECA Steep Slope fenced off construction fence. Debris covering base of protected area. Crew is using access from south destroy park vegetation not included in permit. No dust mitigation, sprinklers not used. Debris seen former home. Work ongoing Friday afternoon called DCI inspections and left message for Inspector Joe Eckoff.

Location On Site:

7137 38th Ave Sw

Do you want your contact information to remain confidential?:

No

Would you like to know the results of the inspection?:

Yes

Parcel Information

Development Site Parcel:

DV1159575

Legal Description:

SOUTH 35.73 FT OF LOT 15, BLOCK 1, LINCOLN BEACH VILLAS ADDN



From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:23 PM

To: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Juarez, Debora <Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Lewis,

Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>

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

Subject: Comments on CB 119835

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Land Use Committee:

Attached please find my comments on the current Omnibus Bill, CB 119835. You still have loopholes you need to close.

All the best,
Heidi Siegelbaum

Dear Land Use Subcommittee:

You must strike the added land-use code language (inserted by whom? Developers at your door?) on pages 4 and 8 of the Omnibus Bill you will consider tomorrow.

Your provisions will allow single-family properties to be divided and sold like multi-family unit lots. We already have tons of property that is vacant because it's too expensive and there is no evidence that what would be subdivided and sold would be affordable, thereby obviating specious statements that this is about affordable housing. There is also no legal mechanism or other provision which would make the additional developments affordable.

It's unclear whether ***you really intend*** to create an absent speculative investment fiesta leading to higher housing costs, degraded neighborhoods (because either no one lives on the site or there are multiple owners who have no neighborhood commitments), loss of large trees (although we are already destroying our natural capital) and more water pollution (from adding more impervious surfaces to the City), increasing city temperatures, asthma rates and generally making the city unlivable and ugly.

An oversight? Responding to yet more developer pressure? Not sure how to address affordable housing with innovative ideas?

Please read Visualizing Compatible Density;

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/April-2017/Visualizing-Compatible-Density.aspx>

We have more than enough room to entertain intact neighborhoods that group similar housing types without the discordant, vomiting domino effect of mis-matched housing enabled by loopholes and crafty legal reasoning.

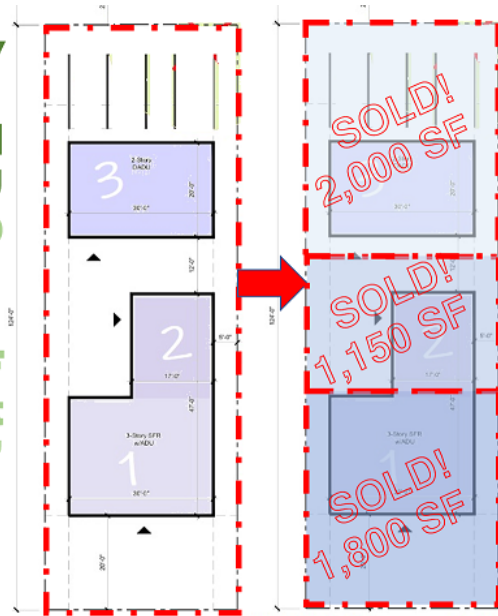
Unintended consequences of keeping the provisions on pages 4 and 8 include the following:

- 1) Investors buy existing single-family property; tear down all; build connected house with two attached accessory dwellings; and then sell each individually to separate buyers.**
- 2) Property owner sells a portion or two of a single-family lot for parking or open space as a "Unit Lot", later the new owner(s) adds a DADU and/or ADU**

The August 7 report now states, without striking anything from the Omnibus, the following: *"Unit lots are created through a subdivision process, which is typically used for townhouse, rowhouse, and other lowrise multifamily development. Unit lots are created through the subdivision of a parent lot. Development standards are applied to the parent lot from which unit lots are created. This allows unit lots to be non-conforming to some development standards. The unit lot subdivision process allows for fee simple sale of individual unit lots. The Code currently prohibits development of detached accessory dwelling units on unit lots.¹ However, the proposed omnibus language introduces ambiguity into the Code that could lead to unintended consequences for future development of vacant lots that are created through a unit lot subdivision process.*

**Currently
1 lot w/ 1
home and
2 ADU
Aug 2019**

**4,960 SF
'Parent
Lot'**



**Proposed
2-3 unit lots
w/ Omnibus
Aug 2020**

**Strike the
Proposed
Omnibus
Converting
Accessory
Dwellings in
SF-Zones to
Separately
Sold Unit Lots**

Do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Heidi Siegelbaum
Seattle, WA.

