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**SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

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**Neeiyati Johnson** (Position #10 – Get Engaged) • **Whit Bouton** (Position #11 – Environmental Justice - ISA)  
**Jessica Jones** (Position # 12 – Public Health) • **Shari Selch** (Position # 13 – Community/Neighborhood)

*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*

**Meeting notes**

October 7, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Via Webex call

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 146-584-4198

Meeting password: 1234

*In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation 20-28. Meeting participation is limited to access by joining the meeting through a computer or telephone conference line.*

**Attending**

Commissioners

Weston Brinkley – Chair  
Sarah Rehder - Vice-Chair  
Elby Jones  
Jessica Jones  
Julia Michalak  
Josh Morris  
Stuart Niven  
Blake Voorhees  
Michael Walton

Staff

Sandra Pinto Urrutia - OSE

Guests

Ben Christensen (Cambium Carbon)  
Marisa Repka (Cambium Carbon)

Public

None

Absent- Excused

Whit Bouton  
Neeiyati Johnson  
Shari Selch

**NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details, listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>**

**Call to order**

Weston called the meeting to order and did roll call

### **Public comment**

None

### **Cambium Carbon efforts on urban wood reutilization - Marisa Repka and Ben Christensen**

Ben and Marisa shared the goals of Cambium Carbon’s reforestation hubs concept. This is a public-private partnership working with pilot cities to turn urban tree waste into valuable products whose revenue can be reinvested into regional tree planting projects. The purpose is to re-green degraded urban forests, improve key public health metrics, and generate new jobs in the emerging local wood economy.

The reforestation hubs concept integrates four components to build circular, self-sustaining, local wood economies and scale natural climate solution implementation. Hubs will:

1. Establish urban mill infrastructure to divert downed trees from landfills and upcycle them into their best use (high-end furniture, lumber, biochar, compost, or mulch).
2. Establish offtake agreements with cities and local businesses for high-volume products while cultivating demand for premium, charismatic urban wood products by telling the story of the circular local wood economy.
3. Reinvest revenues into new tree planting with tailored maintenance plans and essential infrastructure like nursery capacity, mills and kilns, and inventory management technology to further scale impact.
4. Galvanize matching planting commitments from public and private actors and create the on-ground planting and maintenance partnerships and infrastructure to help fulfill efforts like the Trillion Trees Initiative.

Problems the project is addressing:

Restoring trees to the American landscape is the single greatest pathway in the land sector to tackle climate change. Even though most of the reforestation potential lies outside of cities, financial resources are often concentrated in cities, whose residents benefit greatly from the various ecosystem services – stormwater retention, air pollution mitigation, energy savings, carbon sequestration – of both nearby and faraway trees. However, lackluster public funding to maintain urban tree canopies means that most US cities are quickly losing these benefits as this “green infrastructure” is eroded.

This is the right time to:

- Capitalize on local, national, and global momentum generated by initiatives like Trillion Trees, and develop infrastructure to enable voluntary tree planting commitments, on-ground project preparation and financial engines to transform urban and regional forest canopies, and
- Facilitate city engagement, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis when city budgets are heavily impacted and tree care and planting are the first line items scrapped. Hubs would not only be able to fill this financial gap, but also build back better, with a local wood economy fueling a self-sustaining reforestation effort that would leave the city more resilient.

Envisioned Impact and Scale:

The team is actively engaging in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Cleveland as we complete their pilot city scoping exercise. They have connected with local officials, non-profits and public-private initiatives to understand the local context and plot the best path forward. They believe that if they

can successfully align stakeholders in their first Reforestation Hub, the following impact metrics are within reach:

- In 10 years:
  - o Divert 275K tons of waste from landfills
  - o Generate \$22M in economic benefits
  - o Plant 2.5M local trees
- In 30 years:
  - o Generate \$1.5M metric tons of carbon equivalent reductions
  - o Restore half of the city's missing tree canopy
  - o Plant 14M regional trees

Their scaling roadmap rests on four key components:

1. Demonstration of success in pilot cities by aligning public and private actor incentives in the urban forest and wood space to stand up the key pieces of the pilot Hub.
2. Engineering positive feedback loops to scale in place across waste streams, product sales, tree plantings, carbon finance, procurement policies, and matching commitments.
3. Equipping urban wood champions to replicate Reforestation Hubs on their own with a publicly available Reforestation Hub Playbook.
4. Creating technical service provider capacity to address bottlenecks in replication and scaling—for example, conducting wood flow analyses, scoping mill infrastructure, arranging philanthropic program-related investments (PRIs), optimizing sort yard operations, executing offtake agreements and presale campaigns, or ensuring long term tree care maintenance. Cambium Carbon plans to offer these types of services as lubricant for local efforts to establish Hubs.

The team has secured funding from The Nature Conservancy to support cities in doing initial analysis. They would like Seattle to submit a letter of interests before 10/31.

- Sandra will bring this conversation back to Core Team to discuss interest in applying.
- Sarah and Stuart will collaborate to bring a draft letter encouraging the City to apply for the group to consider next week.
- Josh offered to work on a Thank you letter.

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**Adoption of August 5, August 12, September 2, and September 9 meeting minutes.**

Commissioners reviewed August and September meeting notes.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the August 5 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the August 12 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the September 2 notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.**

**ACTION: A motion to approve the September 9 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**iSeaTree Team on tree application thank you letter**

Commissioners discussed the draft letter.

**ACTION: A motion to approve the Thank You Letter to the iSeaTree Team as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**Joey Hulbert's Forest Health Watch project thank you letter**

Commissioners discussed the draft letter

**ACTION: A motion to approve the Thank You Letter to the Forest Health Watch project as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

**Racial equity and UFC work**

The group discussed ways to incorporate a racial equity commitment into the UFC work. Ways to do this could include:

- Add racial equity language to the UFC Commission Coordinator Protocols and the guidelines for letter writing and briefings
- Find ways to use language to encourage diverse applicants to UFC membership during recruitment processes and practices. This would help remove barriers to this highly technical commission.
- How can UFC apply environmental justice to its work? The fact that meetings have historically taken place during business hours, on a weekday, and downtown is a barrier. The UFC could consider moving one of the monthly meetings to the evening or weekend and potentially have the meeting travel to different areas of the city. Providing childcare, food would help a more diverse audience's participation. The technology divide is also something to consider.
- Inviting a more diverse group of speakers and presenters and paying them for their time would be another way to support engagement with BIPOC communities. Ideas included inviting the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps to present the community science moss project, inviting El Centro de la Raza and Seattle colleges.

Sandra will explore a potential budget for inclusive engagement once the 2021 budget is adopted.

The group began reviewing/editing the Commission Coordinator Protocols and will continue this work throughout the year.

**Public comment**

None

**Adjourn:** Weston adjourned the meeting.

**Public input:**

**(see next page and posted notes)**

**From:** RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Kopald, Daniel <Daniel.Kopald@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Steve ZemkeSAVEOURTREES <stevezemke@msn.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Registration approved for Web seminar: Talaris Campus Subdivision

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Daniel Kopald

I was online from the beginning of the SEPA Scoping event and fully registered. But due to some process you did not seem to see I existed and was in attendance to make public comment. I protest this process as invalid as I saw a list of at least 30 names waiting to be recognized. I attach a screenprint of what I saw online.

I request a new public online comment opportunity for all parties and an extension of 30 more days to the existing process.

Richard Ellison  
206-661-4195  
[climbwall@msn.com](mailto:climbwall@msn.com)

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**From:** Daniel Kopald <[daniel.kopald@seattle.gov](mailto:daniel.kopald@seattle.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** Richard Ellison <[climbwall@msn.com](mailto:climbwall@msn.com)>  
**Subject:** Registration approved for Web seminar: Talaris Campus Subdivision  
**When:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:00 PM-5:30 PM.  
**Where:** <https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/onstage/g.php?MTID=e07b0bc54cbb9f0c8ea055507a1024269>

**Your registration was approved for the following Webex event.**

Host: Daniel Kopald ([daniel.kopald@seattle.gov](mailto:daniel.kopald@seattle.gov))  
Event number (access code): 146 162 3634  
Registration ID: This event does not require a registration ID  
Event password: AHtwsDyT333

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:00 pm, Pacific Daylight Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

[Join event](#)

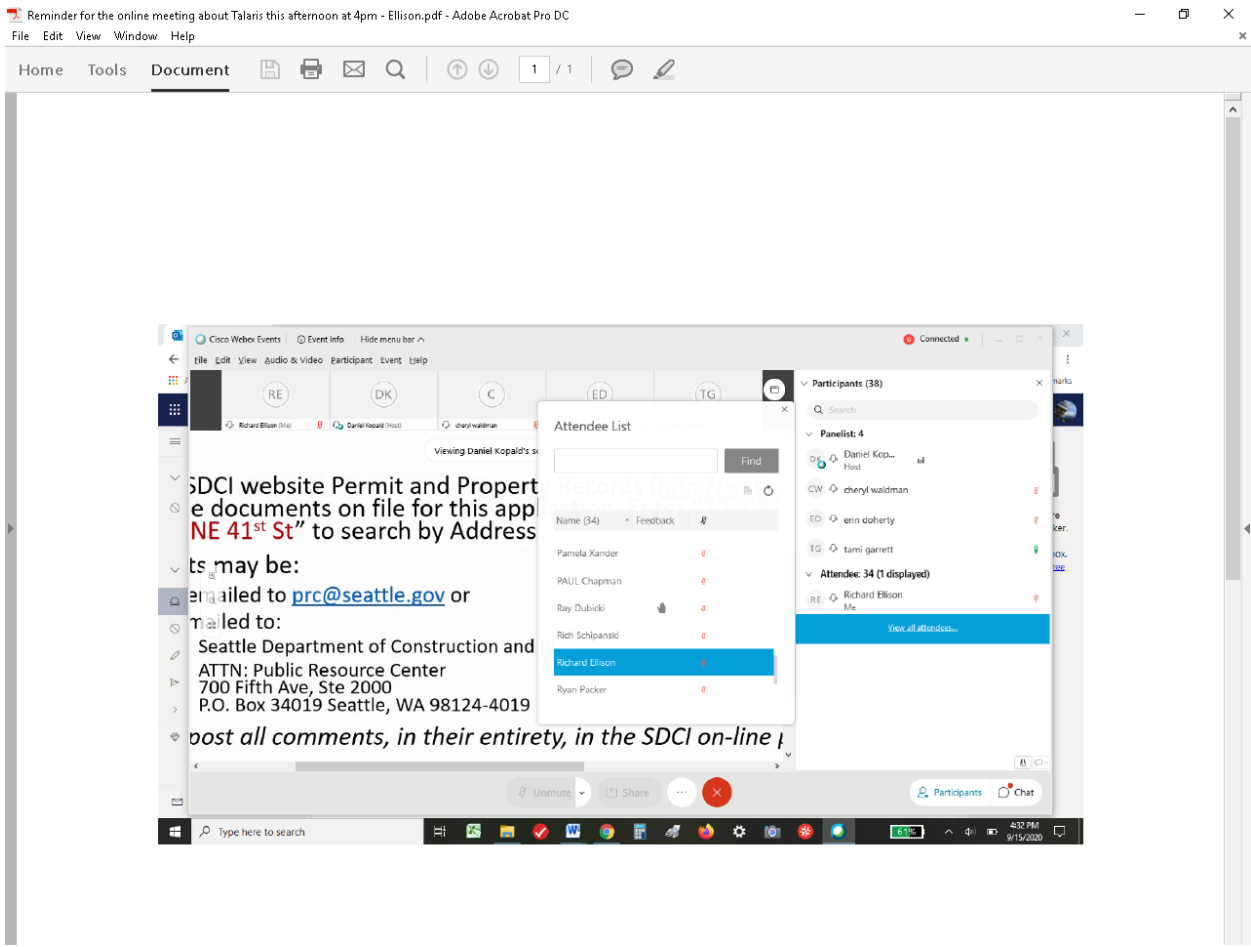
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**From:** RICHARD ELLISON <climbwall@msn.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:18 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Brown, Kamilah <Kamilah.Brown@seattle.gov>; Kopald, Daniel <Daniel.Kopald@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Scoping Comments for Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU

**CAUTION: External Email**

Comments to: Scoping for Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU , 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

From: Richard Ellison, MS  
8003 28<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115 [climbwall@msn.com](mailto:climbwall@msn.com)  
September 15, 2020

A. Save Seattle's Trees! I protest of the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

1. **Seattle is short of forested public and private space, and this property should be purchased by the City** or another jurisdiction so as to preserve and enhance this gem property as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. Of the current **455 trees** living on site, only 184 trees are proposed for retention, with the remaining **271 trees proposed for removal** – over 60 percent. This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
3. Those to be eliminated are **175 "exceptional" trees** per City standards. All of the proposed exceptional tree removals are needed to accommodate the proposed single-family home footprints and required infrastructure as shown on the plans.
4. The entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013 with a landscape designed by world-renown Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The proposal would undermine those features, packing a suburban subdivision design into a landmarked urban site who's landscape qualities should be retained, not 65% of the SEPA quality Exceptional trees removed.
5. Compounding the harm from wholesale elimination of trees and building demolition, the layout for the single-family home development is oblivious to the site's **integral landscape design** and would impinge on protected areas and buffers (e.g., wetlands).
6. Short of direct protection of all SEPA Exceptional trees, **development should be allowed only in areas with existing footprints of structures**. If a minimum number of housing units for affordable housing is desired, then zoning changes should allow for building taller structures. **Single family or otherwise, this could be a model site for housing development, by building tall, dense, multifamily and preserving all Exceptional trees and wetland areas as open space. Build up not out.**
7. Mitigation's should include restoration of the existing wetlands including removal of invasive non-native species and planting a diversity of native species throughout the

property.

8. Wetlands/buffers and wildlife habitat will be adversely impacted and encroached upon by the scale of the proposed subdivision. The drastic removal of landmarked, mature urban tree canopy and wetlands can never be fully replaced by new plantings.
9. The City has been unable to provide a coherent explanation on why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if the site were not a designated landmark.
10. Tree retention is a required tenet of the Seattle Municipal Code for subdivisions and an important commitment by a City that has committed to increasing its tree canopy by 30 percent to mitigate climate change impacts, such as reducing rising land temperatures and cleaning pollutants from increasingly contaminated air. The proposed redevelopment would remove 70 percent of the trees on the Talaris site, undermining a Citywide goal.
11. There is no development alternative that allows for retention of the majority of SEPA significant trees. Removing 100's of trees for any project is in violation of the spirit of Seattle's Comp Plan. By moving the footprints of new buildings to locations with fewer trees, and minimizing utility and roadway impacts more trees could be preserved. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA significant vegetation.

## **B. IMPORTANT RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

**SMC 25.05.675 N.2a.** "It is the City's policy to minimize or prevent the loss of wildlife habitat and other vegetation which have substantial aesthetic, educational, and/or economic value... the decisionmaker may condition or deny the project to mitigate its adverse impacts... **N.2d.** mitigating measures may include but are not limited to... ii. Reducing the size or scale of the project; iii. Preservation of specific on-site habitats, such as trees... vi. Landscaping and/or retention of existing vegetation."

**Seattle's Comprehensive Plan** calls for:

- 1) Preservation. "Environmental Stewardship. The natural and built environment are precious resources that should be preserved, protected and enhanced."
- 2) Environmental Leadership. "The Comprehensive Plan calls for Seattle to continue to be a national leader in environmental stewardship. The City will strive to... protect and improve the quality of the .. local environment;"
- 3) A Role Model. "Maintain and enhance conditions necessary to a healthy environment; ... Provide a role model for individuals and businesses in environmental management and preservation practices"
- 4) Sustainability. "The plan's four core values -- community, environmental stewardship .... are key components of sustainability."



C. **WETLAND STUDIES AT TALARIS**

The wetland includes the majority of the area west of the ponds, including areas of the grass field west of the pond. It is reasonable the man-made lakes are also modifying the hydrology of the site area, draining waters away from the natural wetlands.

