

**The following residents have reached out to OSE and the Urban Forestry Commission with emails about the City's update to the tree ordinance.
Emails through December 17, 2019**

From: Carrie Lafferty <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:22 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

Cc: neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Graves, David <David.Graves3@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>

Subject: 11340 and 11344 23RD AVE NE functionally-related lot with 49 trees

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Dear PRC -

Please provide a **public meeting** on the development being proposed at **11340-11350 23RD AVE NE** - if for anything a SEPA Determination.

It is most confusing how the large parent lot of 44,976 sq feet with 49 trees trees on it be readied for redevelopment with an arborist report identifying 10 Exceptional trees that are not being required to be retained. Should not also SDCI be considering the tree groves that must be protected by Code? Note that 28 of these trees are at least 24-inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). The biggest tree on the site plan being a

71"-DBH Western Red Cedar that is going to be mowed down just to provide a center driveway! The Code requires alternative configurations of the functionally-related lot in order to retain protected trees.

This parent lot was purchased by one developer under the business of PAR or RAR 36,LLC on May 17, 2018 from a single person for \$720,000. Somehow the deed shows 3 parcels sold, yet the lot boundary adjustment has created 5 parcels (whereas LBA are not allowed to create additional parcels). Yet, it is one developer who will develop one functionally-related residential market-rate project connected by a 20-foot-wide emergency access easement. The tree canopy cover runs between 65% at the street to 97% at the back of the parent lot. The site slopes over 30 feet from the street to the rear of the lot.

The recent comment from the SDCI Planner is about planting new trees rather than retaining existing large exceptional trees and tree groves. Mr. Graves states on July 26 to the architect of the construction permit #6674332-CN:

"2. Pursuant to 23.44.020.A.1.a, you are required to provide *7 caliper inches of trees* (with each tree at least 1.5 inches in diameter). The only information on trees provided in the plan show removal of a tree."

This request is headed in the right direction, it seems, but is far from the requirements for trees on this or even a portion of the parent lot. Per the Seattle Code on SF-7200 lots, **at least two-inches of tree caliper for every 1,000 sq foot of land area** must be retained or replanted. Mr. Graves' request for just 7 caliper inches would only be adequate for a lot sized 3,500 sq ft which is less than 10% of the total parent lot area. I must be missing something...? Moreover, the 5 new buildings must be planned to **retain the maximum possible number of Exceptional trees**. There is no evidence this tree protection requirement is even being considered. There are many qualified arborists and architects that may help RAR 36 LLC develop this to its potential while respecting the environment. Especially given the expected revenues will exceed \$6,000,000. The arborist inventory is not enough. The arborist will also need to be engaged with the architect as the development is mapped out.

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Sincerely,

David Moehring
A Member of TreePAC



[Record Snapshot](#) 212 KB 06/25/19 [6674332-CN](#) Construction Permit
[Approved Plan Set - Land Use Permit](#) 1279 KB 07/25/18 [3030102-LU](#) Master Use Permit
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When recorded return to:
RAR 36, LLC
16330 Inglewood Place Ne
Kenmore, WA 98028

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

THE GRANTOR(S) Shirley J. Falk, A Single Woman

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OLD REPUBLIC TITLE LTD
11-26814

for and in consideration of \$10.00 and good and other valuable consideration in hand paid, conveys, and warrants to RAR 36, LLC, A Washington Limited Liability Corp the following described real estate, situated in the County of King, State of Washington:

Legal Attached hereto as "Exhibit A"

Abbreviated Legal: Parcels A, B and C, City of Seattle Short Subdivision No. 880696 9004040266

*SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AND ALL ITEMS AS SHOWN ON "EXHIBIT B" ATTACH-PART OF.

THE SELLER HAS NOT HAD THE PROPERTY SUVEYED AND MAKES NO WARR ENCROACHMENTS

Tax Parcel Number(s): 890100-1620-01, 890100-1615-08

From: Suzanne Grant <suzanne@grantharper.net>

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 9:26 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Graves, David <David.Graves3@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Daniel <Daniel.Strauss@seattle.gov>

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Thank you.

Suzanne Grant

From: Katherine Chesick <kchesick@earthlink.net>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 12:46 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Chris Seidler <chris.seidler@siriuscom.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Lena Hart-Bundy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: katrina mercado <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: SHAWN CAREY <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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

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From: Dr Halverson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:32 PM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We need to consider our future and act to preserve nature and in the process preserve our health and mental health. As a psychologist I know the research is definite that trees and nature reduce stress and improve our quality of life besides improving lung health etc.

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From: Michelle McKinney <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:42 PM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: Anna Humphreys <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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Dear Mayor Durkan, City Council, and Urban Forestry Commission,

As a graduate student of Public Health at UW Seattle, I have studied how urban tree planting enhances community wellbeing, from increased mental health and social gatherings, to lower exposure to extreme heat and air pollution. Big, beautiful trees are among our "Evergreen City"'s greatest assets, and their continued loss in our city at a time when they should be proliferating lowers the aesthetic appeal to tourists, as well as our potential to mitigate and adapt to climate change. For these reasons and many others, I urge you to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

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Thank you for addressing this matter. As the wise Lorax said, 'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.'