From: kathy@everyactioncustom.com <kathy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:50 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: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:31 AM

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Sincerely,

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

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 12:29 PM

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

Subject: Please protect our urban forests - Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:47 PM

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

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- No existing tree of any size, unless contagiously sick, should ever be removed for a development project, trees and their inhabitants were there first!
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No, if you take a tree off residential spot you owe it back there, no to 'somewhere' public'.

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Natalia Klioutcheva

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From: Vicki Pardee <vpardee@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:21 PM

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

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

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you !

I am finding that none of the departments in the city communicate with each other.

I have met with James LBlanc, city arborist. Wonderful and knowledgeable. He referred me to a list of city approved tree service companies. I was told I was personally responsible for tree maintenance in unimproved street right of way.

I have an estimate from a city approved tree service (Conservation Trees) for \$3700.00 to remove debris from uphill neighbors and remove a few branches, and a center Trunk from an aging alder.

Today, Mr. Eckoff Had been sent out by Valerie...(?) from SDCI. Mr. Eckoff came out to document a 60' tree That fell from the property up hill from me. It was a maple, left with ivy covering it. It just cracked

and fell downhill towards my property, no wind or cutting involved. It fell onto the unimproved street right of way.

I have also met with Todd Meadows from SDCI.

I am lead to believe it is my responsibility to protect my property from uphill activity and maintain trees on the easement that separates the properties on 50th Ave SW and Gordon Place SW from mine at 6330 Atlas Place SW.

Mr. Eckoff expressed his opinion that the Adler is a hazard and should be removed by SDOT. It looks like SDOT is the only department who has not been here to inspect the vegetation removal and topping I have been reporting for the last 15 years.

My concern is erosion and drainage. This deforestation cannot be done without slope protection for the entire hillside geography and downhill property owners.

Of course, all this is part of URBAN FORESTRY. I have been moving blackberries and ivy for 15 years, planting native vegetation and conifers. Only to have them crushed by debris from branches cut and left to lay from the trees up hill. Now there is 5ft of debris that makes it impossible to do any restoration.

The plans outlined in your talk today- all hinged on PERMITTED tree removal. My guess is less than 50% of tree cutting and vegetation Removal is permitted. Making it impossible to track, measure or make any accurate restoration possible.

Seattle's geography is unique, spectacular and very Fragile.

The city continues to allow building permits but makes no effort to manage land it now owns as a easement or right of ways or green belts. This is proving to be a major problem as what happens upHill, ultimately ends up in Puget Sound.

I am not trying to be a trouble maker. I have spent countless hours hauling debris off my hillside, and hauling compost , bales of straw and root balls of trees up hill to stabilize my hillside and Gordon Place SW above me.

I would appreciate guidance - from the City. I have received a different opinion and message from each and every department. Which leads me to believe I am on my own to figure this out.

Sincerely,

Vicki Pardee
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On Aug 12, 2020, at 4:29 PM, Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov> wrote:

You are most welcome, Vicki.

I encourage you to continue to either attend meetings or listen to the UFC meeting notes (published at www.seattle.gov/Urbanforestrycommission under meeting documents). I also encourage you to provide comment during public comment opportunities or send emails with your input.

Thank you,

From: Vicki Pardee <vpardee@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:06:47 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you for allowing me to join the Urban Forestry commissions meeting today. I had to exit at 4:15. I would very much like to stay involved and change how Seattle manages its urban forests and how property owners manage trees on their property.

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> On Aug 10, 2020, at 9:57 AM, Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Vicki,
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> Please note that this effort is being led by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI). Please see: <https://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/changes-to-code/tree-protection>. You can provide your input directly to SDCI on this Director's Rule.
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> The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) advises Mayor and Council on issues related to Seattle's urban forest. You can provide public comment at one of the commission meetings and can sign up to receive information on agendas and meetings by subscribing to the UFC's mailing list here: <https://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission>
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> Thank you,
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> Sandra Pinto de Bader
> She/her/hers
> Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator
> City of Seattle, Office of Sustainability & Environment

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> Subject: Re: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection
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> How can I be present on these meetings.
> How can I work to make changes in code and restoration requirements?
> How can departments work together to manage city owned land, zoning and how negligence is undermining the safety of our geography.
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Subject: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

In the midst of a global mass extinction — including crashing songbird and insect populations and the conspicuous starvation of our resident Orcas — our city must address several locally contributing factors, including the rapid loss of Seattle's “common” native trees, including Douglas Fir, Red Alder, Big Leaf Maple, and Western Red Cedar. Our native trees are essential to the reproduction of co-evolved native insects which are the basis of our local terrestrial and marine food web. Many of our native tree species have exclusive relationships with dozens of insect species dependent upon them to reproduce and, in turn, to supply food to our more visible birds and animals in alarming decline.