Soil colors indicate wetland type soils outside of the designated DEIS wetlands. Soil colors generally indicate long term hydrology. A site map indicating sampling points to show wetland boundary justifications.

A WETLAND SURVEY site visit on **Dec 15, 2002** detailed many sample holes with 10YR 2/1 soil color, and with a vegetative mix of wetland and upland species, mostly invasive non-native species.

Sample 1. Within the forested buffer area south of the driveway and north of NE 41<sup>st</sup> St., in an area south and outside of designated wetlands

Soils:	0 – 6 inches	10YR 2-1 loam
	6 – 10 inches	2.5 Y 3/2 silty clay
	10 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: Cottonwoods, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, holly, trailing blackberry, buttercup, nettles

This area appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated wetland on project maps.

Sample 2. 1 meter west of rebar marker B2 pink tape appears north of a wetland:

Soils:	0 – 8 inches	10YR 2-1 loam
	8 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: Himalayan blackberry. This area appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated as wetland

Sample 3. 2 meters north of Josef Ludwig plaque in the grass field west of pond

Soils:	0 – 6 inches	7.5 YR 3/2
	6 – 10 inches	10 YR 3/2 with mottles; mottles = 2.5 YR ¾
	10 – 18 inches	unknown

Vegetation: lawn grasses, buttercups. This area appears to have the characteristics of a wetland, but is outside areas designated wetland on project maps.

Sample 4. Forest edge off field west of pond

Soils:	0 – 10 inches	10YR 3/3	sandy loam
	10 – 18 inches	unknown	

Vegetation: cottonwood, Himalayan blackberry, buttercups, nettles. This area appears to have upland characteristics, and confirms some areas with cottonwoods have upland type soils.

**WETLAND DISCUSSION:**

Wetlands are generally important for both hydrological and habitat reasons. Misidentification of wetland boundaries can minimize their value and thus opportunities for mitigation may be missed. As the historical wetland was larger than currently delineated, an understanding of the hydrology on site would be useful.

**From:** Debra Hannula <dkhannula@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 7:57 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** project #3030811-LU removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

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  - THANK you for your time and consideration,
  - Debra Hannul
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**From:** Janet Matulia <janet.matulia@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:57 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU , 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

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Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection

700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000

P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019

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Regards,

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**From:** Angie <angied@whidbey.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:01 AM

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Thank you Debra for standing up do do what is law abiding in Seattle. I am so tired of larger companies getting exceptions to rules that are passed for the benefit of Seattle and that keep neighborhoods nice places to live whether is in height restrictions or tree cutting or what can be squeezed onto a property where the building maximizes the space regardless of what it does to the neighbors or neighborhood. Individuals who have large trees on their properties that have created problems with their houses, foundations, drainage and so on are forced to keep the trees so it is not right to allow a development company to just take out what they want for their convenience and profit. We also need clean air now more than ever and currently have a shining example of that need. Shame on the decision makers of Seattle. You need to do and act better on so many levels. We ALL live here - including you.

Angie Dixon

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

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:03 AM

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

**Subject:** Please put in record

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[https://www.davey.com/environmental-consulting-services/resources-news/growing-toward-a-common-goal/?utm\\_term=Grassroots%20organization%20helped%20this%20UFMP%20become%20award-winning&utm\\_campaign=Green%20space%20and%20social%20health%20%5CuD83C%5CuDF33%2C%20connecting%20data%20and%20budgets%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCB2%2C%20and%20creating%20a%20plan%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCCB&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.davey.com/environmental-consulting-services/resources-news/growing-toward-a-common-goal/?utm_term=Grassroots%20organization%20helped%20this%20UFMP%20become%20award-winning&utm_campaign=Green%20space%20and%20social%20health%20%5CuD83C%5CuDF33%2C%20connecting%20data%20and%20budgets%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCB2%2C%20and%20creating%20a%20plan%20%5CuD83D%5CuDCCB&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email)

Hi Sandra

Please put this article in the record. Its highlights the use of community engagement to support canopy goals in a city.

All the best,  
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum

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**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

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Thank you.

Spider Kedelsky  
1210F E. Shelby St.  
Seattle, WA 98102

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**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Project #3030811-LU, 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

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Dear PRC, Mayor Durkan, Ms. Pinto De Bader, and City Councilpeople,

On May 15, 2013, the Battelle/Talaris site was named to the Most Endangered Historic Properties list by Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. This was great news, bringing this exceptional property to the attention of the local, regional and national preservation community. Now, however, plans are proposed that would remove 271 trees out of 455. Please do not let this happen!

I am writing to protest the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all the Action Alternatives proposed for this beautiful property.

Here are some key points:

1. Seattle is trying to increase our tree canopy. We are already short of forested public and private space. This property should be purchased by the City or another jurisdiction, so as to preserve and enhance this treasure as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.

2. As mentioned earlier, this entire site was designated a City Landmark in 2013 with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The City has been unable to provide a coherent explanation why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if this site were not a designated landmark!



3. It is proposed to kill, i.e., remove over 60 percent of the trees on this site. There are currently 455 trees on this site and only 184 are proposed for retention. Trees to be eliminated included **175 Exceptional trees** per City standards, meaning they mostly exceed 30 inches in diameter. This is in direct violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.

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Please do the important and necessary work of preserving Seattle's beautiful Exceptional trees and other trees on this beautiful site. Require changes to truly honor this endangered historic site and its trees!

Thank you,

Bernice Maslan  
9705 1st Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117  
Resident since 1972

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**From:** John Lorton <johnlorton@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:42 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Talaris Property - please save it for the planet and the people of Seattle, project #3030811

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Date: September 17, 2020

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In closing, I grew up frequenting Talaris and do so still today. It is a gem. A lovely irreplaceable piece of nature inside a rapidly developing city. Please consider some of the trees there took over 100 years to grow but could be destroyed forever in a few minutes.

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**From:** David Lahaie <david@evergreenrecycling.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:50 PM

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

<council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: Talaris Property - please save it for the planet and the people of Seattle, project #3030811

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Please save Talaris for the people and future generations of Seattle.

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Talaris DEIS Scoping Comments to: [prc@seattle.gov](mailto:prc@seattle.gov)

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cc. Pinto de Bader,

Sandra [Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov) , [council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov) , [jenny.durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:jenny.durkan@seattle.gov)

From: Leslie A. McGovern

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7. **From:** Anita Anderson <anitaanderson47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
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18. My address is 1413 n 38th st, Sea 98103.

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**From:** Barbara Bernard <barbara\_bernard@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** project #3030811-LU

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Please, please protect these trees.

Barbara Bernard

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** jebendich@comcast.net <jebendich@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:16 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Talaris

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Persons:

I agree with others that Talaris's proposal does not comport with the site's Landmark status, nor its tree protection ordinance. Talaris's proposal to remove 2781 of 455 trees will completely destroy the integrity of the Landmark. The entire creation of this Landmark was based on the unique use of the design and plantings. Additionally, the proposed structures are incompatible with the Secretary of Interiors Standards. These include compatibility and character with the physical site itself, which the destruction of trees alone would negate. The buildings too must be compatible with the Landmark. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. None of these criteria are met by the proposal.

Nor does this comply with SEPA and the SMC which specify that the proponent provide a full review of historic resources, specifically delineating the adverse impacts resulting from the proposed project.

Sincerely yours,

Judith E. Bendich

1754 NE 62<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 525-5914

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 9:46 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Ecological Destruction Proposed for Talaris Development would be single worst decision by SDCI in recent history and will negatively affect all of Seattle, now and forever

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Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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[Arborist on Seattle Audubon Society Conservation Committee](#)

[Arborist on Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission](#)

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

[WA Lic# PANORL\\*852P1](#) (Click to link to WA L&I's Verify a Contractor Page)

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**From:** John Hart <john@hart.fm>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:08 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Advocating smart development of Talaris

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I'm writing to ask that no variances be granted in the redevelopment of Talaris, and that all building/zoning/tree-perserving guidelines be vigilantly followed.

The current proposal for Talaris calls for eliminating 271 trees, of which 175 are "Exceptional" per City standards. That is wrong, and short-sighted: trees are part of what makes Seattle a special place, we need to retain them!

So: Let's protect all the trees we possibly can, and enforce all the zoning rules we have at our disposal to ensure that Talaris is rebuilt smartly rather than as-cheaply-as-possible. This means no waivers, no variances, and strict interpretation of all plans. We can guide our developers to win-win solutions that make beautiful developments that people want to live in.

Seattle is a beautiful city, and developers' profit margins are no reason to sacrifice that. We can guide our large redevelopment projects to smart outcomes that preserve the character and beauty of Seattle; retaining this natural beauty will increase the developers' returns as well.



Ideally the city would purchase this space to make a park, but I understand that may not be possible. Barring that, let's make Talaris a model of smart, tree-and-beauty retaining development.

Thank you for your time,  
John

John Hart  
Raised in Seattle  
Resident of Montlake - it's the trees that make the neighborhood!!!

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**From:** Kathleen Kerkof <katkerkof@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 4:38 PM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>;  
LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

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7. Tree retention is a cardinal tenet of the Seattle Municipal Code for subdivisions and an important commitment by a City that has committed to increasing its tree canopy to 30 percent to mitigate climate impacts, such as reducing rising land temperatures and cleaning pollutants from increasingly contaminated air. The proposed redevelopment would remove 72 percent of the trees on the Talaris site, undermining a citywide goal.
8. As with any subdivision, and particularly one proposed for a site that is entirely landmarked, the City should be especially careful to make sure that any plan approved is in all respects in the public interest. That is a requirement for any subdivision in the City

I would like to receive future notices about this application. My address is 2235 NW 64th St., Seattle, WA 98107prc@

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Kerkof

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**From:** Amy Wimmer <amywimmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Battelle/Talaris property at 4000 NE 41st St., Seattle

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Esteemed Officials,

I'm writing to you about your Project #3030811-LU, the Battelle/Talaris property. I just heard this afternoon that you are seriously considering the devastation of hundreds of Exceptional Trees on this property.

That entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013, with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. That's only 7 years ago. Have you forgotten?

You cannot possibly justify the removal of these trees to install single-family homes there, destroying wetlands in the process. You cannot justify the destruction of this gem of a landmark, especially since Seattle has a dearth of forested public and private space.

This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.

If you can honestly say this site must be developed for housing, it should be for low-income use, with tall, multi-family buildings, only on the footprints of the existing buildings. You know how to change the zoning to allow this. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA significant vegetation.

Keep Seattle liveable, green, and make it finally adorable.

I remain a voter, determined to save our city from projects like this.

Sincerely,

Any Wimmer

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2020 6:48 PM

**To:** Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Toby Thaler <toby@louploup.net>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Virdone, Ted <Ted.Virdone@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Seattle "Tree Murderers" song

**CAUTION: External Email**

*Just in time for her birthday, Queen Anne's Suzanne Grant has granted us [this original tune](#) helping us to **visualize the clear-cutting** taking place in the City!*

*Enjoy: <https://youtu.be/xb4EK35wn8U> 🎵*

*You might recognize a few of these recent tree clearings from your neighborhood.*



*Seattle must have both density AND healthy tree canopy to address climate change.*

*With 600 to 1000 street trees being removed each year, and I am guessing three times the number of private property trees being removed annually in Seattle, there is more tree protection work to be done... but in the meantime, do have a good weekend!*

David Moehring

[TreePAC](#) Member

**Seattle Needs Stronger Tree Protections**

<https://www.dontclearcutseattle.org/>

*Coming soon: Interview from Martha Baskin with UW's Kathleen Wolf*

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**From:** Susan Scanlon <scanlons4@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:06 PM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**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.

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- (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.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
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  4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
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  6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
  7. Expand SDOT’s existing tree service provider’s registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
  8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

Susan Scanlon

[scanlons4@comcast.net](mailto:scanlons4@comcast.net)

8021 11th Ave NW

Seattle, Washington 98117

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**From:** Jeannie Rae <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 12:20 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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**From:** Julia Field <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."

- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as “a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.
- Add “Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”
- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director’s Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.
- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT’s registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor’s license to ensure they have workers’ compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.



Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Julia Field

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

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**Subject:** Re: Results and Budgets during challenging times 📧

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thank you for the update Alex,

To be blunt, the first step to a better Carbon Note is to enact an immediate moratorium on all tree removals. In just two days this week I was alerted to three different situations where large healthy trees were being removed; one illegally, four permitted for 'development' and two due to poor 'risk assessment' by a known tree removal focused local company and because the trees are only a couple of inches too 'small' as regulated by the current DR 16-2008. These will be only a few of many that have been removed this week. This storm will damage more and more will be taken down by next week and beyond. We are losing trees every single day. The Talaris project if approved will remove nearly 300 which will be the single worst ecological disaster in Seattle in recent history.

Please help stop this madness and use the momentum on the notion of 'carbon measuring' to push for real tree protection. We do not need more analysis, as there is so much already out there that proves we are all suffering. If you have not already done so, please watch the recent PNW-ISA & UW Symposium on Climate Change; the guest speakers clearly explain how we are already in serious trouble and climate change will kill millions more trees in the next few years which will further impact Seattle. Talk of 'climate neutral' by 2050 is nonsense; we needed change years ago but as time travel is currently not available, we need change now!

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 6:13 PM Councilmember Alex Pedersen <[alex.pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:alex.pedersen@seattle.gov)> wrote:

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COUNCILMEMBER  
**ALEX PEDERSEN**

 DISTRICT 4 / NORTHEAST SEATTLE

**Friends and Neighbors,**

I hope this newsletter finds you looking forward to the season of Fall -- here at City Hall that means budget season.

Despite sometimes expressing policy perspectives different from several of my City Council colleagues, I have enjoyed crafting important measures to benefit our district and our city--and then working with those colleagues to adopt those measures including:

- an Internet for All action plan focused on achieving equity,
- an audit of Seattle's bridges focused on safety, and

- a vital analysis focused on addressing climate change.

These accomplishments are *in addition to* the basic work we need to do as chair of our Council's Transportation & Utilities Committee, which includes next steps to repair and replace the West Seattle Bridge.

These professional relationships with my Council colleagues and our Mayor are important as we head into a difficult discussions on how to close the growing gaps in our city government's budget which, due to the economic recession, will likely include reductions for government programs and projects. As the Mayor transmits her budget proposal for 2021 on September 29, I hope to use my extensive financial management experience to help our city navigate these troubled fiscal waters. We recently previewed how challenging it can be to agree on policies and budgets.

This past Tuesday, the City Council reconsidered the three pieces of budget legislation that our Mayor vetoed last month: Council Bills [119825](#), [119862](#), and [119863](#). Mayor Durkan explained her vetoes in [a letter](#) to the City Council. The City Council discussed the vetoes on September 21 and 22 and ultimately overrode the vetoes on all three bills. While I joined my colleagues on two of the bills, new information about the negative impacts of Council Bill 119825 convinced me (and Councilmember Debora Juarez) to vote to sustain (support) our Mayor's veto on that particular bill.

Council Bill 119825 was concerning to me and many constituents because it contributed to the early retirement of our city's first and only Black police chief Carmen Best and it deleted funding for our city's "Navigation Team" for those experiencing homelessness. It has become even more clear that we need this interdepartmental team of dedicated city employees who offer housing and services to people living in unauthorized encampments. I know many of us are eager to hear from my colleagues who voted to defund the Navigation Team about how they intend to replace the organized and coordinated efforts we had to address homelessness. We also need a better understanding of how the

changes proposed in this legislation, combined with the accelerated attrition (loss) of police officers, will impact response times from our police department and our ability to adhere to the consent decree for police reforms.

This entire budgetary battle, unfortunately, avoided the hard work of what we really need to revamp public safety: City Hall must revamp the inflexible, expensive, and unjust labor contract with the police union (which I discuss more below).

The remarks I made at the City Council meeting explain my rationale for my various votes and you can review them on my blog: [pedersen.seattle.gov](http://pedersen.seattle.gov). My blog also provides details of this historic issue of revamping public safety and the various votes and events stretching back to May.

Read on for more updates about my recent work for District 4 and other news.