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From: Susan Greenberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: nancy Hartunian <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 12:36 PM

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

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From: julia vaquera <juliavaq@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 5:28 PM

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

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From: Jack Burk <gailnjack@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 10:27 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Lynn Brevig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 11:47 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Julie Hale <julie.hale@patagonia.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:27 AM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 5:21 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Evan Fischer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 12:50 AM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Evan Fischer

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From: Lori Bjorklund <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:52 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Lori Bjorklund

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From: Jacqui Smith-Bates <jacquisb@spu.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 7:18 PM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance!

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This issue is very important to me and to all Seattle residents' quality of life.

Jacqui Smith-Bates

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Seattle , Washington 98104

From: Julianna Ross <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 7:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Julianna Ross

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From: Ross Beecher <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 9:40 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Ross Beecher

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Seattle , Washington 98103-6650

From: Xochil Squaglia <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:00 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Leila El-Wakil <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Many condos and apartments are being built with 5 ft setbacks, inadequate for most trees, no courtyards or patios and hence undesirable curb appeal, increased environmental cost, resulting in shorter term [sic], less community invested renters/owners. Allowing maximum space use appropriate for commercial/industrial buildings, but not for residential living.

Surrounding vacancies should be assessed. Long term community development should be a higher priority than developers profit.

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From: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 8:13 AM

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

Subject: Fwd: SDCI Complaint Resolution

This relates to a property in Ravenna where over 10 trees, all larger than 6" DBH, including at least one 'Exceptional' poplar tree have been removed over the past couple of months. I have been submitting complaints through the portal while the work was happening which has likely been carried out by an unlicensed tree removal company given the way the site has been left with branches and wood all over the place and trees being removed in stages, suggesting the workers do not know what they are doing.

This IS in violation of SMC 25.11 and the DR16-2008 as no 'Hazard Tree Removal Permit' has been submitted for the 'Exceptional' tree, nor any development permits for the property that may have led to the allowance of removing all of the trees on the site. The information for this complaint has nothing visible about the inspection or whether the property owner has been found in violation or not.

Please can you clarify this situation and confirm that the property owner will be found in violation for illegally removing more than three 6"DBH trees and at least one 'exceptional' trees, which by the way was over 80"DBH.

Please view the attached photographs of the massacred trees, both during the process and after. I was able to measure many of the trees when still standing and some of the stumps that were not covered in branches.

There is absolutely NO way that this cannot be anything but NON-compliance of SDCI's own codes.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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From: Cynthia ROSE <crose1453@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 9:35 AM

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

Subject: 49 trees in danger on 23rd Ave.NE

CAUTION: External Email

Dear City Council members, Mayor Durkan, Ms. Sandra Pinto de Bader, and Ms.Christina Postlewait,

I am writing because of an urgent matter on 23rd Avenue NE, the street where I live. We have had lost large numbers of trees in Victory Heights /Pinehurst since I moved here 3 years ago; usually it has been too late for anyone to try to protect the trees from the developers who clear cut whole lots , saving no trees. This time there are 49 large trees which are in danger of being cut in clear cutting. All are greater than 6" in diameter, and 10 are exceptional in being 40-71" in diameter, and all are located on several lots being listed below for development. We have a tree ordinance to protect exceptional trees , but the tree ordinance is too weak and has not worked to protect trees from developers in a hurry to build large expensive houses. I am writing to ask you to hold a public meeting about these trees.

Please look at the list of lots and trees below and consider what our street would look like without those beautiful large trees.

11340 23rd Ave NE This address is attached to part of a lot boundary adjustment which subdivided one parcel into six – 11350, 11348, 11346, 11344 and 11342 23d Ave NE. Each newly created lot was approved for a single-family home. Anytime a permit to build is submitted, SDCI works to ensure that the plans go through rigorous reviews from not only the physical layout but also looking at trees on the property, potential erosion, draining, geotechnical, and other issues. 11348 23rd Ave NE: At present, only a proposed site plan and request for a pre-application site visit have been submitted. This application is in the very early stages and will go through the process listed above – including looking at trees and possible erosion and draining issues. A preliminary site plan has been submitted and correction requirements issued related to drainage (attached) was issued on 5/31/19. At present the permit for the proposed building has not yet been approve

11344 23rd Ave NE: A permit application has been submitted for this address - At present there are still outstanding corrections we are requiring of the developer and a construction permit has not been issued.

11342 23rd Ave NE: At this time only a request for a pre-application site visit has been asked of SDCI.

Now, please take a look at what is happening with clear cutting trees in 2019 in just our area in Northeast Seattle, as listed below from notes of treekeeper Annie Thoe:

MAY: 26 mature trees were clearcut in one lot for building 2 mini-mansions with large garages, just one block away from the 50 tree lot (11347 20th Ave NE) including a healthy, giant big leaf maple on the property line of the adjacent neighbor's house. The foreman pressured the neighbor that he needed to cut the big maple down now because "the driveway would kill it anyway in two years." When I called DCI to complain about this clearcut, they told me, "Looks like they have permits. Developers here are allowed to make as much money as they can." How can the city afford to allow this?— at what expense to the city, neighbors, our health, wildlife and our urban canopy?

- **AUGUST: 21 trees cut on this lot which included 9 Exceptional Trees for 2 mini-mansions** (11347 20th Ave NE). Again, how will we replace these trees and their benefits?