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As an experienced landscape architect with 25 years under my belt, I can attest that Seattle has reacted in a most peculiar way to the "right tree, right place" philosophy, eschewing its glorious and essential native trees for sterile and exotic replacements that neither offer the shade and water treating functions of the native species they replace nor support the local food web. No other region in which we work carries such a current predominance of Colonizing mindset toward the elimination and replacement of its native landscape and species with imported and imposed values and aesthetics brought from elsewhere. There is no rational, horticultural, or arboricultural logic for this bias against native tree species in Seattle. It is simply the culture of an immature "settler" city with a colonizing "garden" mindset toward its indigenous landscape and tree species. We can not afford to indulge this mindset any longer and watch our region suffer a local as well as global mass extinction due to gardening tropes and industrial nursery lobbyists.

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Sincerely,
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Amanda Bailey Crandall

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From: kaylee34@everyactioncustom.com <kaylee34@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:43 PM

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

Subject: Please protect trees! Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

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kaylee34@gmail.com

From: jumpforjoy2day@everyactioncustom.com <jumpforjoy2day@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:09 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Audubon Knows the Needs and I Support Their Proposal - Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

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Sincerely,
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From: ajopus@everyactioncustom.com <ajopus@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:16 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
 Subject: Tree Protection per Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020

CAUTION: External Email

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ajopus@gmail.com

From: megann.karch@everyactioncustom.com <megann.karch@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect Seattle Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a tree lover and 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.

Exposure to nature is important for health as it helps to reduce stress, positively contributing to social determinants of health. Our low income and less mobile community members rely on Seattle city trees for that access to health promoting nature.

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Sincerely,
 Megann Karch
 211 22nd Ave Seattle, WA 98122-6008
megann.karch@gmail.com

From: samskeller@everyactioncustom.com <samskeller@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:59 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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Sam Keller

3636 Phinney Ave N Seattle, WA 98103-8533 samskeller@gmail.com

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

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:23 PM

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

Subject: Please protect our trees to help save Seattle's birds

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

I'm writing to you about an issue that means a lot to me in hopes that you can help protect my favorite part of living in Seattle.

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Sincerely,
Alex Pearson
5515 28th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105-5515 alexandrabronwyn@gmail.com

From: kellydeckergreenwood@everyactioncustom.com
<kellydeckergreenwood@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Relating to Tree Protection and Habitat Protection

CAUTION: External Email

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Kelly Greenwood
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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Subject: New tool for Critical Areas from the Dept of Commerce

CAUTION: External Email

Hi there

The attached proof of concept model for critical areas may be of interest to you. It comes from the Department of Commerce and has contact information on it.

All the best,
Heidi

Heidi@calyxsite.com

(206) 784-4265

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/HeidiSiegelbaum>

PUGET SOUND National Estuary Program

INTEGRATED CRITICAL AREAS WEB TOOL (PROOF OF CONCEPT)

All jurisdictions are required to protect critical environmental areas under the GMA. Many tools exist to help local governments with this task, but they have not been integrated to provide maximum value and usability for planners.

What we're doing

We are exploring the feasibility of developing a plug and play interactive web mapping interface that links mapping and modeling tools from many jurisdictions and agencies to help planners protect critical areas and assess the impacts of land use decisions at regional and local scales.