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## **City Council Unanimously Adopts Councilmember Pedersen's Climate Change Policy**

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*Presenting the climate change analysis to my Council colleagues.*

This past Monday, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 31933, which I crafted and introduced. My Resolution will, for the first time, require City Hall to formally consider the crisis of climate change when crafting new legislation. The recurring wildfires that choked Seattle’s air with harmful smoke were an ominous backdrop as Councilmembers recognized the urgent need to contemplate all new legislation through the lens of climate change.

Currently, all Council legislation requires a “fiscal note,” which summarizes the financial implications to the City. Resolution 31933 expands this analysis by asking City departments to assess whether new legislation would increase or decrease carbon emissions and whether it would strengthen or weaken Seattle’s resiliency to climate change. By the end of March 2021, the City Budget Office and the Office of Sustainability and Environment will be reporting on how well the new reporting requirement is working. Thank you to everyone who called and emailed City Council in support of the resolution, and especially to Dr. Cathy Tuttle, a climate activist and policy expert who ran for City Council in 2019 and whose “Carbon Note” concept inspired this new policy.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the resolution and [HERE](#) to read a statement from Dr. Tuttle in support of it.

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## **Mayor Durkan Transmits her Budget to City Council Tuesday, Sept 29**

Due to the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, we must be prepared for significant reductions to Seattle's \$6.5 billion budget. In the face of these reductions necessary to balance the city's budget as required by State law, I will still be working hard to secure funding for projects that will serve the over 100,000 constituents who call District 4 home.

I hope you'll join me at a virtual town hall to discuss the Mayor's budget, its impacts on District 4, and to voice your priorities for our city government budget process. City Budget Director Ben Noble will be with us to provide an overview and to answer questions.

YOU'RE INVITED:

DISTRICT 4  
BUDGET TOWN HALL

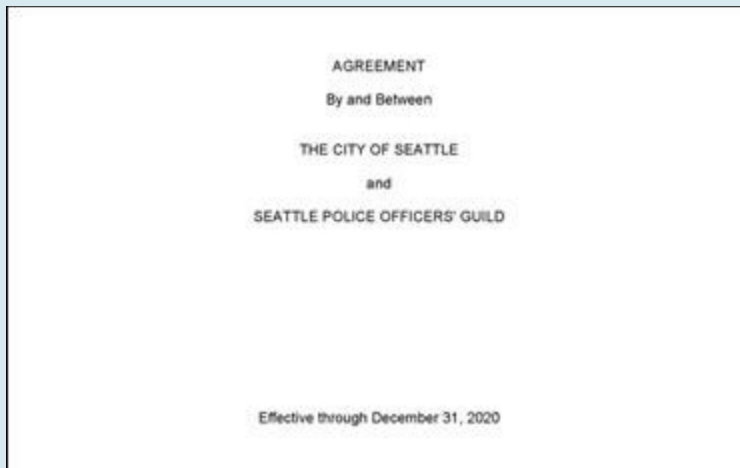
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RSVP AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS AT  
THE LINK BELOW

[RSVP HERE](#) to receive the Zoom call-in link and submit your questions. See you on October 8 for the virtual Budget Town Hall for our District 4 !

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**We Must Revamp the Police Union Contract to  
Revamp Public Safety**



The 100-page [labor contract](#) with the Seattle Police Officers Guild (SPOG) is an expensive, inflexible, and unjust document that has become a disservice to both good police officers and all Seattle communities and it is the #1 impediment to reallocating additional resources to BIPOC communities, improving public safety, expanding police reforms, and ending institutional racism in policing. While that dysfunctional contract expires in only 90 days, both the Executive and Legislative branches of city government have, unfortunately, spent months dramatically tinkering with the police budget when we must first attack the root cause of the problems: the SPOG labor contract. I hope we can all encourage [those in charge of labor policy](#) for City Hall to roll up their sleeves to rebuild a better contract so that we have the flexibility and funding to revamp public safety in Seattle. For the entire contract, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## **New Police Reform Monitors Appointed by Federal Judge Robart**



I am grateful for the years of hard work by Merrick Bobb and look forward to the efforts of the new police reform monitors [Antonio Oftelie](#) and [Monisha Harrell](#). For the Seattle Times article, [CLICK HERE](#). No matter the size of our police department budget or number of police officers, we need to sustain and expand the reforms, such as improving the disciplinary process. The monitors provide important independent oversight and analysis in addition to the Community Police Commission, Office of Police Accountability, and Inspector General (for Public Safety).

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## **City Auditor Completes the Bridge Audit I Requested and Concludes—We Need More Funding to Keep Our Bridges Safe**



*The University Bridge that connects the U District and Eastlake in District 4 was among the bridges ranked in “poor” condition along with the Magnolia Bridge, 2nd Avenue South extension, and the Fairview Avenue Bridge (which is being reconstructed). Photo: by SounderBruce on Wikipedia*

As a result of the closure of the West Seattle Bridge in March, I requested a review by the City Auditor of the rest of Seattle’s City-owned bridges to determine their condition and ongoing monitoring and maintenance status.

*In a city defined by its many waterways, our bridges connect us and this audit report proves city government must do a better job investing in this basic infrastructure,” said Councilmember Pedersen. “Vital for transit, freight and our regional economy, bridges require relatively large investments to build and maintain to ensure they remain safe for generations. I requested this audit of our bridges because the rapid deterioration of the West Seattle Bridge underscored the need for City officials and the general public to have a clear, thorough, and independent understanding of the condition of major bridges throughout Seattle, including the adequacy of the City’s preventative maintenance investments and practices.*

The auditor’s staff did a remarkable job and produced the audit report in mid-September. It is published [HERE](#). In addition to identifying the serious shortage of funding for needed bridge maintenance, the auditor recommends several changes to how SDOT assesses the condition of each bridge, including the importance of evaluating individual components of each bridge. The auditor also recommends that SDOT bridge crews spend less time helping other agencies and jurisdictions, so that SDOT can stay focused on Seattle's bridges.

The [Seattle Times editorial](#) on the audit said, “New City Councilmember Alex Pedersen deserves kudos for requesting the audit after the West Seattle Bridge closure. It gives the council facts and improvements to consider, and has already prompted change at the Department of Transportation.”

SDOT has agreed with almost all of the audit’s conclusions and recommendations. I will continue to monitor SDOT to improve its care for

our bridges and to encourage my Council colleagues to get City Hall back to the basics of our city's infrastructure.

You can read more about the bridge audit [HERE](#).

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## Concerns About SDOT's New Scooter Rentals



*Photo from SDOT blog*

On September 8, 2020, I voted against scooters in Seattle and here's why:

I support improved mobility options by encouraging environmentally friendly alternatives to gas-powered, single occupancy vehicles. Ideally, electric scooters (e-scooters) would provide an alternative for some trips for some

travelers. At the same time, the City government is essentially authorizing a new mode of transportation — thousands of scooters traveling within our streets and other rights of way. This is big change that warrants a careful tracking of the results.

I had been looking forward to a standard ‘pilot project’ on scooters that would measure results as we are seeing elsewhere in King County but, unfortunately, this SDOT legislation is not a real pilot project. The legislation transmitted by SDOT to the City Council did not explicitly and fully address safety, financial liability, infrastructure costs, or measures for success.

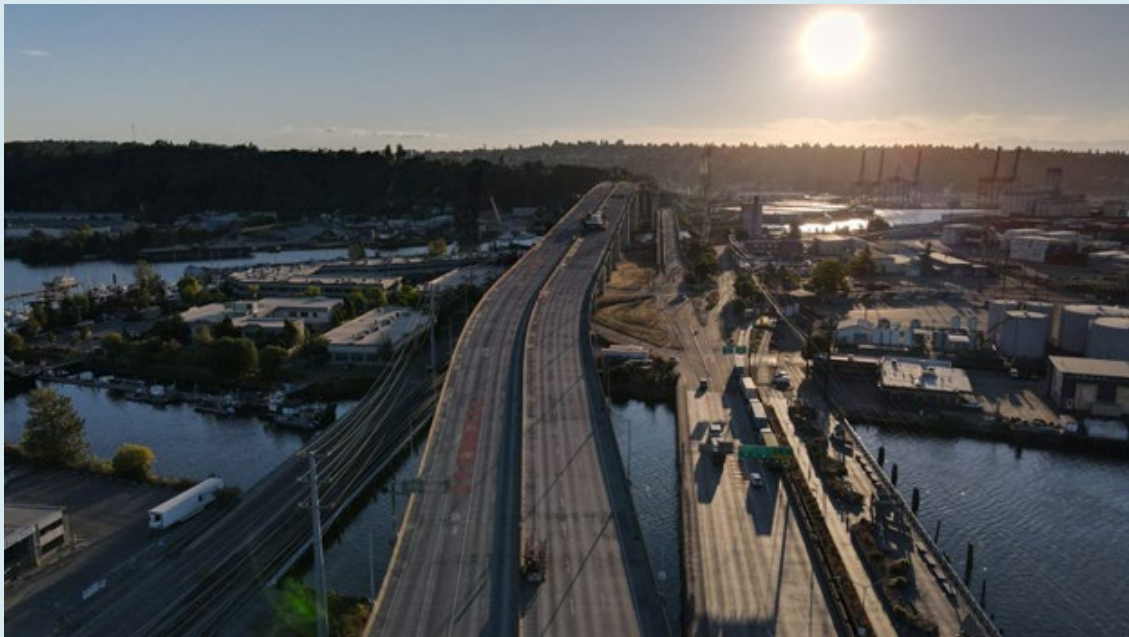
SDOT, however, said this legislation was time-sensitive, so I fulfilled my role as Transportation Committee Chair to facilitate discussion, ask questions, and enable my fellow Councilmembers to vote on it. While a majority of my colleagues approved it at my Committee on August 19 and at the full City Council on September 8, I was personally not willing to vote yes for something that, in my opinion, lacked details. “

Both [Council Bill 119867](#) and [Council Bill 119868](#) totaled only 2 pages in length. To retain some oversight role and to encourage a more standard pilot program that evaluates initial results, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, I sent [a letter](#) asking our SDOT Director to return to our Committee by next June and next December to report on specific metrics from the first 6 months and 12 months of the new program. To view my letter to the SDOT Director, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## **West Seattle Bridge Closure Assessment and Mitigation Continue**



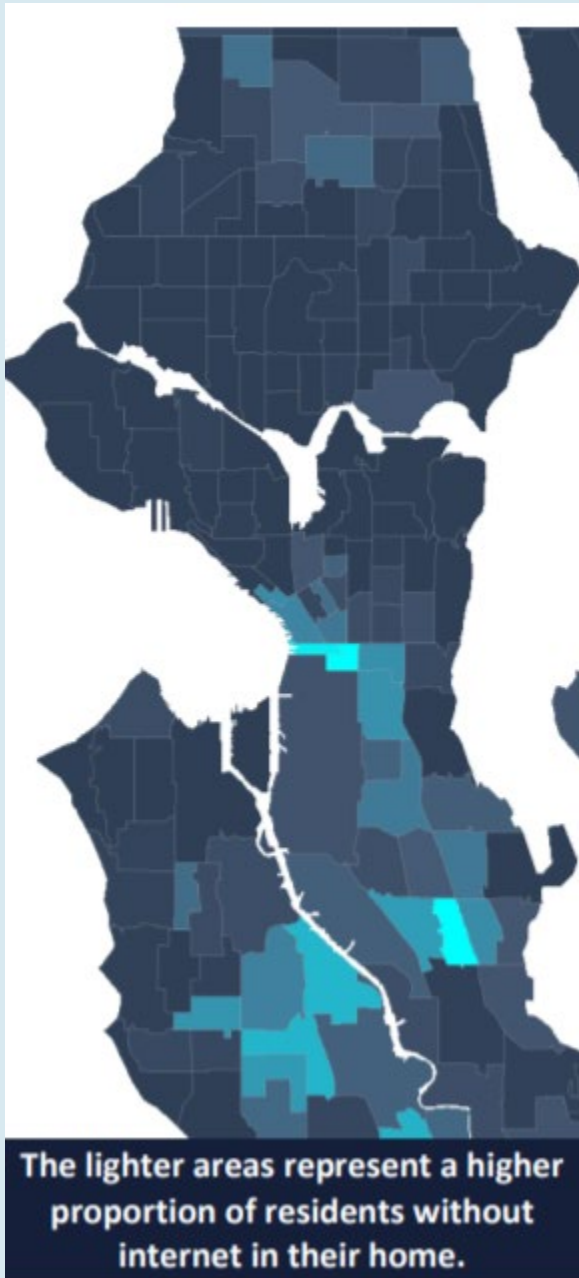


*Photo: SDOT*

Impacts from the West Seattle Bridge closure in March continue, with no near-term replacement of the lost capacity. Numerous measures have been put in place to reduce the impacts of traffic flowing through Georgetown and South Park. Engineering work to assess the best paths forward continues. The City Council also retained an engineering firm to provide input. After a cost-benefit analysis, we are expecting the Mayor to announce a decision on SDOT's preferred path forward in October. The two likely choices: repair with replacement in about 15 years or begin replacement as soon as possible.

For more information on the status of the West Seattle Bridge, please see [SDOT's West Seattle Bridge page](#). District 1 Councilmember Lisa Herbold also posts insightful articles on the bridge on [her blog](#), and the West Seattle Blog contains [regular and in-depth reporting](#).

## Internet for All Plan, Called For By Councilmembers Pedersen, Gonzalez, and Juarez, Now Available



I was pleased to hear the details of the [Internet for All Seattle report](#) at my Committee, including the Gap Analysis and Action Plan presentation at my Transportation & Utilities Committee on Wednesday, September 16; [the recording](#) of the presentation is available on the Seattle Channel. Our Internet for All Resolution requested Seattle's Information Technology Department to provide its first report last week, followed by subsequent reports for the longer term, sustainable solutions of the Action Plan. For our original Resolution (31956) that launched Internet for All, [CLICK HERE](#). For the presentation, [CLICK HERE](#) and for the Action Plan report, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Resolution, which I crafted and sponsored with Council President Gonzalez and Councilmember Juarez, was adopted unanimously by

the Council in July. It outlined a vision and requested a plan to make broadband internet service accessible, reliable, and affordable to all residents. Increased access to the internet will increase access to key services and opportunities

such as education, job training, unemployment assistance, and resources for those seeking relief during times of crisis.

*Seattle is a city that rightfully prides itself on world-class technology, but the COVID crisis has laid bare the inequities and injustices of the Digital Divide. I called for this action plan with my colleagues to achieve Internet for All because we can no longer allow limited access to the internet to prevent learning, to impede our workers, or to hinder our small businesses. It's time to provide reliable and affordable access to the internet as part of our city's vital infrastructure for social justice, education, and economic development. This ambitious report from the Mayor and her team, in collaboration with the City Council, spurs Seattle's long-term efforts to provide affordable and reliable internet to low-income, BIPOC, and all communities, so that we can finally achieve Internet for All.*

Building on the strong foundation created by the Mayor and her team, Seattle's IT Department worked diligently to establish strategies and objectives as concrete steps toward universal internet access and adoption. As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated and exacerbated inequities in society, including the digital divide with disparate outcomes for low-income and BIPOC communities. Especially during the pandemic, access to the internet has become a fundamental way people participate in society and this shift may have longer term impacts on how and where we conduct business, attend school, and participate in civic life.

For the joint press release on the Internet for All report from the Mayor's Office and City Council [CLICK HERE](#), and for more on previous Internet for All efforts, please see my blog post by [CLICKING HERE](#).



## Seattle Channel Honored with Excellence Awards for Government Programming in National Competition



*In an appearance on the Seattle Channel show “Council Edition” with Councilmember Herbold, Host Brian Callanan, and Councilmember Strauss during happier times before the COVID pandemic.*

As Chair of the Transportation & Utilities Committee, which includes Technology, I’m proud to share the news that the Seattle Channel was recently named among the best municipal television stations in the nation when it received the prestigious Overall Excellence award for government



programming from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. As I hope you all know, Seattle Channel is a local, public TV station that reflects, informs and inspires the community it serves. Seattle Channel presents programs on cable television—channel 21 on Comcast (321 HD), Wave (721 HD) and 8003 on CenturyLink (8503 HD)—and via the internet to help residents connect with their city. To access Seattle Channel online, [CLICK HERE](#). Programming includes series and special features highlighting the diverse civic and cultural landscape.