- **SEPTEMBER:** A giant fir (over 120 feet tall) was being illegally cut/damaged by homeowner on 105th and 17th NE — fortunately stopped by the city after repeated calls from neighbors. Will this tree survive? What is the carbon cost of a tree with this much canopy?

- **NOVEMBER:** Trench dug by developer damaging the one remaining Madrone tree left on the clearcut lot 11347 20th Ave NE (Cutting the roots will kill this mature tree within one or two years.)

At this rate there will be no large trees left in an area called Pinehurst with in a year or two. Meanwhile we have a weak do- nothing tree ordinance. Please , please consider a moratorium on cutting large trees as they have done in other large cities in the area(Vancouver, B.C. and Berkeley), please have a public meeting to discuss the current situation with the 49 trees in danger on 23rd AVE NE, and PLEASE STRENGTHEN THE TREE ORDINANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE , BEFORE WE LOSE OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES!

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Rose, resident on 11557 23rd Ave. NE

From: Janet Lange <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 5:30 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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We need to respect all urban trees as treasures to be nurtured and plant thousands more in the formerly industrial areas and underserved neighborhoods to lift up people and regain the reverence for nature that is a hallmark our region.

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From: Lucinda Stroud <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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From: heather brammer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 1:11 AM

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

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From: Megan Rabone <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 6:50 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: bluesky4butterfly@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 6:56 AM

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

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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 8:34 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have carefully read the letter below, and fully agree with its contents.

Seattle calls itself "The Emerald City", but it is more and more looking like a city that only sees the green color of money. Every day we see trees coming down for development, and replaced by a poor afterthought of landscaping with low maintenance as the focus. In our 27 years in our Fremont home, we have seen a steady decline in birds and other urban wildlife, as well as higher summer temperatures as trees come down and breezes are blocked by taller buildings. I am especially distressed when trees are cut down "to improve the view". A view without the trees is not an improvement.

I also object to the way in which trees are trimmed and topped to clear all the overhead wires we have here. It results in ugly and unhealthy trees. But that is a separate issue.

Thank you for considering my opinions. The default letter is below.

Tom Hampton, Fremont

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From: Patricia Carroll <patutie1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived here since the mid 80's and recently moved to a fairly wooded W. Woodland, with many trees on Phinney Ridge W. hillside (these trees help prevent erosion.) This last summer I would awaken to the sound of chain saws, on many mornings and this usually means more trees are coming down. We continue to have speculative land buyers that can pay top dollar and withhold a sale until the property owner clear cuts the lot, so it is easier to jamb lot-to-lot construction, and provide required earnings to investors.

NOTHING CAN STOP THIS BEHAVIOR, but the city can tighten its rules and provide the \$\$ toward enforcement, to continue to call us the evergreen state.

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From: Lindsay Brandon <lindsay.brandon@athleteslawyer.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Trees are essential to life

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Mary Keeler <mkeeler@uw.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 2:32 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Jeremy Koren <jkoren@tfcusa.org>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 5:08 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Sarah Lehl <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 7:48 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable, and Beautiful, Clean!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Tamaira Ross <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 8:03 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am writing this letter because of concerns I have about the loss of trees in my Queen Anne neighborhood.

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

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:26 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: F Rodriguez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

It's been waiting 10 1/2 years. No more delays — we can't afford them. Improve, update, and most importantly put ENFORCEMENT POWERS into and PASS the Tree Protection Ordinance NOW.

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From: Robin Wassong <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:59 AM

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

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: James Walseth <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please adopt Tree Protection Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor, City Council and Forestry Commission,

I believe it is both our challenge and responsibility to sustain life on the earth as we know it, by living lighter and destroying fewer living things -- including the trees that grace our city.

I also do no longer believe the urbanists' theory that through market forces cutting down a tree in the city saves two in the hinterlands. After a lifetime of witnessing changes around us, I believe only regulation can save trees -- both in the city and in the hinterlands.

I'm sure you are well aware that many residents have not experienced what they consider benefits from all the "prosperity". One thing they do see is a shrinking tree canopy and the loss of magnificent individual trees -- in short, degradation. Please turn this around by adopting the Tree Protection Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Seattle, Washington 98103-4305

From: Lindsey Zielke <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Darrell Howe <dhowe@artcycled.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 5:45 PM

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

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From: Clarissa Bulosan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:23 PM

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

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From: bree Merriweather <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:24 PM

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Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Subject: Trees are important

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Subject: Re: Tree Ordinance PLUZ Committee December 18, 2019 9:30 am. Need for additional monitoring/tracking provisions.

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Chairperson Pedersen and Councilmembers Mike O'Brien, Lisa Herbold and Lorena Gonzalez:

I support the draft Tree Ordinance and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. I do have additional suggestions, however. An ordinance is effective only to the extent it is monitored and strictly enforced. Currently, Seattle has a deficient tree ordinance in effect, but even it has not been rigorously enforced by SDCI. SDCI's primary job after all has been to issue construction permits and assure the development complies with the permits issued. Not surprisingly, SDCI has been overly generous in favor of developers, allowing the destruction of large trees and groves, and not tracking in any meaningful way the amount of tree loss. In large part, SDCI relies wholly on what developers report, and, unfortunately some developers do not report trees on the lot(s) and mow them down. This has been an ongoing problem. SDCI has turned a blind eye to this practice and has no procedures or mechanisms in place to prevent this problem.