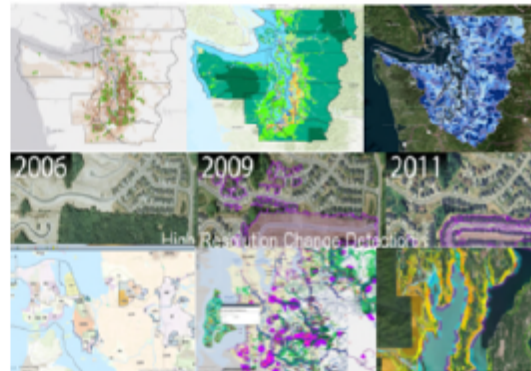
How we're doing it

- Engaging local planners, agencies and organizations to understand needs, challenges and ideas
- Researching tools and elements to be integrated
- Writing & presenting a Prospectus



WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT

Protecting critical areas is essential to preserving our natural environment and protecting public health and safety. Integrating decision-support tools will help planners make better land use and critical areas decisions, improve monitoring, and assess progress on regional targets.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

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ABOUT COMMERCE'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Growth Management Services assists and guides local governments, state agencies, and others to manage growth and development consistent with the GMA. We provide direct assistance, grants, training and education, guidebooks, review of proposed actions, and state coordination.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tara Newman, Growth Management
Washington Department of Commerce
Tara.newman@commerce.wa.gov
(360) 764-3414



From: srwatkin@everyactioncustom.com <srwatkin@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We'd Love Your Continued Support: Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

(I have personally witnessed the tearing down of a lot of trees in our North Queen Anne neighborhood to make way for new housing and apartments. Every time they rake through the vegetation of our city I cringe. Our trees and landscape vegetation are so vital for Seattle's clean air; not to mention the raccoons, squirrels, birds and many other fauna that rely on such spaces to maintain their habitat. Our wildlife and our plants keep our city so wonderful and full of natural life. Please, please, PLEASE continue to enforce stronger policies that protect our beautiful trees and green-belts. With utmost respect, your consideration and support is everything.)

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 Sarah Watkins
 618 W Emerson St Apt D Seattle, WA 98119-1569 srwatkin@gmail.com

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 Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:27 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: clairecaiello@everyactioncustom.com <clairecaiello@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:24 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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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:43 PM
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cgerz66@gmail.com

From: sasham4@everyactioncustom.com <sasham4@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:55 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: We can make Director's Rule 13-2020 more comprehensive

CAUTION: External Email

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Sasha Mayer
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From: mimitabby@everyactioncustom.com <mimitabby@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:56 AM
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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mimitabby@gmail.com

From: lamabowers@everyactioncustom.com <lamabowers@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:03 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
 Subject: Protect Seattle's Urban Forests: Keep the Emerald City Emerald Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

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

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:18 AM

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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Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: valeriebentivegna@everyactioncustom.com <valeriebentivegna@everyactioncustom.com>
 Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:35 AM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Jessica Dixon
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bardjess@msn.com

From: clairewalker206@everyactioncustom.com <clairewalker206@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect Seattle's Remaining Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I was born and raised in Seattle and over the last 38 years I have seen the city's urban canopy dwindle. The Emerald City I once knew is now replacing trees with condos at an alarming rate. My hope is that we are mindful about how we go about this and try every effort to preserve & protect whenever possible. Even if it means before profit.

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 Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:39 PM
 To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
 Subject: SAVE OUR TREES. Proposed Director's Rule 13-2020 Relating to Tree Protection

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

One of the best things I always tell people is how proud of Seattle I am for all the greenery. When I moved to the city from an hour south I thought I would hate it because it would be a concrete jungle. Now as years have passed and I have been living in Seattle over 15 yrs. My city I grew up in has cut down all the trees and Seattle has not! Please do not become like other places. We need trees for shade especially now with climate change! To reduce heat. To clean our air. There are studies to show that green can reduce migraines and depression. To balance our wildlife and give them homes. It is a circle of life and we are all connected. This is a vacation spot and people love to go on vacation looking for natural beauty. Protect what nature gave us.

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 Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:11 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

Dear Urban Forestry Policy Advisor Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Trees are so important. I don't need to tell you that. I care deeply about the climate and beg you to protect our trees and wetlands for future generations.

And now the letter you've gotten dozens of times already:

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I've had trees in our Neighborhood illegally cut. A beautiful 36" & 30" diameter Douglas Fir cut by a wildcatter (unlicensed) tree removal companies in my neighborhood on Phinney Ridge for development of a house that SDCI had approved. Their diagram did not even include the two exceptional trees.

Recently, the SDOT approved removal of two cedar trees from street parking in my neighborhood. One of them, Did need to be removed, however, the other one was healthy and its diameter was 13 feet. It was not rotten. It was a convenience for the contractor.

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