Whether it's increasing access to City Council meetings or producing original in-depth content focused on Seattle's diverse people and places, Seattle Channel is an important resource. Seattle Channel provides transparency and accountability in city government, sparks civic engagement and helps deepen understanding of local issues. Congratulations to everyone at the channel, whose hard work and dedication led to these prestigious awards.

I'm grateful that the Seattle Channel broadcasts the City Council briefings and City Council hearings every Monday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. so that people across the city can see what is happening in their government.

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## **New in D4: Christie Park is Open!**

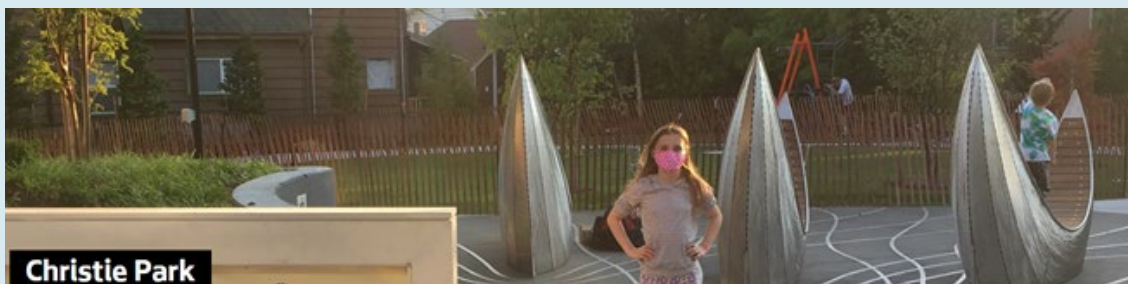


Photo: Seattle Parks & Recreation

Seattle Parks and Recreation is happy to announce the Christie Park renovation is complete and open to the public. SPR purchased land directly adjacent and south of Christie Park, 4257 9th Ave. NE, in 2012 to increase the open space for the University District urban village.

As noted on the Park's website, *"The larger renovated park features an open lawn, plantings, trees, a multi-use plaza with donated art, a loop trail, and a fitness area. The Friends of Christie Park, formed by the Taiwanese American Community in Greater Seattle, provided the funding for the "Explorer Voyage" art piece by Paul Sorey. The three stainless steel art boat sculptures celebrate the explorer spirit and friendship between the people of Seattle and Taiwan. The park art includes Paul Sorey's boats modeled after Taiwanese Aboriginal's boats "Tatala", that offer seating areas, cultural tiles installed at the entrance to the park and decorative lighting for the boats. The word "EXPLORE" is written in different languages around the entry circle reflecting many cultures all sharing the same values and steel "ribbon" in the concrete represent water.*

*The opening celebration will occur next July during the [Tribal Canoe Journey](#) along Pacific Northwest coast when many Taiwanese Native Tao people come to Seattle and can join the celebration."*

For more information about the project please visit [seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/christie-park-addition](https://seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/christie-park-addition).

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## UPDATES ON COVID PANDEMIC AND RELIEF

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### **Eviction Moratoria and Rent Relief**

Moratoria on evictions are currently in place through the rest of 2020 at both the city and federal levels. More information is available [HERE](#) about the nationwide order and [HERE](#) about Mayor Durkan's order for Seattle. Governor Inslee's eviction moratorium for the state is currently in place until October 15. Additionally, King County has a new Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program which you can learn more about [HERE](#).

### **New Round of Help for Small Businesses**

During this time of COVID-19 impacts, our small businesses are especially impacted and yet we need them to thrive to provide jobs for our neighbors, vitality for our neighborhoods, and products and services for all of us. The Seattle Metro Chamber of Commerce, which serves as the King County Associate Development Organization, opened a new round of grant funding Monday to ensure that \$580,000 in federal funding reaches King County small businesses and 501 (c)(6) non-profit business service organizations (e.g. neighborhood chambers of commerce and tourism bureaus).

I hope that eligible D4 businesses with 20 or fewer full-time employees apply for awards of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 through the program, called the Federal CARES Act Small Business Emergency Grant Program. The Chamber estimates that it will be able to make grants to 60-115 businesses/organizations within King County and is accepting applications through Monday, September

28 at 5:00 p.m. Please view full details about business eligibility and the application form are available [HERE](#).

Priority will be given to applications that fall within these categories:

- Minority and women-owned businesses
- Most impacted industries including: Hospitality and Tourism, Retail, Air Travel, and Aerospace Industries, as outlined in the [Greater Seattle Region Covid-19 Economic Impact Analysis](#)

### **Internet Access Opportunities**

I wanted to share some resources for helping secure internet access. For those with students in Seattle Public Schools, [CLICK HERE](#) for the District's internet assistance program. And the City of Seattle website has information on low-cost options [HERE](#).

### **Where to Find More Updates on COVID and Relief**

The Seattle City Council continues to update its [COVID-19 webpage](#) which includes resources supporting [workers](#), [childcare](#), [small businesses](#), and [tenants/landlords](#).

You can also visit [Mayor Jenny Durkan's centralized COVID-19 webpage](#), as well as the [Mayor's blog](#) for additional updates. Additionally, our [Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs](#) has been translating and sharing information on COVID-19 in several languages. For links to OIRA's fact sheets and other translated materials, go to their blog: <https://welcoming.seattle.gov/covid-19/>. And for the latest from [Public Health Seattle-King County](#), you can visit their website to track our region's response to the virus.



# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



**City Council Meetings on the Internet**



Listening: Even though City Council is not currently holding meetings in person in order to follow public health guidelines, you can still follow along by listening on your computer or phone by [CLICKING HERE](#). You can also listen on your phone by calling 253-215-8782.

Commenting: You can also submit public comment by sending an e-mail to me at [Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov) or to all 9 Councilmembers at [council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov). Please remember to add "For City Council Meeting" in the comments. Now you can also phone into the meeting to speak directly to the Council live. For the instructions on how to register and call in, [CLICK HERE](#). Sign up begins two hours prior to the meeting start time.

We are still receiving a very high volume of e-mails (for example, over 1,000 e-mails about the Mayor's recent vetoes), so I ask for your patience as we try to respond to those District 4 constituents who asked for a response. Either way, we read your e-mails and they have an impact. Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

### **Virtual Meetings with Your Councilmember Pedersen**

I continue to schedule virtual in-district office hours, so we can chat by telephone or via Skype. Please continue to sign up through [my website](#) or by [CLICKING HERE](#) so I can hear your ideas, concerns, and requests. You can also just send an e-mail to [alex.pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:alex.pedersen@seattle.gov)

For previous e-newsletters, visit my blog by [CLICKING HERE](#).

We will get through this together, Seattle.

With gratitude,



**Councilmember Alex Pedersen**

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**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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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.

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**From:** Lori Jo Tanaka <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 11:55 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:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 6:33 AM

**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Aldrich, Newell <Newell.Aldrich2@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW undeveloped sites

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please keep me informed of the tree-grove clearings at 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW.

This clearcut is to sell 13 townhouses.

Project:3036949-LUArea: West Seattle

Notice Date:9/24/2020

Project DescriptionLand Use Application to subdivide one development site into seven unit lots. 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

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Along with  
5232 23RD AVE SW  
3036950-LU

Date:9/24/2020

DescriptionLand Use Application to subdivide one development site into six unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6619504-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:10/07/202

David Moehring  
TreePAC Board Member  
[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 7:01 AM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** 13 single-family residences with Accessory Dwelling Units

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please keep me at TreePAC informed about the Proposed 13 residences with ADU planned with Application for project 3036866-LU

There appears to be a large street tree, a perimeter grove of trees, and at least one Exceptional tree - many of which may be retained along with development.

If this is a lot within a SF-5000 zone, how will this property be subdivided into so many lots given the size of the surrounding lots and the 75/80 rule?

How will emergency access be provided to those proposed homes without direct access from the street?

Address:719 S DIRECTOR ST  
Project:3036866-LUArea: South  
Notice Date:9/24/2020Project Description:

Land Use Application to allow 13, 2-story, single-family residences with Accessory Dwelling Units. Parking for 25 vehicles proposed Existing buildings to be demolished. Comments may be submitted through: 10/07/2020

Exceptional trees rule

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

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TreePAC member  
3444B 23rd Ave W Seattle

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 9:46 AM

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

**Cc:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Aldrich, Newell <Newell.Aldrich2@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Suzanne Grant <suzgrant206@gmail.com>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: [TREE LOSS] 5232 and 5244 23RD AVE SW undeveloped sites

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thank you David, for raising this very important point about yet another threat to environmentally critical habitat.

We, as a civilization cannot afford to lose any more healthy trees. The world is dying. The environment around is locally and beyond is changing rapidly and every healthy tree removed further compounds this fact. This is not just my claim based on my love of trees and the environment, but it is science fact as reported and observed by thousands of scientists globally. These experts in their respective fields, whether it be climate science itself, botany, marine biology, meteorologists, entomologists or any of the other variety of scientists looking at the complex systems of life on the planet, including arborists like me, base their conclusions on recorded and documented observations. I am not able to afford the time to do the same volume of recorded documentation because of the work I need to do to earn a living, but I make mental notes of the different aspects of the world me, which I see at different times of the day, during different seasons and over different years and in only ten years of living in Seattle and the Puget Sound, I have observed an increasing number of trees in decline., beyond those being removed. This decline is worrying as it is generally always connected back to climate change and the increased stresses of the increased heat and lack of water and nutrients in our increasingly hostile urban environment.

If SDCI and the City of Seattle continues to ignore the reality around them, we all suffer; even rich property developers, Council Members, the Mayor and all influential corporate billionaires; and moreover, their children and grandchildren! Environmental chaos and destruction and the impact of it on the rest of the planet's complex interconnected systems do not discriminate between those with money and those without; all life is impacted.

We are well beyond the need to consider relatively minor changes to any of the tree protection codes. We must STOP removing trees. A universal moratorium is the only hope we have left, to stop the irreversible destruction and plan for a future where trees and the environment are truly at the forefront of City planning and not being ignored. It is all very manageable if we work together for a common purpose but this continuing unmanaged and disorganised destruction of all greenspaces (whether one tree or three hundred) in the City is purely diabolical.

Please be the generation of leaders who go down in history as those who acted positively, proactively and with a purpose beyond the short term, immediate gratification and greed which is destroying Seattle and the wider world.

We can be so much better than this.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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Help support TreePAC's efforts to create a stronger tree ordinance, more informed residents, and more informed City Officials.

Guide to save trees before it is too late:

<https://treepac.org/step-by-step-saving-seattle-trees-guide-new/>

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**From:** Richard Nicol <[rnicol@msn.com](mailto:rnicol@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 6:11 PM

**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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- Please adopt these measures. Seattle is under a lot of pressure and needs ordinances in

place now to save the tree canopy for future generations. This is a wonderful, livable city and for it to stay that way we have to protect the trees and green spaces from thoughtless development. THEY ARE PRECIOUS AND LIFE AFFIRMING. The lowest common denominator of profits over people (and trees) isn't good enough for us. We can do better than that. Thanks. Sincerely, Richard Nicol 1414 NW 62nd Street

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**From:** Imogen Love <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 9:08 PM

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

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**From:** Stephen Groening <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI’s Director’s Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
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- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
- SECTION 5. SEPA requirements under SMC 25.05.675 N are for protecting special habitats and need to be considered at the beginning of the development process. The language of this SEPA code section should be included in the Director’s Rule to be certain that the code is complied with.
- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT’s registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor’s license to ensure they have workers’ compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Stephen Groening

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**From:** dmoehring@consultant.com <dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 10:42 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>; urbanbalance@activist.com; treepac\_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac\_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Toby Thaler <toby@louploup.net>

**Subject:** Keep the healthy street trees during Seattle's Climate Change: 100 year+ Big Leaf Maple at 1101 35th Ave E

CAUTION: External Email



Seattle Department of Transportation at (206) 684-TREE (8733)

Dear Seattle Dept of Transportation,

Please, for the interest of Seattle during active **climate change**, we must keep all good- and fair-condition street trees when possible. The attached recent article shows that many of Seattle's trees are losing the battle to climate change... and large established and Exceptional trees are significant in reducing heat island effect temperatures in Seattle.

## Keep the 4-foot diameter Bigleaf Maple on 35th Ave (Madrona) at [1101 35th Ave!](#)

[Bigleaf Maple - TRE-59973](#)

Sidewalks and curbs have been adjusted many times before to allow street trees to thrive. An example of adjusted sidewalk and curb is for two Lawson Cypress Port Orford Cedar street trees south of Seattle Pacific University (W Dravus St & Humes Pl W, TRE-16408 and 16411)

Seattle is losing on average 600 to 800 street trees per year... and many of these are healthy trees! The street trees account for about a quarter of [Seattle's tree canopy](#).

Moreover, private property [trees are being removed](#) at an accelerated pace, including a 60-foot diameter canopy [Exceptional tulip tree](#) last December that 6 neighbors attempted to save by appealing to the Seattle Hearing Examiner.

This property owner will maintain vehicle access by using the alley right-of-way running along the west side of the tree. Let us all do the right thing! Keep healthy trees... and [avoid clearcutting Seattle](#).

Sincerely, for [TreePAC](#)

David Moehring, Board Member

**-Share your concerns-**

**Nolan Rundquist, head of Urban Forestry Division. (206) 684-TREE (8733). [Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov) Reference # SDOTTREE0000252**

Overview of the street tree at 1101 35th Ave in Madrona neighborhood ([KC Parcel Viewer](#))



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**From:** Woody Wheeler <woody.wheeler@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:17 AM

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

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**Subject:** Re: Keep the healthy street trees during Seattle's Climate Change: 100 year+ Big Leaf Maple at 1101 35th Ave E

CAUTION: External Email

Thank you David for your informed, persuasive and unflagging tree advocacy. I will write to Nolan Rundquist.

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**From:** Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:10 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra

<Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan

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**Subject:** keep healthy street trees - esp. 100 y.o. trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Dept of Transportation,

During this pandemic, having big trees visible from my house has made a huge difference. Trees help keep the air clean, store water, and much more. It has come to my attention that there is interest in killing the 4 foot diameter bigleaf maple in Madrona on 35th, shown in the attached photo.

It is very possible and has been done to adjust sidewalks and curbs to allow street trees to thrive. An example is south of SPU, TRE-16408 and 16411.

Once these big trees are gone, that's it. We are losing 600-800 street trees a year, many healthy. This is not the way to achieve an increase in tree canopy for Seattle. Do not allow this to happen on your watch. Last year we lost an exceptional tulip tree with a 60 foot diameter although neighbors tried to save it.

A tree's removal does not just impact the homeowner but many many people all around and our city.

Let this property owner maintain vehicle access by using the alley right-of-way running along the west side of the tree. Please do the right thing, save this beautiful century old tree and do not clearcut Seattle!

Thank you,

Bernice Maslan  



Zay gezunt! (Be well!)

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**From:** varina varina <varina8@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 4:39 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Deny # SDOTTREE0000252 - Madrona Big Leaf Maple removal

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I just learned that this 100-year old Big Leaf Maple (Tree 59973) in Madrona is slated for possible removal. My understanding is that this is a healthy heritage tree and that the homeowner is seeking to remove it to build "a better driveway and sidewalk."

This tree is 48" in diameter, making it well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree." I believe there are other solutions to the sidewalk issues, than destroying a valuable community asset. My understanding is that the community has attempted to work with the homeowner but he is not responding.

Trees like this are a valuable resource and should not be squandered thoughtlessly. I've walked in the neighborhood and enjoyed the shade of this tree. Mature trees support wildlife, clean the air, and provide shade that it would take decades to achieve. I also would point to this permit as an example of why the city needs to update and finalize a strong tree ordinance to preserve our urban forest.