The proposed legislation would levy fees for trees removed from lots, which should be a last resort. To be effective there must be rigorous monitoring and tracking provisions, which SDCI does not now have. Accordingly, I suggest the following additions to the draft proposed legislation:

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camellias and rhododendrons over six-feet tall) and ground cover, and to state the species and caliper of each of the trees on the property. Failure to comply would automatically result in a significant fine as well as automatic denial of a permit.

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Chairperson Pedersen, I hope the Committee also has before it all the prior letters and emails submitted in support of this proposed legislation. The group I work with, Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, has long-supported TreePac and the Urban Forestry Commission's efforts to pass legislation.

Sincerely,

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From: Melissa Iszard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 7:21 AM

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

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: FW: Tree Legal What has changed with large street trees at 22 W Highland Dr Seattle, WA 98119

CAUTION: External Email

Morning! I assume you have this?

All the best,
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

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-----Original Message-----

From: tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com <tree-ordinance-legal@googlegroups.com> On Behalf Of David Moehring

Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2019 9:47 PM

To: info@dontclearcutseattle.org; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov

Cc: Barbara Bernard via Magnolia Tree Keepers - All messages <Magnolia-tree-keepers_all@googlegroups.com>; Queen Anne Community Council <queenannecc@gmail.com>; DOT_SeattleTrees <seattle.trees@seattle.gov>; Toby Thaler <toby.thaler@seattle.gov>; Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov; Carolyn Rodenberg <carolyn@1sustainableplanet.org>

Subject: Tree Legal What has changed with large street trees at 22 W Highland Dr Seattle, WA 98119

Dear Seattle Department of Transportation arborists, and Councilmember Bagshaw-

Please clarify once again why the street trees at 22 W Highland Dr (south Queen Anne) Seattle, WA 98119 are marked for removal. These trees were originally marked on mid-July, and then the signs were subsequently removed.

Who has asked for these trees to be re-examined, and on what factual basis have they been deemed dangerous?

Those who live near these trees Believe it is more of a case of some shallow complaints of the possibility of branches falling and harming someone; and then which arborist is consulted: privately hired ones definitely make the case for those paying them , as I think was the case last time the trees were tagged.

Thank you,

David Moehring
TreePAC Board member

From: Carolyn Lambert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 8:33 AM

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

Subject: Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle is such a unique and wonderful place to visit. It would be a shame to ignore the value of giant trees to the aesthetic value, and air quality of this wonderful place. I am a visitor and fan of Seattle and implore the Mayor, the City Council increase protections for large mature trees and to move implementation and enforcement of tree protection to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

Thank you for your attention,

Carolyn Lambert

Carolyn Lambert

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From: Karen Schneider <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

I am a third generation Seattlite who has seen many changes. The change that upsets me the most is the loss of our beautiful trees to folks who don't care about the sustainability of our environment. WE HAVE TO CARE- I raised my children to love trees. Once when a neighbor was cutting down a tree my daughter started crying and they decided not too.

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Karen Schneider

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Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Corine Landrieu <Art.Conservation@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:01 AM

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

Subject: 49 trees in danger of being cut

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mayor, dear City Council Members,

In Victory Heights there is a stand of 49 trees(all are greater than 6" in diameter and 10 are exceptional and greater than 40-71" in diameter) located on several lots listed below for development: 11340 and 11344 23rd Ave NE functionally-related lot .

My husband Mack Murphy and I also happen to live next door to that lot, on the SE corner of 23rd and 115th, at 2301 NE 115th street.

There have been already a number of recent examples of trees being essentially clearcut by developers to make way for creating large unaffordable homes with little to no room to replant trees that have been removed. The worst part is that huge exceptional trees are being cut despite the current tree ordinance because it is weak. The lots listed below are in various stages of the pre-permit and permit process.

We are very worried about what will happen next door with the current weak tree ordinance, and fear we will helplessly watch this beautiful tree grove get clear cut.

If that happens, our whole neighborhood sanctuary in the city feel will disappear. Until now, it has been a wonderful enclave of green canopy and majestic trunks, fragrant and vibrant with bio-diversity.

We beg you to please preserve the beauty of our neighborhood, and disallow the wholesale cutting of our magnificent trees.

Respectfully,

Corine Landrieu

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Member AIC

Landrieu Conservation

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Seattle, WA 98125
206-715-2549



From: Rosemary Sudmeier <schmoeee1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:16 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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I have lived in Seattle almost all of my life. What makes the Emerald City so special? The water and the trees. Let's take stronger action to preserve the trees that we already have and plant more! Our health and safety depend on it!

Thank you,

Rose Sudmeier, North Seattle

Rosemary Sudmeier

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From: Susan Ward <barrettmw@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:08 PM

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

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I urge you to update and improve Seattle tree ordinance as soon as possible. Trees, like clean air and water, need protection.

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From: Suzanne Lawrence <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Clara Berridge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 4:24 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Clara Berridge

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Craig Curran <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Although not a resident of Seattle, my wife and I co-own a restaurant and pub located at Thornton Place, right next to the daylighted Thornton Creek which was part of the development plan for the complex which we are a part of. Our son and daughter-in-law do live in Seattle in Lake City. We are all very strongly supportive of efforts to maintain Seattle's trees.

