

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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Mayor Jenny Durkan and Councilmembers
City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Urban Forestry Commission 2017 Annual Report as required by Ordinance 123052

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle.

Enclosed is the Commission's 2017 annual report which provides a summary of the Commission's activities. In 2017 the Urban Forestry Commission focused on the results of thea Tree Regulations Research Project produced by OSE and SDCI, the results of the City's 20176 Tree Canopy Cover Assessment, as well as and providing seven~~producing several letters of UFC R~~recommendations based on numerous briefings. We-The Commission also continued to build relationships with urban forestry stakeholders including Seattle Audubon, City Fruit, and King County Million Trees Campaign.

The composition of the Commission has changed to add three new positions in an effort to diversify perspectives. The three new positions are environmental justice, public health and community representatives. We-The Commission is are very pleased with the recent addition of a Get Engaged member too. In June, we-the Commission mourned the death of Donna Kostka; she served on the Commission since 2014 and provided thoughtful and practical contributions as an-the urban ecologist.

The Urban Forestry Commission's primary objectives are:

- ~~• To provide a forum for public dialogue to assist the Commission in its advisory role.~~
- ~~• To provide feedback and recommendations to City Council and the Mayor on specific policy actions that will ensure the long-term health and viability of Seattle's urban forest; and~~

~~◆ To support implementation of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan goals.~~

~~We The Commission is~~are looking forward to supporting the City's effort to achieve 30 percent canopy cover by 2037 and helping ~~our city~~Seattle reap the many benefits that derive from a healthy urban forest.

Sincerely,