For all of these reasons, I urge the city to deny this removal permit.

Thank you.

Irene Svete  
308 E Republican St  
Seattle, WA 98102

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**From:** Craig Montgomery <montgomery\_craig@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 4:57 PM



**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please save this cherished neighborhood tree on public right of way at 35<sup>th</sup> and Spring in Madrona! This would be a serious loss to the canopy.

Craig Montgomery  
924 24<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98122----

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**From:** Lisa Clark <lisaclarklisaclark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:02 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

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SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead  
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**From:** Kathleen Ponto <kathleen@ponto.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** attn: Nolan Rundquist, SAVE the 100+ year old Maple at 35th and Spring Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

**SAVE THIS 100-YEAR OLD TREE  
Located at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spring 1 block east of Madrona Park  
The Heart of Madrona in Seattle**



It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming.

**If the sidewalk and pedestrian access is a concern, just rebuild the sidewalk.**

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**From:** me@andrewfriedman.com <me@andrewfriedman.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:28 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Kelleen Blanchard <pinkbunny39@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:18 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>;

LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Tree Removal in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Dear Nolan Rundquist,**

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)**

***Please stop this tree removal. This is an exceptional tree.***

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**Thanks for your help,**

**Kelleen Blanchard----**

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**From:** Kate McLaughlin <lunaroger@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 8:07 PM

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

**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Kate McLaughlin

[lunaroger@comcast.net](mailto:lunaroger@comcast.net)

14701 DAYTON AVE N

SHORELINE, Washington 98133

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**From:** monferrato <monferrato@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:17 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Permit SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

PLEASE do not issue a permit to remove this tree. As a life long resident of Seattle it is my opinion that we, as a city, find a way to protect these ancient trees and removing them for simple upgrades to a sidewalk or drive way is amazingly short sighted.

The neighborhood of Madrona is the LAST place that people should be removing 100 year old examples of *Arbutus Menziesii*, a species that is already struggling in the urban environment.

Thank you for taking the time and again, PLEASE DO NOT issue this permit.

Noah Oldham

206.240.6989

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noah oldham

[monferrato@gmail.com](mailto:monferrato@gmail.com)

206.240.6989

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From: Michelle M <michmc@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:20 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: enny.Durkan@Seattle.gov; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

CAUTION: External Email

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

Please save the Madrona Big Leaf Maple. Fix the sidewalk, or find another creative solution.

Mature trees are critical to the quality of the air, micro climates that reduce heat, shade, homes for critters, beauty, reducing pollution, etc.

Don't let them cut down this tree. Or other mature trees that are not diseased. Our canopy is quickly dwindling already due to construction, and climate change. My neighborhood is seeing so many hemlocks and birch dying because of this, on top of construction.

Thank you,  
Michelle McKinney

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From: Megan Tully <megtully@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:20 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I'm writing to express my hope that you will do everything in your power to save the exceptional big leaf maple referenced above (Tree 59973). Over the past weeks of extraordinarily poor air quality, I have been reminded of how critical these big trees are to reducing pollution and countering the effects of climate change in our neighborhoods. This tree is irreplaceable. I know with all the challenges facing our city this may seem inconsequential, but we cannot allow developers to use these uncertain times to escape proper oversight and public comment on tree removal.

Thank you,

Megan Tully

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**From:** Kevin Shurtluff <spantastico23@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 7:02 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please reject SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Nolan Rundquist - please protect the city's, its citizens' and our wildlife's tree canopy and permanently reject SDOTTREE0000252.

This is an exceptional tree and it needs you to step up and protect it as a important link in our critical urban canopy.

Thank you,  
Kevin

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

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 8:27 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Spare this exceptional tree!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

I am a resident of the Central Area and have read on NextDoor that the Bigleaf Maple on the parking strip near 35th and Spring has a permit pending to cut it down. The reason described for killing this tree is that the nearby homeowner wants to expand their driveway. According to the information on NextDoor this tree measures 48 inches in diameter so is, therefore, an exceptional tree. Reference number is SDOTTREE0000252

I beg you to spare this tree! Seattle has lost too many of its big trees already. We are rapidly eroding our nickname of The Emerald City by destroying critical tree canopy volume. We are already long, long overdue to update the City tree ordinance. Please do not let this beautiful tree become yet another casualty of this delay.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Penrose

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**From:** Robin Dearling <kalmanite@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 12:00 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES. SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE. FIX THE SIDEWALK INSTEAD!  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.  
The City of Seattle is committed to increasing its tree canopy goal to 30%. If trees such as this are cut down, that goal will not be reached easily.

Thanks for your help.  
Robin Dearling, [kalmanite@gmail.com](mailto:kalmanite@gmail.com) 206.282.52171

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**From:** Kara Lucca <kara@luccafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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Thank you,  
Kara Lucca, Seattle resident

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**From:** Cogan, Marjie <MarjieCogan@bethshalomseattle.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save the Tree

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252**

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***Thank you***

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**From:** Christina Masters <cmasters.ca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Tree removal permit # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Mr Rundquist, et al:

I am emailing to request that you please consider denying the tree removal permit application # **SDOTTREE0000252** .

I am a former ISA-certified arborist and heard of this removal permit through my local urban forestry community.

This is an exceptional specimen - a massive, native big-leaf maple almost 50” in diameter - that cannot be replaced without 100+ years of time invested. We are cutting down these giants faster than they can be replaced, and they provide \*vital\* habitat, heat sinks, and water/air filtration that cannot be undervalued when compared to smaller trees. Please help prevent the deforestation of our city. Once these large trees are gone, they will be gone forever.

These trees also add property value, and increase the status of neighborhoods. Sidewalks & driveways can be adapted with little effort to accommodate this valuable asset. Please allow our city to keep it.

Thank you for your time,

Christina Masters  
(425) 785-1551

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**From:** Rose James <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 1:16 AM

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

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Rose James  
[3rajames@gmail.com](mailto:3rajames@gmail.com)  
PO Box 1546  
Bellingham , Washington 98227

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**From:** MARIA ZEIMET <mtzeimet@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 1:20 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Attn: Nolan Rundquist, head of SDOT's Urban Forestry Division**

Dear Mr. Nolan,

**We must stop killing our exceptional trees. Please save this 100-year Madrona Big Leaf Maple. Instead, simply fix the sidewalk. I don't think any individual has the right to destroy something this precious. I was born and raised in Los Angeles and watched over decades as they paved over and destroyed that beautiful landscape. Let's not do that here. The amazing trees are why I moved here. Aren't we in the middle of a climate crisis because we have utterly disrespected and damaged our environment? Big trees are critical to the health of our neighborhoods and urban environment. Aside from being beautiful living things, trees store carbon and reduce pollution countering climate change. Additionally, they are home to other living creatures and provide shade. It is unimaginable to me that someone would look at this beautiful living thing that's survived for 100 years and think let's cut it down. We have got to stop this way of thinking. So please, SAVE THIS TREE.**

Sincerely,

Maria Zeimet  
Seattle, WA  
206-618-9046

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**From:** Patrick Mann <patrickmann@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 1:21 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save the Madrona maple

**CAUTION: External Email**

To: Nolan Rundquist

Please do not permit felling of the exceptional Madrona maple. Seattle has already lost so many of its mature trees ... Replanting cannot make up for it in terms of habitat and character.

This is exactly what Seattle's tree protection ordinance is for.

Thank you for considering.

Patrick Mann

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**From:** Amy Wolf <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Amy Wolf

[airmit106@yahoo.com](mailto:airmit106@yahoo.com)

1610 38th Ave

Seattle, Washington 98122

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**From:** JEFFREY ALLEN <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**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.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
3. Retain current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and prohibit Significant Trees being removed on undeveloped lots.
4. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-Exceptional Trees in 3 years per lot outside development
5. Establish one citywide database for applying for Tree Removal and Replacement Permits and to track changes in the tree canopy.
6. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.
7. Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all Tree Service Providers (arborists) working on trees in Seattle.
8. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

JEFFREY ALLEN

[jdallen\\_wa@yahoo.com](mailto:jdallen_wa@yahoo.com)

10025 Densmore Avenue N

Seattle, Washington 98133

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**From:** Tasha <tashad@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 1:36 PM

**To:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Madrona big leaf maple #SDOTTREE0000262

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr Rundquist,

Please!! This tree belongs to the whole neighborhood, not just the adjacent home owners. It is irreplaceable and has a right to live.

**STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead**

**BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.**

**Thank you!  
Tasha delos Santos**

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From: Krista Heron <krista@drizzle.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 3:58 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE

FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

Thanks you.

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From: Jeffrey Hansen <hansenjeffrey@icloud.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 4:49 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Jeff Hansen <hansenjeffrey@icloud.com>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: Comment on # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit number)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

Please don't allow this beautiful tree to be removed. This is a good example of the greater good dramatically outweighing the narrow individual preference of the individual seeking permission to remove this tree. The Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest has presented the city with a compelling case for saving this tree.

I was blindsided by the removal of a similar such tree across the street from our house and am determined not to sit idly by again.

Thanks very much,

Jeff Hansen  
1834 NE 96th St

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**From:** marvadoll@aol.com <marvadoll@aol.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 4:52 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; marvadoll@aol.com

**Subject:** Please save this tree!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

So far this year, fires in Oregon, Washington, and California have burned some 3 million hectares, marking the West Coast's worst fire season in at least 70 years.

It's impossible to count how many tree have been lost.

Please prevent the removal of one healthy 100 yr old Big leaf Maple in Madrona, Seattle...**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit**



number)

Not only will the air we breath suffer, the loss of habitat could imperil species with small populations and ecosystems will fail to rebound in a warming climate, leading to permanent landscape changes.

In the name of all that is left decent and correct in our lives of present uncertainty, cutting down this majestic tree that cleans our air, and gives the citizens of Seattle only joy to see it's leaves glisten

in the sun, and become a magnificent golden halo in the fall...For *all* of Seattle, please save this tree from being cut down simply for the appeasement of one individual.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Respectfully yours,

Marva Semet  
Seattle WA.

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From: Lanie Young <reesyoung@aol.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 5:46 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
Subject: Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit number)

CAUTION: External Email

I am writing to register my strong objection to the City granting permission to the applicant to remove the majestic maple on Spring Street between 34th and 35th Avenues. I walked by this afternoon and saw a sidewalk condition common throughout Seattle. There are ways to deal with tree roots and sidewalks just as there are ways to deal with potholes, curb cuts and sloped streets. Removing exceptional trees is not the only solution.

Regarding the request to widen the applicant's driveway, there is an easy solution in the removal of a small freestanding wall to the west of the driveway which serves no apparent purpose.

As there are other solutions to this problem, there is no legitimate cause to remove this exceptional tree. Surely I need not enumerate all of the benefits this tree provides to further press the case.

Sincerely,

Lanie Young

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**From:** Heather Curran <curran.heather@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

**TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree"** It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming. **David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp. seeks to cut down this gem to build a better driveway and sidewalk. (Yes, seriously).** And he refuses to talk to the community about collaborative approaches to save the tree.

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES***

***SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE***

***FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead***

***BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

Thank you,

Heather

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**From:** PATRICIA NICHOLOFF <patnich44@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 7:03 AM  
**To:** TreesforSeattle <TreesforSeattle@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Ref. #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please deny this permit to remove a 100 year old big leaf Maple tree in Madrona. This beautiful tree is majestic and has only asked for sun, wind and rain for over 100 years and should not be removed on the whim of a homeowner currently residing behind it.

The fact that this tree has survived and thrived in spite of being surrounded by concrete is a wonder. It's beautiful and should be allowed to stay and bring shade and oxygen to our city. What would our city look like if everyone removed these trees from the planting strips in front of their homes. No, please don't allow this to happen. Fix the sidewalk and let the tree live for another 100 years.

Sincerely,

Patricia Nicholoff

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**From:** ART PESKIND <apeskind@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** TreesforSeattle <TreesforSeattle@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Permit #0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Please deny this request for removal of this healthy, giant maple tree. It is too beautiful and environmentally valuable to remove.

Art Peskind  
1713 35th Ave  
Seattle WA 98122  
(206) 324-5330

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Mickey Riley <mickeyriley40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Jenny.Durkin@seattle.gov  
**Subject:** 100 Year Old Tree #59973, 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple 🍁

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please, PLEASE, help save this 100 Year old tree and others that make this City so beautiful and inhabitable. I'm sure you know all the environmental benefits of trees in our neighborhoods as well as the aesthetic ones.

The city has already lost so much of its extended "green belt" in local neighborhoods. And this is the time of year when we so appreciate seeing these magnificent trees display their fabulous diversity of color.

Haven't we already given up so much green space in Seattle to commercialize what was once an exceptionally beautiful city?

David Kirsten, CEO, CTI Biopharma Corp, wants to remove the tree to build a better **driveway** and sidewalk. ( nice touch, that about the sidewalk) Come on.

What was that about The **Emerald City** ?

**Please seriously consider this .....especially the next time you see a red and gold tree glowing in the sunlight.**

**Thanks ,**

Mickey Riley  
5006 37 Ave NE  
Seattle WA 98105  
Resident since 1962. ( when the city was really emerald)

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**From:** Moani Russell <moanirusell@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 7:50 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Please Save - # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please save the exceptional, exceptional big leaf Maple tree on 35th Ave. The City desperately needs these types of trees. They bring irreplaceable benefits to the surrounding community: clean air, carbon storage, and shade. We know that climate change is going to hit us hard and one of the best things we can do is to protect the natural environment around us. We owe this to future generations.

Thank you -

Moani Russell

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

**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 8:37 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Big leaf maple-

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit number)**

**Dear Mr. Lundquist:**



I heard through various sources that you were among one of the more enlightened city managers. Is that true? Then on what basis are you permitting this 48 inch diameter tree to be cut down?

**You MUST be kidding us- you can't fix the +\_@+\_()\$+\_ )@\$(\_ sidewalk when you are laying waste to our public health infrastructure every day by cutting large trees, including this Big Leaf Maple?**

**Who is being paid off here?**

**TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree."**

**2015 is not that long ago – Here is your Tree Sidewalks Operations Plan**

[http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/About/DocumentLibrary/TreeSidewalksOperationsPlan\\_final215.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/About/DocumentLibrary/TreeSidewalksOperationsPlan_final215.pdf)

**And here is a guide to fixing sidewalks near trees**

<https://www.bartlett.com/resources/sidewalk-repair-near-trees.pdf>

From your tree-Sidewalks Operations plan:

## Plan Goals and Objectives

The goals of this Operations Plan are supported in existing city policies and plans as well as by Seattle residents.

- **Accessibility and Health:** To provide a safe, accessible, and inviting walking environment, following universal design\* principles
- **Environment:** To protect and expand a healthy urban forest
- **Equity:** To thoroughly consider the needs of all communities in accordance with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative
- **Efficiency:** To preserve existing assets—both street trees and sidewalks—and use resources wisely

These goals will be met by achieving the following objectives.

- Explore strategies that enhance neighborhood aesthetic, reduce lifecycle costs, and allow sidewalks and substantial trees to coexist
- Repair sidewalks damaged by street trees with sustainable solutions
- Retain healthy, mature, and appropriately-sited trees whenever possible, while ensuring mobility

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PROTECT means SDOT takes affirmative action to prevent the loss of mature, healthy trees.

Heidi Siegelbaum  
[Heidi@calyxsite.com](mailto:Heidi@calyxsite.com)

(206) 784-4265

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

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**From:** Cezanne Garcia <cezannegarcia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 9:06 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

**FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!**  
**BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT. This is reckless killing in our community. We need to fight global warming one tree at a time.**

**With appreciation, Cezanne**

Apologies for the brevity and typos; sent from my iPhone

Cezanne Garcia  
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[csaltandthreads@gmail.com](mailto:csaltandthreads@gmail.com) (business)  
Skype: cezanne.garcia  
US cell: 206-459-5516

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**From:** Leona Strizich <strizzel@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 6:14 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252 tree reoval

**CAUTION: External Email**

Attn; Nolan Rundquist

Fix the sidewalk. Don't kill the tree!  
Big Trees are critical to the health of our communities and environment.