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Craig Curran

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Brier, Washington 98036

From: Emily Firman <efirman7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 5:47 PM
To: Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>
Subject: RE: In support of

CAUTION: External Email

Teresa and dedicated Staff at the City of Seattle,

Congratulations on your recent win. You had my vote for your work to build smart transportation plans for our district. I live in the Pinehurst neighborhood. As a member of the Thornton Creek Alliance and Washington Native Plant Society I've had the opportunity to learn and appreciate the diverse wildlife of our state and our region. Having urban forests [improves the health](#) of everyone in the community and we are at risk of losing our unique green environment in Seattle without proper and enforced regulations.

At a recent community meeting to discuss the 135th station plan, my spouse offered the idea of concentrated growth surrounded by green spaces, including walking biking pathways. I also believe growth and green may go together. We have a great opportunity to preserve our community health and innovate at the same time. Unfortunately without regulation, we are at risk of developers that look only to their own benefit and not that of the community as evidence by [this Nextdoor post today](#) about trees being clearcut and others wanting to do the same.

I encourage you to support The Urban Forestry Commission's recommendations for Seattle's tree protection ordinance update. Tomorrow they will be accepting public testimony, but I will not be able to be there. Please accept this in lieu of my presence.

Thank you for consideration,

Sincerely,

Emily Firman
12750 10th Ave NE.
Seattle WA 98125

From: Deborah Kelch <Deborahkelch@Gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 6:07 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
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9. Specifically, very concerned about the large tulip tree on Queen Anne Hill. Heritage trees need better protection!

Deborah Kelch

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Seattle , Washington 98119

From: Annie Thoe <neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 6:36 PM

To: Cindy Johnson <johncm1@mac.com>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

Cc: Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>

Subject: Re: Record Number: 005384-19CP - Seattle Services Portal | Seattle.gov

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Cindy Johnson,

I'm sorry to hear this has happened— heartbreaking for sure. I hope you send a letter via the [dontclearcutseattle](http://dontclearcutseattle.com) website which will go to the mayor, council, DCI and Office of Sustainability: be sure to include the site number/case number information. Photos may need to be sent separate from the website— I don't think the website is set up for those attachments. The more we have photos and documentation, the more likely we can stop this in the future and this illegal and horrible practice will stop. We can't afford to lose these big trees and they mean so much to all of us. Are you coming to the Council meeting this Wednesday? We are hoping to rally a huge turnout in favor of adopting a stronger tree ordinance— your case is important for this.

I'm passing on your letter to some key people who are working on the ordinance. Katy Griffith is handling instagram and our website— please send her photos and you can send them to me too and I'll post this on Facebook so others can write in to comment on this case. Thanks for writing and hope to see you Wednesday.

Again, sorry for your loss in your neighborhood.

Annie

Annie Thoe
Neighborhood Treekeepers

www.dontclearcutseattle.org

Facebook: DontclearcutSeattle

Instagram: DontclearcutSeattle

Here's the invite to the meeting....

Hello Neighborhood Treekeepers,

Just a few days before the big Seattle City Council's Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee **public briefing this Wednesday, Dec. 18th on updating Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance.**

We need your help for a strong turnout. Will you come?

Talk to friends and coworkers, email and social share with your circles to show up at City Hall in person at this meeting. **Please RSVP on our Facebook Event Page and share <https://www.facebook.com/events/2647707515291081/>** If you are RSVPing via this email, please send your phone number with your RSVP so we can contact you. Make signs, t-shirts or bring your SAVE OUR TREES sign. We will also have signs available to hold. Our goal is to have large numbers of people— at least 100 or more to show up in support of a stronger tree ordinance. Bring two or three friends, family, and especially kids.

Arrive early by 8:50 am for a 9 am press conference to stand in line to get into the City Council Chambers **at Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave, Seattle, 2nd Floor.**

You will be able to sign up to make a short public comment. Be prepared to give specific stories, photos and comments on why the Council needs to act now to adopt the Urban Forest Commission's draft of the Tree Protection Ordinance. Do you have suggestions to make this tree ordinance even better? Add those, too! For in-depth information about this proposed ordinance click here: <https://www.dontclearcutseattle.org/tree-ordinance/> and check the bottom of this email for main points.

Thanks coming and spreading the word to all about this historic meeting!

Rah! Rah! Trees!



Annie Thoe
Neighborhood Treekeepers

www.dontclearcutseattle.org

<https://www.facebook.com/dontclearcutseattle/>

Instagram: DontclearcutSeattle

Truly can't make this meeting? Please share your stories and points about strengthening our tree protection by sending an email to the mayor and council through our website: www.dontclearcutseattle.org.

Panel Speakers at the meeting will include:

Dr. Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, UW;
Sandra Pinto de Bader, Urban Forestry Policy Advisor, Office of Sustainability and Environment;
Representative from Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; and
Joshua Morris, Urban Conservation Manager, Seattle Audubon.