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**From:** Celia Costarella <cncostarella@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** hello@jayinslee.com; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers

<council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Subject: Save The 100 year old Maple in Madrona

CAUTION: External Email

Dear People,

I am writing to ask that you protect this great tree that has served the community and the planet for a 100 years. We need to respect the fact that we are not separate from nature and that we need to accommodate her in any way possible even if we feel threaten by her. We need to develop a deeper understanding by learning how to listen to her voice.

I think it is appalling that one man can just decide that he wants to cut down a tree so that he can have a sidewalk to his liking and not even be willing to gather with community and find a compromise and a solution, which is what the community wants and has asked for in this case. I am tired of the bully tactics from men and women in places of power to push through their agenda without and consideration for anybody else. This is why we are in the mess we are in today. Facing our own extinction as well as all the other living creatures we share this planet with.

Overall I am distressed by the lack of care to our trees in this city. Jay Inslee governs from an environmental platform yet I see countless of beautiful old growth Cedars and other trees cut down without even a hesitation. When I hear the groan of the chainsaw as it tears into the flesh of the wood I can barely stand it. My heart feels like it is breaking in a thousand pieces as the groan of the tree cries out to me and reminds me that we have lost one more representation of the natural wonder we are a part of.

PLEASE PLEASE,PLEASE DO NOT CUT THIS BEAUTIFUL MAPLE DOWN. THERE ARE OTHER SOLUTIONS AND THEY NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. WE NEED TO EDUCATE DAVID KIRSKE THAT HE DOES NOT LIVE IN A BUBBLE BUT A COMMUNITY.

Thank you for your time,  
Celia Costarella LMT B.S. Environmental Health

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From: Linda Rozanski <lroz@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 11:17 AM

To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; stevezemke@friends.urbanforests.org

Subject: Madrona TREE REMOVAL SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Nolan Rundquist,

PLEASE prevent the beautiful exceptional 100 year old Big Leaf Maple (tree 59973) from being cut down at 35th Ave and Spring near Madrona Park. It has spent a century growing for the benefit of all of us - clean air, fighting global warming. It would be an absolute tragedy to substitute this beneficial living tree for concrete! There certainly are other solutions that Mr. Kirske can and should consider.

Thank you,

Linda Rozanski  
206 799-0250

From: SARAJANE <sarajane3h@comcast.net>  
Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 11:27 AM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
Subject: Save the Madrona Big Leaf Maple

CAUTION: External Email

# SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit number)

FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT.

Please take a stand for the tree canopy. Stopping the losses is up to you, not the developers!

Pass that tree protection ordinance as promised, this year!

Sarajane Siegfriedt  
District 5

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

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**From:** cspiess@ieee.org <cspiess@ieee.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Regarding tree removal application # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Stop killing Seattle's trees! Please save tree 59973, which is an exceptional Big Leaf Maple located near 35th Ave and Spring St. This tree is a large, beautiful tree easily qualifying officially as an "exceptional tree". Do not allow this tree to be removed or damaged. Seattle should be doing everything we can to retain the trees we have, especially large, mature trees. Save this Big Leaf Maple!

-Cynthia Spiess

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**From:** Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 1:10 PM  
**To:** Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest <steve@friends.urbanforests.org>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Foley, Kym <Kym.Foley@seattle.gov>; Zeng, Luyu <Luyu.Zeng@seattle.gov>; TreeAmbassador <TreeAmbassador@seattle.gov>; Dilley, Jana <Jana.Dilley@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Exceptional Big Leaf Maple needs your help NOW

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

I have learned today that there is an exceptional Big Leaf Maple tree near Madrona Park that is being threatened with extinction. TREE 59973 at 35th Ave and Spring St. one block east of Madrona Park is being asked to give up its life and all the benefits that we citizens know it is providing for us for the improvement of a driveway and sidewalk. I understand that the property owner does not want to discuss this proposal with other community members BUT it really is a community issue. Even though I live in Queen Anne, I care about this exceptional tree in Madrona and I know that there is an overall benefit to me if it is preserved as it provides cleaner water, cleaner air, shade and a sense of peace and grandeur to many observers.

I realize that I am not enlightening you on such benefits of exceptional trees because this is your life's work and you are our City Arborist. I hope that you will promptly intercede on behalf of this Big Leaf Maple and urge the property owner to reconsider # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit number) and that the result will be that this lovely tree remains. Following is a quote from you from an article in SeattleWeekly, "Is Seattle Doing Enough to Protect Its Tree Canopy?", by Adiel Kaplan, July 27, 2016, where the author writes:

"Rundquist estimates that when a large, mature tree, such as a big leaf maple, comes down, it can take 30 or 40 years for two replacement trees to provide similar ecosystem benefits. That's a big hit for the canopy, with long-lasting effects."

Once again we citizens are reminded of how important it is that our City Council act and adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020.

Thank you for your attention and your willingness to save this exceptional tree.

Sincerely,  
Judith Leshner  
2568 10th Ave. W.  
Seattle, WA 98119  
[jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net](mailto:jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net)

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**From:** rachel.laroche@gmail.com <rachel.laroche@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 1:23 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; stevezemke@friends.urbanforests.org

**Subject:** TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree."

CAUTION: External Email

SAVE TREE #59973!

**Message: FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
ENVIRONMENT.**

Rachel LaRoche

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**From:** Theano Petersen <theano@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 1:44 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>;

LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Please deny #SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application)!!!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan Rundquist and others,

Please deny application #SDOTTREE0000252 by David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp., to remove an exceptional, 48" diameter, 100-year-old big-leaf maple street tree #59973 at 35th & Spring St. in Seattle for his personal convenience.

COVID, unrest, and homelessness may be taking up your time and concern, but please consider our environment, air quality, and quality of life as well. We've all recently experienced the nightmare of unhealthy air quality in our city. With COVID, outside is the safest place to be, but with unhealthy air quality we can't even be outside. This impacts homeless, low-income, or people who must be outdoors the worst. We in the city need TREES to absorb carbon dioxide, reduce temperature, and provide habitat for birds and wildlife and shade and beauty for all. The bigger and leafier the tree, the more benefit it provides for everybody and the environment. But trees unlike concrete can't be grown instantly.

The big-leaf maple in the Madrona neighborhood is 100 years old. It would take that long to replace it. We don't have that long. We only have 15 years before climate change is out of control! The big-leaf maple provides enormous benefit for the entire neighborhood and ecosystem. Yet one person is asking to remove it to give himself a better sidewalk and driveway. A sidewalk and driveway can easily be rerouted, this tree can't. Sometimes one's own personal convenience and preference must be sacrificed for the greater good. I hope you will step in to prevent the tree removal. Please prioritize public benefit above one person's preference, and a vital, important living resource above a few feet of concrete.

Thank you for your consideration.

Theano Petersen  
2552 13th Ave. W., Seattle 98119  
206-351-0491

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**From:** Terry Crain <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 2:05 PM

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

**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director's Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns." Include street trees in groves.
- Add "Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to



maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”

- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
- Under SMC 25.11.090 the Director has the authority to require “one or more trees” to be planted as replacement trees for removed exceptional trees during development. The number of trees required should increase with the size of the tree removed, with a goal to achieve equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.
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- SECTION 6. SDCI should adopt SDOT’s registration process and requirements to assist Tree Care Providers in complying with city code and regulations. Reduce the number of citations that will remove a Tree Care Provider from being registered with the city to no more than 2 per year. Require annual registration same as Seattle business licenses require. Require that Tree Care Provider companies have a WA State contractor’s license to ensure they have workers’ compensation. Require they have a certificate of insurance that lists the city as an additional insured so the city cannot be sued. Require that all jobs either have a certified arborist on the work site or that they have visited the site and officially sign off on the specific work being done.

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

We owe our care of this precious resource to our descendants & our present selves in this time of smoke & climate change. We NEED our trees & they need us

Terry Crain

[terry.crain@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.crain@yahoo.com)

4834 S Brandon St  
Seattle, Washington 98118

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**From:** terry.crain@yahoo.com <terry.crain@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Maple in Madrona

CAUTION: External Email

Please save this monarch of Madrona from the selfish actions of this wealthy man for his convenience. We need our tree!! And they deserve our love & protection. Please!!! ❤️

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Allison Laurel <allisonelaurel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please stop taking down our exceptional trees  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE. It is important to the entire neighborhood.  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Additional suggestion for the DR - Exceptional Tree update

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hi tree peeps,

Following a shocking discovery of some brutal cutting of one of the largest true cedars in the City in Maple Leaf recently, it made me realise one very important suggestion of what would be great to add into the updated DR for Exceptional Trees. This would be that any pruning work on 'exceptional' trees would require a 'major tree pruning permit' if cuts over 2" are to be made, as is the case with SDOT street trees. The tree

inspiring this thought is a 61" dbh Atlas cedar or Cedar of Lebanon (even Arthur Lee Jacobson does not know which), which was 80' wide and 70' tall but recently had most of the North side removed, following cutting by an as yet unknown tree service, removing whole scaffold branches and stems which likely required making cuts to the main trunk at least 12" in diameter but more likely upwards of 24" which is shocking and a blatant violation of the ANSI A-300 Pruning Standard.

My prediction for this particular tree is that the impact to the health and structure will result in decline and branch failures in the next 5 years which could easily lead to the property owners requesting the tree be removed, likely claiming it is a 'hazard', as part of what has been done is the removal of interior branches, in effect 'lions tailing' very long branches over the street and adjacent property, which if anything should have been reduced through 'end-weight' reduction to prevent such failures as I was asked to deal with back in Feb 2019 after the heavy snow.

Feel free to reach out for more info and details of how and why this would be good for our large and 'protected' trees.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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**From:** Iris Antman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:07 PM

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

**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please adopt, with the amendments recommended by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020 (Designation of Exceptional and Significant Trees, Tree Protection, Retention, and Tree Removal during land division, including tree service provider requirements).

Seattle must move forward now, without the delay urged by some, in adopting this updated Director's Rule with the amendments proposed below. This process of increasing protection for our urban forest was first proposed by the Seattle City Council 11 years ago and is long overdue.

The following updates as proposed in the draft Director's Rule are great steps forward:

- Reducing the upper threshold on exceptional trees to 24 inches in diameter at standard height (DSH) from 30 inches
- Designating trees 6 inches DSH and larger as protected trees, starting in the platting and short platting process
- Requiring Tree Care Providers to register with the City as the Seattle Dept. of Transportation already requires
- Continuing protection of tree groves as exceptional trees, even if a tree is removed from the grove
- Making clear that all exceptional trees removed during development must be replaced per SMC 25.11.090
- Tightening tree removal requirements for exceptional trees as hazard trees

The following changes to the draft Director’s Rule are needed:

- Change Subject Title to remove words “land division” and replace with “Development”
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add “SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city.”
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as “a group of 3 or more significant trees with overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.
- Add “Significant trees may become exceptional as they grow in size. They are future replacements in the urban forest for exceptional trees when they die. Development projects must be designed to maximize the retention of both exceptional and significant trees to maintain a diversity of tree species and ages.”
- Add “All replacement trees regardless of size are protected trees and can’t be removed.”
- SECTION 2. Change the heading to “TREE PROTECTION”. Remove references to “Exceptional Trees” only and change to “Trees”. e.g., change “Exceptional Tree Protection Areas” to “Tree Protection Areas”.
- SECTION 4. Add “The Director shall have the authority to allow replacement trees on both public and private property to meet the goals and objectives of race and social justice under Seattle’s Equity and Environment Initiative.”
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equivalent canopy area and volume in 25 years. Any in-lieu fee must also rise as the size of the removed tree increases. The city can not wait 80 years to replace an 80-year-old western red cedar tree and expect to maintain its canopy goals as large exceptional trees are removed during development.

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Iris Antman

[antwomaniris@gmail.com](mailto:antwomaniris@gmail.com)

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Seattle, Washington 98118

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**From:** Susan McLaughlin <smclandbutterbean@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:19 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Pls SAVE big leaf maple in Madrona, tree 59973

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

This is in reference to tree removal permit application number # SDOTTREE0000252.

Please do NOT ALLOW tree 59973 - a 48" diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree" - to be cut down by a homeowner simply to build a driveway. This amazing tree is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, stores great quantities of carbon necessary to fight global warming. The homeowner refuses to talk to the community about collaborative approaches to save the tree.

Big trees are critical to the health of our neighborhoods and urban environment. Please fix the sidewalk instead.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Susan McLaughlin  
SE Seattle resident

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**From:** Kirk Hochstatter <hochhawt@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 4:38 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

I am sending this email to inform you of my objection of the removal of TREE 59973 at 35th and Spring for a new development.

As a resident of the Madrona neighborhood and this planet, it is critical that we save trees of this size and suitability for its environment as we are fighting an impossible fight against climate change. It has been reported to me as well that this development is for a driveway to accommodate access for automobiles, which is the very technology that has impacted our climate so much.

As an academic, being a professor and PhD student in the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington, I find this project to be very unbecoming of the city of Seattle as these big trees, the Big Leaf Maple in particular, need to be preserved and not removed. It is appalling that we need to gather this much objection to stop what should be seen as a duty for our public institutions to protect.

I appreciate the forum to gather the community's thoughts but I am disturbed to know how carelessly the removal of this tree is being considered. I hope my objection can somewhat make up for the recklessness to allow the proposer to accommodate their very privileged lifestyle that does not contribute to our community in any positive way. In the age of supporting vicious greed and the unaccountable dismissal of supporting a society, I hope this process can at least conserve the most valuable commodity our planet has. Its natural environment.

Thank you,

Kirk Hochstatter  
Seattle, WA

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**From:** Lisa Anderson <LisaPAnderson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save the Madrona Big Leaf Maple

**CAUTION: External Email**

*Please don't cut this down. We don't have enough trees like this in our neighborhoods.*

Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES**

**SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE**

**FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead**

**BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.**

*Thank you,*

*Lisa Anderson*

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252 - Big leaf maple in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Nolan,

I have been alerted to this amazing tree which supposedly the property owner wants to remove because of the conflict with the sidewalk. Which SDOT arborist has looked at this and what is their determination of retention versus removal? I truly hope there can be some push back on the property owner to work with contractors to create a workable solution to retain such a magnificent tree and repair the sidewalk as the loss would be monumental.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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**From:** Aileen Hannah <aileen\_hannah@live.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:31 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

To whom it may concern

A neighbor posted a notice to advise that an application has been made to remove an “exceptional” neighborhood tree. The information provided states that the tree removal is for the convenience of the homeowner versus any risk the tree poses.

I would be interested to understand the city’s policies around such applications and what efforts are made to find alternative solutions.

While I do not know the full facts, unless the request has been made because the tree is diseased or dying or is an imminent danger to the home or other property, I would like to lodge my concern and request that this application – and any others like it – are denied.

Kind Regards

Aileen Hannah

32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Madrona, 98122

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Angela King <angela.king.m@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:47 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Stop tree removal of #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

Please save this historic tree from being torn down in the Madrona neighborhood. These big leaf maple trees are the backbone of the community and make it the wonderful, distinct, beautiful neighborhood that it is today. If we keep destroying these trees, there will be none



left to keep Seattle beautiful and cleanse our air. Big trees are critical to the health of our urban environment and counters climate change. Please offer better solutions to this homeowner beside tearing down a historic part of our community.

***Thanks for your support!***

***Angela King***

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From: Julie Bergmans <fabgabsvintage@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:55 PM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: Save an Exceptional Maple Tree

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle officials,

I've just learned of the homeowner planning to cut down a truly exceptional tree, a giant 48" maple that I've walked and cycled past, and admired.

In Seattle, we know that the environment is endangered and as a people and city, we usually care for it. We can't let homeowner greed be valued over the real concerns of carbon sequestration, tree canopy and the beauty of the neighborhood.

Exceptional trees like this are rare, and this meets all the criteria and more.

The homeowner could have chosen a different property rather than one with a old, mature tree that has been doing its part against global warming for decades. They didn't because they feel the right to do anything they like. It is a very privileged approach of "my individual convenience over the benefit to the many."

There are cooperative solutions available. Please make this person accept a different solution than simply cutting down a grand old tree.

Sincerely,  
Julie

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jen and Elliot <smeosky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

**# SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)**

***I would like to add my support to the efforts to save the maple tree at 35th & Spring in Madrona. I walk past this tree daily while walking my dog and it would be a shame if it were taken down.***

***SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN  
ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

Thanks for considering

Jennifer Keosky & Elliot Smith

911 33rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

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**From:** darrell scott <darrellandzuzu@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 6:36 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Big maple at 1101 35th Avenue

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

Please please don't let this mature tree (**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)**) be cut down!! We need to preserve trees like this, not let them be destroyed simply because some selfish person wants a bigger driveway. We all breath the same air that tree purifies and we need these trees to combat climate change. This tree is 48" in diameter and doing the work of many many smaller trees.

Sincerely,

Darrell Scott

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** paul luu <paul6458@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 6:45 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Ref# SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please do not approve for the removal of this great maple tree (tree 59973) located 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spring . We need more large tree to fight global warming.

Please do not approve the application. Thanks

Paul Luu

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Ben Luety <benluety@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 7:05 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

CAUTION: External Email

Hello,

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN  
ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

Thanks!

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**From:** Teresa Greiner <tcgreiner@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 7:15 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

CAUTION: External Email

For: Nolan Rundquist

**TREE 59973 is a 48” diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an “exceptional tree”**

It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming. **David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp. seeks to cut down this gem to build a better driveway and sidewalk. (Yes, seriously).** And he refuses to talk to the community about collaborative approaches to save the tree.

Please do not let them cut down this tree.

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**From:** maria d. <myriad23@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 7:17 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Application #0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Cc'ing additional email addresses.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 4, 2020, at 7:13 PM, maria d. <[myriad23@hotmail.com](mailto:myriad23@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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> Hi,

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> I was informed the beautiful mature healthy maple tree is under review for removal. Decades-old trees such as this one do so much to beautify our city and cleanse the air; it would be a shame to remove it for an unnecessary reason.

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> Please consider protecting this tree!

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> Sincerely,

> Maria Dasovich

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Laura Culberg <[laura.culberg@gmail.com](mailto:laura.culberg@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 7:42 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <[Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov)>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <[Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov)>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <[council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please stop taking down trees for development.

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN  
ENVIRONMENT.***

***The tree canopy is important. Keep Seattle green.***

Sincerely,

Laura Culberg

206-853-7713

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**From:** Lisa Decker <[lisadecker@mac.com](mailto:lisadecker@mac.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:02 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <[Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov)>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <[Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov)>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <[council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252 Please don't remove this maple tree!

**CAUTION: External Email**

To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow this gorgeous maple tree to be cut down. This tree is an asset to the entire neighborhood, located across the street from a playground. It provides shade and oxygen for all of us and should be protected. Please fix the sidewalk to accommodate the tree rather than killing the tree for more concrete! Killing an old, healthy tree is not in line with the values of our city and her citizens.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lisa

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**From:** Julie Syrdal <jbsyrdal@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:07 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save the Maple Tree in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan,

Please save the big leaf maple in Madrona. It is a gorgeous tree and adds so much beauty to the neighborhood. In an urban environment like Madrona, an old tree like this is hard to find and is a much needed connection to nature.

There is a lot of ugliness in our city right now. Please don't take away something that makes it better. It would be a huge loss for the whole neighborhood and generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Syrdal

Denny Blaine resident

PS: If you haven't read Overstory, I highly recommend it! An incredible novel about trees.

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**From:** ME <girldrake@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:10 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Ref#SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please do not kill and remove this exceptional trees SAVE the Madrona Big Leaf Maple Fix the sidewalk instead.

Big trees are critical to the health of our neighborhoods and urban environment - storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change Please do not remove the tree.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shelley  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Corrie Watterson <corrie.watterson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:11 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Tree 59973!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello, as a Leschi resident I prize our area's beautiful tree canopy. I am dismayed to hear that a neighbor may be allowed to cut down an exceptional tree on public property -between the sidewalk and the street- to expand his driveway.

TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree". It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming. David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp. seeks to cut down this gem to build a better driveway and sidewalk. And he refuses to talk to the community about collaborative approaches to save the tree.

If as some have said, the sidewalk is a safety hazard, it is and has been the homeowner's legal responsibility to resolve it. That said, improving a few feet of sidewalk access on a side street can in no way make up for the loss of this tree.

Imagine what the area children will say and feel the day the truck pulls up and they cut it down. It's indefensible. We've all lost so much this year. Please don't give our neighborhood one more loss, another reason to despair. An exceptional tree should not be removed for such minor reasons.

Corrie Watterson  
3519 E Spruce St  
Seattle WA 98122

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**From:** Heather Danso <dansohmh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:23 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist, and all of you wonderful Seattle City tree people,

Please don't allow them to remove the magnificent tree in the parking strip on 1101 35th Ave! The shade, enjoyment for walking the neighborhood may seem like selfish reasons to ask the home owner not to cut this tree down. But this tree is ours—Seattle owns this special tree.

**TREE 59973 is a 48” diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an “exceptional tree”** Unless the tree is dead, it should stay, and we should manage the sidewalk to support the health of the tree while caring for the safety of those who walk it.

We must be stewards of the land and the character of our city.

Kindly,  
Heather Danso  
2815 E Harrison St  
Seattle, Wa  
98112

"We have more possibilities available in each moment than we realize." Thich Nhat Hanh

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**From:** Claire Buxton <buxton.claire@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:45 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hi,

I would like to see this majestic tree continue to stand, as it likely has for 100 years:

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES. SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE. FIX THE SIDEWALK instead. BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

Please consider rejecting the permit for the greater good of the environment and the neighborhood.

Thanks,  
Claire.

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**From:** Catherine Ruha <ruhac@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 8:54 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SDOT TREE0000252 Do not kill

**CAUTION: External Email**

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"exceptional tree."**

**FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
ENVIRONMENT.**

This Big Leaf Maple is cleaning the air, storing lots carbon and fighting global warming. **David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp. seeks to cut down this tree to build a better driveway and sidewalk.** And apparently, he refuses to talk to the community about collaborative approaches to save the tree. Just because he is rich and owns a business does not mean he gets to kill a beautiful, life enhancing tree. He also needs to be encouraged to be a true community member and talk with them!

Note - Tree roots and sidewalks are a common problem. Two common ways to solve the problem are to build a bridge over the roots or increase the distance of the sidewalk from the tree trunk. The tree is already on a sloping street. For more information see . [Sidewalk Repair Near Trees](#)

My God, please don't let this tree be murdered for someone's ego.

Thank you,

Catherine Ruha

1541 NE 91st Street, Seattle, WA

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**From:** Jorji Knickrehm <jorjijill@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:09 PM



**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save An Exceptional Big Leaf Maple Tree in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I am outraged to hear that one person, David Kirske, who wishes for an improved driveway, may have the power to cut down a gorgeous, climate-helping, shade-giving exceptional maple tree. I very much hope that you'll listen to the voices of the community asking for this tree to be saved! This is Tree 59973 located at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spring, 1 block east of Madrona Park. TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree". A two-week notice has been posted for an application to remove this tree. This is terrible!! Please rescind this notice. This tree is important for many reasons, and an improved driveway and this tree are not mutually exclusive.

PLEASE do not cut down this beautiful carbon-storer!!

Thank you very much!!

Best regards,

Jorji Knickrehm  
3110 24th Ave. S.,  
Seattle, WA 98144  
(206) 240-9854

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**From:** Selin Ozkan <selin.s.ozkan@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:11 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan,

Re: **SDOTTREE0000252**

I was so disheartened to hear about the application to remove this exceptional tree from the parking strip in Madrona. What's the use of an exceptional designation if it can't protect a tree from development (rumored to be a bigger driveway for a single homeowner)? There are alternative means to make a sidewalk ADA accessible. If your job truly is to serve the city, please serve us all by keeping this tree for important canopy cover, habitat and clean air.

Sincerely,

Selin Ozkan  
Resident

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**From:** Genevieve Peaslee <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:20 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Genevieve Peaslee

[genevievepeaslee@gmail.com](mailto:genevievepeaslee@gmail.com)

2533 Yale Ave E Apt D

Seattle, Washington 98102

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**From:** Adrienne Weller <adrienne.w@earthlink.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 12:05 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES***

***SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE***

***FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead***

***BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT –***

***storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

***Sincerely,***

Adrienne Weller

Seattle, WA

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**From:** Rachel Berney <rachel\_berney@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 7:17 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Rachel Berney <rachel\_berney@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Save the Big Leaf Maple # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

We cannot hope to have a healthy urban forest and climate in Seattle without holding onto our most magnificent trees. I urge you to save the tree and repair the sidewalk instead—the homeowner seeking to have this tree removed bought the property with the mature tree in place.

I hope that you will find a way forward that preserves the 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple (Tree 59973). It is well over the criteria established to make it an exceptional tree - imagine for how many seasons it has been growing, the people it's delighted and shaded, and the ecosystem contained within its branches and trunk. It is a world unto itself.

It is also close to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon, and fighting global warming.

Seattle can't claim to be environmentally friendly when rich people can take down Exceptional Trees whenever it's convenient for them. The applicant refuses to work with other residents to find a solution.

Mr. Rundquist, please provide a solution that keeps the tree where it's been growing for decades.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Berney

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**From:** Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 7:28 AM

**To:** Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: # SDOTTREE0000252 - Big leaf maple in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thank you Nolan,

For the info. I have seen the tree and recognise the challenges but do not see them as restrictive if one is to apply some additional effort to work around the obstacles. I also do not believe that 'internal decay' is something that is a surprise in a tree of this size/age and certainly not a reason to condemn it to death. Is it Davey applying for the Tree Removal Permit out of interest to perform the removal, or were they purely the consulting arborist on this?

It is time that we start thinking forward for how we retain trees of this stature, not allowing the restrictions of typical sidewalk maintenance to force the removal of community gems like this tree. I understand the City's hands are tied to a certain degree, but I hope at least there can be some push back to the owner to help come up with creative solutions to what really is not that much of a problem, in relative terms.

Stuart

On Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 7:16 AM Rundquist, Nolan <[Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov](mailto:Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov)> wrote:

Hi Stuart

Stephanie is the arborist who is working on this - she also consulted with Paul on the tree, before he went over to SDCI.

Davey did a risk assessment on the tree, and identified a lot of internal decay. The placement of the tree, being so close to the drive, and in a fairly narrow strip, doesn't give us many options to get an ADA sidewalk, and the walk is lifted about a foot immediately adjacent to the trunk. The drive will need to be repaired, in order to have it match the sidewalk grade, and they're also talking about repairing the curb, which has been pushed out a couple of feet and the street is lifted significantly adjacent to the tree.

If that many roots need to be cut to accommodate infrastructure repairs, safe retention is likely not possible. Have you seen the tree and the challenges?

Nolan Rundquist, City Arborist  
Seattle Department of Transportation  
Maintenance and Operations Division  
(206) 684-TREE (8733)

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**From:** Peggy Allen Jackson <[peggyaj@gmail.com](mailto:peggyaj@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:30 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <[Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov)>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <[Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov)>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <[council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

As a resident of Central and South Seattle for more than 20 years and as a parent of two boys who attended St Therese Catholic School, I am writing to ask you to please reconsider the removal of the magnificent big leaf maple tree on Spring St in between 34th and 35th Ave. This tree is an important member of the neighborhood, and the oxygen that it produces has been even more critically important in our recent days of smokey air. With global warming continuing, we need to be preserving, not destroying such important trees in our community.

Please make the adjustments necessary to the sidewalk to SAVE this amazing and important tree.

Thank you,

Peggy Jackson

3212 36th Ave S

Seattle WA 98144

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**From:** Lin Provost <linprovost@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:58 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

*STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES*

*SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE*

*FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead*

*BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.*

TREE 59973 is a 48” diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an “exceptional tree”. To remove a tree for a driveway and sidewalk is not a good reason to remove a tree. We need all the healthy trees possible with our climate changes and this is just an irresponsible solution.

Please stop this action.

Lin Provost

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**From:** Renee Simard <renee.simard@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 9:59 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SAVE THIS 100-YEAR OLD BIG LEAF MAPLE -- Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

Dear Mr. Nolan Rundquist and City of Seattle Leaders,

PLEASE STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES AND SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE Located at 35th Ave and Spring. One block east of Madrona Playground.

**TREE 59973** is a 48” diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an “exceptional tree”

It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming. David Kirske, Chief Financial Officer of CTI Biopharma Corp. seeks to cut down this gem to build a better driveway and sidewalk!!!

*FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead*

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Thank you for your attention in this matter,

Renée Simard, Seattle

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**From:** Nancy Callery <ncallery@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 11:40 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Exceptional Tree Removal Permit Application # SDOTTREE0000252

To whom it may concern with the City of Seattle,

This magnificent Big Leaf Maple in the public right-of-way at 1101 - 35th Avenue belongs to the Madrona community at-large and MUST not be taken down to improve a driveway for a private citizen.

This proposal is outrageous, given that

- 1- this is a large public heritage tree, not on private property, and
- 2- we are in a climate crisis when every single tree is essential to our existence.

The adjacent sidewalk may need repair for physically challenged citizens, however there is a good sidewalk on the other side of the street next to the playground and on the same side of the street as the St. Therese school and church.

Is a hearing scheduled for this permit application?



Thank you very much,  
Nancy



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**From:** Deanna DiBene <deannadibene@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 12:17 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference # SDOOTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

**CAUTION: External Email**

Nolan Rundquist,

I'm writing this email with deep concern for the removal of this beautiful old growth maple tree in the Madrona Park neighborhood. With all the trees we have lost due to forest fires on the west coast it feels like a crime to remove this tree so that one person's driveway may be widened. This tree gives oxygen, shade and beauty for many in our neighborhood.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my heartfelt request!

Deanna DiBene

**TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree"**

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**From:** Elaine Hickman <elaine.hickman@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 1:00 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Tree Removal Permit #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I think it is urgent to deny this permit and require the property owner to take remedial steps that save this valuable Big Leaf Maple. We can't afford to lose our exceptional trees.

Elaine Hickman  
520 N. 120th St.  
Seattle, WA 98133---

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**From:** Deanna DiBene <soigne6@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 12:20 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

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**From:** Aaron Lewis <aaronglewis@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 2:08 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save the Big Leaf Maple! Deny permit #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist, Mayor Durkan, and City Council,

I am writing in regards to permit number #SDOTTREE0000252 to ask that the city deny the permit and save the spectacular, healthy old big leaf maple at 35th Ave and Spring.

Tree 59973 is a 48" diameter big leaf maple — well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree." It is an important part of our urban forest canopy and a neighborhood favorite. This tree should not be cut down to allow the resident (who has been here for far less time than the tree) to have a bigger driveway. Beautiful, unique, and native shade trees like these take hundreds of years to grow to this size and are a part of what makes living in Seattle so special — and they store carbon, reduce pollution and the urban heat island effect, and help counter the effects of climate change. Please deny the permit and fix the sidewalk instead!

Thank you,  
Aaron Lewis and Dante West  
110 29th Ave S, Leschi

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**From:** Lucas Peiser <lucas.peiser@theseattleschool.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hi,

I am emailing regarding Tree 59973 - a maple tree in Madrona. I would ask that the city seek other solutions rather than cutting this tree down. It is an old tree that provides not only beauty but carbon reduction in the Madrona neighborhood. I am proud of Seattle's trees and hope that we, as a city, can keep our space healthy and beautiful.

Thank you,

Lucas

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**From:** Susanna Smith <susannasmith99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 7:07 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252, Nolan Rundquist

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

Please save this beautiful big leaf maple at 35th and E. Spring St. It is 48" in diameter and is very healthy. It's on a parking strip, and should not be cut down for construction! It is adjacent to a playground, on a route I, and many others, walk almost every day, it is storing carbon and fighting global warming.