Here's a few points on why we need a stronger tree protection ordinance:

- Enforces tree protection and budget required to maintain protection of our trees for exceptional trees, groves, significant trees, including undeveloped lots.
- Provides legal protection for our trees through expansion of permit system for all private property tree removal on all land use zones
- Shapes sustainable design for protecting our environment and reducing global warming
- Guidance on safe building practices to protect tree roots from being cut or damaged from heavy equipment
- Saves our mature and exceptional trees and ensures tree canopy for all health and welfare
- Requires replacement of all tree removals, including hazardous trees.
- Plants more trees in the city, particularly in areas with less urban canopy.
- Expand definition of Exceptional Trees to also include all trees 24" DBH and above
- Increased space allowance protection for trees (more than 5 feet) on perimeters and property lines for new development
- A limit of removal of trees on developed lots to no more than two within a 3 year period.
- Strengthen Tree Removal Notice Requirements -More Visibility and Time
- Use of a 6" diameter at breast height (DBH) threshold for tree significance and removal and replacement permits.
- Creation of an in-lieu payment system and a Tree Replacement and Canopy Maintenance Fund
- Use a tree species and Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) approach to assessing trees, not a tree canopy percentage approach

- As our city grows, we need more trees for livability to counter the noise, pollution and stress from urban density.

On Dec 16, 2019, at 6:25 PM, Cindy Johnson <johncm1@mac.com> wrote:

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=DPDEnforcement&TabName=DPDEnforcement&capID1=19DPD&capID2=00000&capID3=73443&agencyCode=SEATTLE>

I made a complaint to the city about trees being cut 107 NW 50th st.
Please look at this resolved complaint.

One was 36" diameter another slightly smaller. The city did nothing on either tree. SDCI
I have pictures and am so mad developers can get away with it. The second tree was cut by an unregistered tree company.

Thanks,
Cindy Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

From: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 8:48 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Cc: heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>
Subject: Please submit into record

CAUTION: External Email

Hi Sandra

Please submit my comments into the record for this Wednesday's Hearing on the tree ordinance. Given its timing I will be unable to attend in person.

All the best,
Heidi Siegelbaum

Heidi Siegelbaum

(206) 784-4265

December 16, 2019

Dear City Council

I am writing to urge you to support a stronger Seattle Tree Ordinance as articulated by the Urban Forestry Commission.

I have been working in natural resources for 30 years and currently work on Puget Sound Recovery for Washington State University. Our focus is on stormwater and I have been working on tree policies and strategies for 15 years in Seattle.

1. **Move Tree Regulations to OSE:** All previous iterations of the tree ordinance are weak and tree regulations are developed in SDCI, a clear and compelling conflict of interest.
2. **Permit:** Support a permit system with adequate ENFORCEMENT and staffing (at least 6 additional staff and 8 additional arborists). Laws without enforcement are completely irrelevant and ineffective.
3. **Retrospective Review of Trees Removed with no record of replacement:** The City has violated its own laws for 17 years. Please fund a retrospective analysis of the hundreds, possibly thousands of trees removed on private property during development. SDCI was supposed to keep records and track where replacement trees were planted.
4. **Preference for on-site planting:** In-lieu fee mitigation for trees cuts is not a suitable option. When trees are cut, trees must be planted. They can be planted on site or in neighborhoods that clearly have a tree deficit.
5. **Tree removal on personal property:** Allowing residents to remove 2 significant trees a year could quickly clearcut a lot. Tree removal should be prohibited unless hazardous.
6. **Hazardous Tree Removal:** Based on the two Tree regulation reports and review of records from a public record request from SDCI, Community Development, and SDOT, there is a pattern and practice of hazardous tree determinations that lack evidence, are not supported by appropriate paperwork or are suspiciously approved by SDCI. Hazard determinations need to be made by a neutral and qualified third party arborist with clear evidence. Our Critical Ordinance has exemptions that call into question their basis. Many applications for tree removal (up to 28 trees or more) on steep slopes where there are seeps and previous landslides in the area are an example (Humes Place West).
7. **Tree Service Providers:** It is clear from publicly available evidence that there is widespread malfeasance and possibly fraud associated with tree service providers who don't have adequate training, don't maintain good records, frighten property owners into cutting their trees for spurious reasons and who appear to be inappropriately

affixed to certain developers. Tree service providers should have to be qualified arborists. In addition, the current complaint based system is wholly inadequate. there should be an 800 number that can be called AT ANY TIME of the day or night. I saw an 80 foot conifer come down at 7am.

SDCI's hours are completely unacceptable at 10 am-4:40 pm weekday for reaching them- residents have no recourse if they see something fishy or illegal. Calling the police yields no results and they told me they wouldn't even know what to do even if someone DID call them (they are listed as a secondary resource for tree issues). This is a huge enforcement loophole.

On a personal note

It's difficult for me to even capture why what's happening is so wrong: We are LAYING WASTE to our natural resources, trees being our most robust assets outside wetlands. Older Trees are no less cultural assets held in the common trust than historic buildings or sight lines to the water and mountains. They clear air, provide habitat, attenuate flooding, attract birds and reduce toxic air pollutants. Seattle is 10th for Heat Island Index. Why in god's name would we just bulldoze the entire city for some crappy monolithic buildings that are unaffordable? From an external standpoint it looks like this is all about money and our disproportionate emphasis on money at the expense of literally any other value system has corrupted the city.

Yes, of course it's easier to just bulldoze a lot but it's not consonant with our values and sustainable practices as a City.

This is a massive and unarticulated cost shifting scam. Residents are holding the bag.

Are you tracking climate change? Stormwater? Pollutant loading to Puget Sound? The expense of ESA and water quality clean-up plans? (TMDLs). It's all connected. Our tree policies are one matter- what is missing is **SUSTAINABLE PLACE MAKING** and the role of landscape architects and arborists.

We have lived in our neighborhood for 25 years and without turning my head one inch, we have seen at least 20 mature trees (some 80-100 years old) cut down for no reason. The building across from us houses all speculative owners- short term, Air BNB. This is what we are trading our cultural heritage and natural defenses for.

You have a big responsibility here but also an opportunity to DO THE RIGHT THING. Please do it. We appreciate the strides you have taken and commend you given the crushing pressure you must be under but we must stretch beyond where we currently

are. Please promote sustainability as the City in its broad policy documents, purports to do so.

Sincerely,



Heidi Siegelbaum

From: Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 8:53 PM

To: Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

Subject: Information for 12/18 Briefing on Tree Ordinance Work

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Pedersen and Mr. Thaler,

I'm a constituent at 3116 NE 84th Street in Wedgwood. Thank you for informing me of Wednesday's City Council meeting. I'm a mom of young children who has grown increasingly alarmed by the rapid removal of very large trees in my neighborhood and the surrounding area, and, have learned that a significant amount of them are removed without permits by companies who do so with full knowledge of what they are doing. Sadly, I have also learned that making a complaint through SDCI is ineffective and lacks any accountability. I would like to share with you the steps that I have taken to follow up on a complaint that I made on 9/5/19. Please start at the bottom of this email and finish with my conversation with Faith Lumdsen.

I am submitting this to you so that you read this and share it/parts of it at Wednesday's City Council Meeting. The complaint process, the fact that I have had to follow up so many times, SDCI's/Ms. Lumdsen's lack of accountability – there are many items in this message that are important for the City Council to know. Unfortunately I have to work that day.

Thank you for your work on this important issue. Please feel free to call or email me at any time.

Kind Regards,
Judy Akalaitis
206-370-4176

Please start at the bottom of the email.

On November 20th, 2019 at 5pm I spoke with Faith Lumdsen, head of the Code Compliance Division of SDCI regarding two exceptional cedars that were cut down, unpermitted, at 10504 Durland Avenue. This was my follow up effort on a complaint that I called in on 9/5/19 and an email that I wrote to Nathan Torgelson on 11/6/2019 (see below). We talked for thirty minutes, and I did not get any indication from her that she would do anything regarding my complaint. For every question I asked, she had an excuse as to why they could not enforce the removal of the two exceptional trees at 10504 Durland Avenue NE.

Faith said:

-that the owner “approved the inspection.” And “that’s a good sign because some people say ‘no’ to an inspection and we can’t go on their private private property.” So, “that’s a start!”

-As she learned that the stumps had been ground, she said, “Well, then we are sunk.”

To which I asked about Google images, photographs (with measurements).

Faith said:

-“you can’t prove that those photos are from the trees taken down at that address, and the owners of the property can claim that they trespassed to get the photos. Plus we cannot verify the full circumference of the trees from photos.”

Regarding Google images as a source for documentation of missing trees, she said,

-“You can see them, but you can’t measure them. We have to be able to get there when there’s a trunk.”

I then addressed the lack of follow up to my complaint. When I called the complaint line on September 5th, the day following the cutting, the person who took my call informed me that no complaints had been called in that morning and someone available to send out. At that point, the cut logs were laying next to the stumps, which were visible from the street.

Faith’s responses:

-“There are days where I don’t have any staff available.”

-“I’ll have to talk to the supervisors in charge, Kevin Howe and Eric Jenkins”

-“This may be a personnel issue.” To which I replied, If I called and 4 others sent in complaints on the SDCI portal, and there hasn’t been any follow up, clearly it’s a systemic issue.

I then addressed the offer of a sworn testimony by the neighbor who witnessed the cutting and talked to the employees of the company who took down the tree (Tony’s Tree Cutting Service). She said that wouldn’t work because she (SDCI) would have to take the owners of the property to court.

Faith’s general comments on follow up:

-“These complaints are very hard to follow up on. I don’t have an arborist on staff and it is hard for us to estimate the cost of the tree.

In addition to figuring out what kind of tree it is, we have to figure out value according to the location and condition of the tree. That’s hard to do without an arborist on hand.”

- "I wish I had a couple of arborists on my staff but I don't. It makes it very challenging to enforce the code."

In regards to cutting down trees in general, Faith's comments were:

"It's easy to get a permit to cut down an exceptional tree."

"I have a code that's very very very hard to enforce."

After thirty minutes of talk, I had to go make dinner for my kids.

From: [Torgelson, Nathan](#)

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 5:05 PM

To: [Judy Akalaitis](#); [Lumsden, Faith](#)

Subject: RE: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

Dear Ms. Akalaitis:

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. If she wasn't able to reach you today, Faith Lumsden, who heads up our Code Compliance Division, will reach out to you tomorrow to further discuss this case.

Nathan

Nathan Torgelson

Pronouns: He/him/his

Director

[Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections](#)

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Helping people build a safe, livable and inclusive Seattle

From: Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2019 8:16 PM

To: Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Accountability: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Torgelson,

I am a resident of Seattle and parent of young children. I called your complaint line on 9/5/2019 regarding two exceptional Cedar trees that were removed from 10504 Durland Avenue NE **without a permit**. I was not the only one who submitted a complaint regarding this tree removal; there were several complaints in your system regarding the tree removals at the aforementioned address.

Fast forward to two months after the date of the complaint, and I'm still waiting to hear when your department will be accountable and follow up with the owner of the property and the company who removed these trees, knowingly, without a permit. As a parent of young children who are witnessing the illegal removal of exceptional trees without consequence, I take this seriously, and from the six phone calls and three emails that I have made to your department, you, Mr. Torgelson, do not.

Although you have several complaints regarding this property in your system, it appeared that all of them were closed except for one. The complaint with the most photographic evidence, **record number 008441-19CP**, has been closed. When I finally heard back from Shantel McEachin, she stated (see below) "If you would like you can send the photos you have to me that way some documentation on the tree cutting." Obviously, Shantel did not review the other complaints in your portal covering same address. That appears to be a major error which I, and many others, want an explanation for. I also want an explanation for why the other complaints were closed, as obviously the complaint has not been fully investigated.

I'm also concerned about the length of time it takes to follow up on an unpermitted tree removal complaint. By the time your department follows up on the complaint, the stumps will be ground up, and from what I understand, your inspectors do not assign consequences.

Finally, as I see one exceptional tree after being removed, I'm wondering what happens if I see a tree in the process of being removed. When I call your complaint line, will you send someone out asap? I clearly have my doubts.

I'm writing you because I know of no accountability by SDCI in preserving exceptional trees. With the current unpermitted removal rate of exceptional trees – and a lack of accountability by SDCI – my children will see increasingly hot Seattle weather. Is SDCI's the follow up on 10504 Durland Avenue NE standard? If so, developers, property owners and tree companies will know (they probably do already) that they can do whatever they please.

I ask that you use your impressive list of degrees and accomplishments to make your department more accountable to those who are concerned about unpermitted tree removals and take the time to submit complaints. I am always happy to talk about this issue.

I left you a voicemail message regarding this same issue.

Sincerely,

Judy

Judy Akalaitis
206.370.4176

From: [Judy Akalaitis](#)
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 7:06 PM
To: [McEachin, Shantel](#)
Subject: RE: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

Dear Shantel,

I'm looking for follow up on the email below. Please see the bold items below.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Judy

Judy Akalaitis
206.370.4176

From: [Judy Akalaitis](#)
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 8:32 AM
To: [McEachin, Shantel](#)
Subject: RE: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

Hi Shantel,

Attached are photos from the tree cutting of 10504 Durland Avenue NE. Two cedars, 3 feet in diameter, were taken down, possibly more at this point, as it may be that the tree in photo IMG_5137 may have been limbed up in preparation to be taken down. The cutting was done by Tony's Tree Cutting Service and was witnessed by neighbors who spoke, in English and Spanish, to the workers and asked if it was permitted, and the workers said "yes." One cedar was located near the southwest corner (see photo IMG_5136) and another in the backyard. They have since ground the stumps, and placed sod over the area in the backyard where it was located.

Please let me know when the inspection is scheduled, so that neighbors who witnessed the cutting can attend.

These photos were also submitted in record number 008441-19CP, which says that it is "closed." Please let me know why that record was closed.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,

Judy

Judy Akalaitis
206.370.4176

From: [McEachin, Shantel](#)
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:48 AM
To: [Akalaitis](#)
Subject: RE: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

Okay, thanks and yes I am scheduling a inspection with the owner. She has made contact with me but, I have not been able to schedule due to training and vacation time. If you would like you can send the photos you have to me that way I have some documentation on the tree cutting.
Thanks

Shantel McEachin
Housing/Zoning Inspector
City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019
O: 206-233-8569I F: 206.615-1812I shantel.mceachin@seattle.gov

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-----Original Message-----

From: Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 9:07 AM
To: McEachin, Shantel <Shantel.McEachin@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Ms. McEachin,

I am one of several complainants.

Judy Akalaitis

> On Oct 14, 2019, at 7:46 AM, McEachin, Shantel <Shantel.McEachin@seattle.gov> wrote:

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> Good Morning

> Are you the homeowner of 10504 Durland Ave NE or the complainant?

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> From: Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>

> Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 6:03 PM

> To: McEachin, Shantel <Shantel.McEachin@seattle.gov>

> Subject: Complaint Investigation Inquiry

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> CAUTION: External Email

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> Dear Ms. McEachin,

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> I left a voicemail message for you on Friday, September 27 regarding 10504 Durland Avenue NE to which I am following up. Several complaints were submitted on September 4th & 5th regarding the unpermitted removal of two exceptional trees on the aforementioned property. I'm writing to gain an understanding of the status of the "open investigation" as well as understand why the other complaints have been closed.

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> I have been at the site several times and am in touch with one of the neighbors who witnessed the removals and took photos that were submitted with her complaint. If you need assistance in any way with expediting a resolution to the complaint, please let me know.

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> Regardless, I look forward to a detailed status update of the investigation soon.

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> Thank you.
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> Kind Regards,
> Judy Akalaitis
> 206.370.4176

From: Jon French <jon.french@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:51 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Jon French

jon.french@noaa.gov

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Sheryl French <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:53 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Sheryl French

sfrench@gmail.com

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Joel Salzberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:54 PM

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

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Joel Salzberg

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Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Kaitlyn French <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:56 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Seattle, Washington 98125