Thank you,

Susanna Smith

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

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:17 PM

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

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Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

[zartsarts@gmail.com](mailto:zartsarts@gmail.com)

10248 20th Ave SW

Seattle, Washington 98146

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**From:** Michele <bingo.pajama.k23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** enny.Durkan@seattle.gov; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

I have seen the tree removal sign on this gorgeous tree. Of course, there are all sorts of comments flying around that the owner of the home wants to take the tree down to have a larger driveway and fix the sidewalk. The roots of the tree have definitely lifted the sidewalk, but neither that nor the desire for a larger driveway are reason enough to take down this gorgeous tree. My family walks by this tree frequently and we always comment on its size and beauty, about how much shade and how many homes for birds it provides. Unless the tree is diseased or dead, which it doesn't appear to be, I urge you to please deny the application to remove this street tree.

Kind regards,  
Michele Tall

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**From:** acfrosie@netscape.net <acfrosie@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save the Maple in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Yike!!

Why would a person buy a house knowing they were going to cut down a big beautiful tree---and just to widen their driveway!!!

I oppose this tree removal permit application categorically!!

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)**

**We have to do the right thing when we know it is the right thing to do.**

**Agatha C Fletcher**

5311 33rd Ave S,  
Seattle, WA 98118

"The revolution will be messy or it will be centrist Bullshit." amen!

The reality is that there's no such thing as political correctness —  
the phrase is a manipulative slogan used to depersonalize oppression,

to sweep prejudice and cruelty under the rug of it's-not-my-problem.  
Being aware of and respectful towards our differences,  
our feelings and our personal history is not political correctness. It's sensitivity...

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**From:** Mary Pat DiLeva <catlady1@wavecable.com>

**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Tree Removal Permit # SDOTTREE0000252

**Importance:** High

**CAUTION: External Email**

Save The Madrona Big Leaf Maple Tree! There is an **exceptional 100-year old big leaf Maple tree located at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spring, which is 1 block east of Madrona Park in the heart of Madrona in Seattle.** The tree number 59973 is a 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree."

It's rather outrageous that the desire of one individual to build a better driveway and sidewalk is more important than the health of the entire community. Big trees are critical to the health of our communities and environment both physical and mental. This Big Leaf Maple is cleaning the air, storing lots carbon and fighting global warming. Just considering the amount of carbon that will be emitted into the air by the removal of this exceptional tree should be reason enough to find another solution.

**FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!** Tree roots and sidewalks are a common problem. Two common ways to solve the problem are to build a bridge over the roots or increase the

distance of the sidewalk from the tree trunk. The tree is already on a sloping street. For more information see . [Sidewalk Repair Near Trees](#)

Sincerely,

Mary Pat DiLeva  
712 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
98122

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**From:** Ruth Hooper <ruthhooper1948@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252**

Good Morning, Mr Rundquist:

I understand that the owner of the property at 1101 35th Avenue wants to remove this big leaf maple because he wants a wider driveway. That is completely unacceptable. We need the tree! for biomass, for habitat, for carbon sequestration, and on and on. Please save this tree!

Thank you!

Ruth Hooper  
7331 48th Ave. S  
Seattle, WA 98118  
206-760-0508

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**From:** Jim E <jimespinas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 1:45 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE #SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Attn: Nolan Rundquist, Head of SDOT's Urban Forestry Division

RE: #SDOTTREE0000252



As a citizen of Seattle, I humbly request that you use your position and sway to:

- SAVE THE MADRONA BIG LEAF MAPLE. DO NOT CUT IT DOWN.
- FIX THE SIDEWALK instead
- BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change. Let's respect the tree as a living being and recognize all of its benefits to the environment and the community.

Thanks for your help.

-Jim Espinas

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**From:** Mary Mitchell <zartsarts@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:54 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** #SDOTTREE0000252 - Heritage tree in Madrona

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please save this heritage tree. They are so important to us in so many ways and irreplaceable in our lifetimes. Please help to find alternative solutions to whatever the problem is.

thank you,  
Mary Mitchell  
206 762-7855  
[mary@zarts.biz](mailto:mary@zarts.biz)

**TimeSlips**  
*certified facilitator!*  
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*Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened.*

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**From:** Valerie Croley <vcroley1979@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:59 AM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252 - tree removal at 35th Ave and Spring, 1 block east of Madrona Park

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Mr. Rundquist,

I'm writing to you today on behalf of a tree - not just any tree, but a big, beautiful Maple that is a fixture and part of a neighborhood that desperately wants to keep it around.

To David Kirske, the CFO of a biotech, this is just an annoyance - a piece of wood in the way of expanding a driveway. But this tree is on a public sidewalk and has the right to stay where it is.

It is adjacent to a playground, on a key pedestrian route to Lake Washington, storing lots of carbon and fighting global warming. Big trees like this maple are crucial to the health of neighborhoods and urban environments. They store carbon, which helps to counter the effects of climate change.

They are also home to countless creatures: squirrels, birds, bugs, raccoons - all of which play vital roles in our ecosystem and the health of our neighborhoods. If we continue to cut down their homes they will find homes in places we don't want them, like basements, attics, chimneys, etc., and that will be bad for everyone, not just the animals.

If we here in Seattle claim to be for the environment then cutting this tree down in the name of a driveway is beyond hypocritical.

Please do the right thing and work with this homeowner to find a solution where he is happy and the tree stays. I know there are ways to please both parties and save this magnificent gem of a maple!!

This tree is 4 feet in diameter and well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree" and needs to be saved! I employ you and the city council, PLEASE do not let this maple get torn down. I'm a voter, I'm an environmentalist, and I passionately believe that Seattle is one of the greatest cities in our country. Please don't make me question that by letting this tree be cut down.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please reach out to me if you'd like to speak more!

Best,  
Valerie Croley

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**From:** Janice <janice@seattlejobs.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:05 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SAVE THE TREE!!!! Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear All,

We live in and love the emerald city in the evergreen state of Washington. Please, please let's stop approving the unnecessary destruction of our namesake trees. We CAN live in harmony with them; we can accommodate them. Their routine removal continues to degrade our quality of life, our clean air and homes for wildlife. We know this. We know this. Let's do what's right.

**FIX THE SIDEWALK; DON'T KILL THE TREE!**

**BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT.**

Thank you.

Janice Brookshier  
206.295.8710

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**From:** Jonathan Cameron <mrconnecto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:31 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** TREE 59973 - Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

TREE 59973 is a 48" diameter Big Leaf Maple, well over the criteria for an "exceptional tree."

It's 100 years old!

**Please fix the sidewalk so this tree can keep cleaning the air and improving the psychology of all residents.**

**The sidewalk is not an excuse to remove an EXCEPTIONAL TREE --please.**

Sincerely,  
Jonathan C Pasley  
Seattle 98125

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252**

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**From:** June BlueSpruce <jbluespruce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SDOT should NOT cut down the exceptional tree located at 1101 35th Ave., Seattle, WA

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan Rundquist:

I am writing about tree removal permit application # SDOTTREE0000252. This tree lives in the parking strip outside a large residence at 1101 35th Ave. (This is a corner lot; the tree is actually located on E. Spring St.) The tree is an exceptional bigleaf maple - it is both a native tree to our region and of exceptional size. It looks healthy and should NOT be removed. Please **deny** this application for a permit to remove the tree.

I understand that the property owner wishes to expand their driveway. The tree roots have also caused the sidewalk to buckle, and the sidewalk is not wheelchair accessible as a result. There are other solutions to these issues that fall far short of removing the tree. The property is huge, and so is the driveway. There is plenty of room to expand the driveway entrance to the west of the tree; all the owner would need to do is remove or alter a decorative, low brick wall. As for the sidewalk, it could be elevated above the roots and ramped so that it would be accessible.

This tree provides shade, protection from heat and wind, water filtration, air pollution reduction, animal and bird habitat, oxygen, and many other physical and mental health benefits for the landowner and neighbors. Our city's tree canopy was a mere 28% in 2016 and has likely decreased since, as a result of rampant development and many clearcuts. We can't afford to continue to lose huge trees like this because of problems that can be readily solved in other ways.

It's not a case of human needs vs tree needs. Humans NEED trees for our very lives. It's not right to remove a huge, healthy tree for no reason, especially a native, exceptional tree that by law should receive more protection.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

June BlueSpruce  
Neighborhood Treekeepers  
Columbia City - City Council Dist. 2  
206-579-1203

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*"Possibilities are not hopes for the future. They are realities in the present."  
Dr. Gabor Mate, Sounds True Healing Trauma Summit, June 4, 2018*

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**From:** kevinorme <kevinorme@protonmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:28 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252 - save the Madrona Maple - fix the sidewalk instead!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please save this Bigleaf Maple, big exceptional tree in the Madrona neighborhood. There are many ways to mitigate sidewalk damage to protect an existing tree and right now - our recent weeks of bad air and smoke, coupled with continued passing the buck from those otherwise charged with protecting our forests, BOTH urban and remote - is simply WRONG. We can build more complex technology every day in nearly all strata of our society, yet we can't protect a tree?

Increasingly in our fair city, Every. Tree. Matters. - there is no second chance and \*every\* effort should be made to protect \*every\* tree we can. **\*\*Take this seriously\*\*** and make it happen!!!

kevin orme  
Greenwood

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

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**From:** Martha Read <m.read.lmp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** SDOT should NOT cut down the exceptional tree located at 1101 35th Ave., Seattle, WA

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan Rundquist:

I am writing about tree removal permit application # SDOTTREE0000252. This tree lives in the parking strip outside a large residence at 1101 35th Ave. (This is a corner lot; the tree is actually located on E. Spring St.) The tree is an exceptional bigleaf maple - it is both a native tree to our region and of exceptional size. It looks healthy and should NOT be removed. Please **deny** this application for a permit to remove the tree.

I understand that the property owner wishes to expand their driveway. The tree roots have also caused the sidewalk to buckle, and the sidewalk is not wheelchair accessible as a result. There are other solutions to these issues that fall far short of removing the tree. The property is huge, and so is the driveway. There is plenty of room to expand the driveway entrance to the west of the tree; all the owner would need to do is remove or alter a decorative, low brick wall. As for the sidewalk, it could be elevated above the roots and ramped so that it would be accessible.

This tree provides shade, protection from heat and wind, water filtration, air pollution reduction, animal and bird habitat, oxygen, and many other physical and mental health benefits for the landowner, neighbors and people who recreate at the park just across the street. Our city's tree canopy was a mere 28% in 2016 and has likely decreased since, as a result of rampant development and many clearcuts. We can't afford to continue to lose huge trees like this because of problems that can be readily solved in other ways.

It's not a case of human needs vs tree needs. Humans NEED trees for our very lives. It's not right to remove a huge, healthy tree for no reason, especially a native, exceptional tree that by law should receive more protection.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Martha Read  
Columbia City - City Council Dist. 2  
206-859-1785

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Martha Read, LMP, Certified Watsu Practitioner,  
Certified Manual Lymph Drainage Therapist  
Schedule link:

<https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/SWAQRN>

[www.MarthaReadLMP.com](http://www.MarthaReadLMP.com)

[www.seattlewatsu.com](http://www.seattlewatsu.com)

206.723.4663

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**From:** carolynrodenberg@mindspring.com <carolynrodenberg@mindspring.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:54 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>;

LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Cc:** carolynrodenberg@mindspring.com

**Subject:** SDOT should NOT cut down the exceptional tree located at 1101 35th Ave., Seattle, WA

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan Rundquist:

I am writing about tree removal permit application # SDOTTREE0000252. This tree lives in the parking strip outside a large residence at 1101 35th Ave. (This is a corner lot; the tree is actually located on E. Spring St.) The tree is an exceptional bigleaf maple - it is both a native tree to our region and of exceptional size. It looks healthy and should NOT be removed. Please **deny** this application for a permit to remove the tree.

I understand that the property owner wishes to expand their driveway. The tree roots have also caused the sidewalk to buckle, and the sidewalk is not wheelchair accessible as a result. There are other solutions to these issues that fall far short of removing the tree. The property is huge, and so is the driveway. There is plenty of room to expand the driveway entrance to the west of the tree; all the owner would need to do is

remove or alter a decorative, low brick wall. As for the sidewalk, it could be elevated above the roots and ramped so that it would be accessible.

This tree provides shade, protection from heat and wind, water filtration, air pollution reduction, animal and bird habitat, oxygen, and many other physical and mental health benefits for the landowner and neighbors. Our city's tree canopy was a mere 28% in 2016 and has likely decreased since, as a result of rampant development and many clearcuts. We can't afford to continue to lose huge trees like this because of problems that can be readily solved in other ways.

It's not a case of human needs vs tree needs. Humans NEED trees for our very lives. It's not right to remove a huge, healthy tree for no reason, especially a native, exceptional tree that by law should receive more protection.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Rodenberg  
Neighborhood Treekeepers  
Queen Anne Hill – District 7  
206-367-3058

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**From:** Rebecca Westbrook <rebecca@bluelotus-services.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:05 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save the Madrona Big Leaf Maple

**CAUTION: External Email**

Greetings,

I come to you in supplication to do what is right. We simply must stop killing living things that provide us with oxygen to breathe and sequester carbon! This tree provides important benefits to our urban environment. Please save this tree and fix the sidewalk. If the humans around it don't like it, they can move. The tree was here first. Thank you for listening. I fervently hope you do the right thing.

Regards,

Rebecca Westbrook

Blue Lotus Services

IT Services for Small Non-Profits and Entrepreneurs <http://www.bluelotus-services.com>

206.403.7563

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**From:** Liz Lang <lizlang712@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** #SDOTTree0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

The Madrona Big Leaf Maple is an important tree to keep. It's critical to the health of our neighborhoods and urban environment for all the reasons that trees are vital to our world. The City can fix the sidewalk and preserve the tree! Here is a solution the City approved this year on my sidewalk: Just go around the roots or make a bridge.



Sincerely,  
Elizabeth G Lang

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**From:** az <aelzare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Please do not cut down this beautiful tree at 1101 35th Ave.

Please find another solution- we are a progressive city and can find progressive ways to allow ease of access on our sidewalks without killing priceless, gorgeous trees in our neighborhoods. Every tree keeps the air cleaner and beautifies our city.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Cedar & Lia <cedarandlia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** PLEASE STOP REMOVING OUR TREES # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Nolan Rundquist and Council Members:



Please do not allow the senseless killing of mature and exceptional trees such as this.  
There are other solutions for accessibility than simply extracting these beneficial organisms from our environment in a time when we most need all of the services trees provide.

Respectfully,

Lia Hall and Cedar Mannan  
9678 54th Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98118

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Cedar and Lia both read this email.

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**From:** Reilley Shannon Gmail <reilley.shannon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Nolan Rundquist,

PLEASE STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE at 1101 35th Ave. (Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

FIX THE SIDEWALK or relocate the driveway Instead!

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest!

Sincerely,

Reilley Shannon

Sent from Reilley's iPhone

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**From:** Kathleen Kerkof <katkerkof@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de

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

**Subject:** Removal of 100 year old tree, tree removal permit #SOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist

I am writing in regards to tree removal permit #SDOTTREE0000252. The tree in question is a 100 years old Big Leaf Maple with a 48" diameter making it well over the criteria of an "exceptional tree." The person requesting this permit wants to build a better driveway and sidewalk. There are ways of fixing the sidewalk without taking the drastic measure of cutting this environmental treasure down. This tree is contributing valuable environmental and health services to our city and its citizens that need to be given serious consideration. These include reducing the urban heat island effect, sequestering carbon, reducing air pollution including particulates from the forest fire smoke, providing habitat for the other species that share our city, storing water, etc. It is time to stop taking trees for granted and placing the proper value on them.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kerkof  
2235 NW 64th ST.  
Seattle, WA 98107  
[katkerkof@htomail.com](mailto:katkerkof@htomail.com)

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**From:** Anita Shelton <anitamshel@me.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:15 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Madrona Big Leaf Maple Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE

FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead. This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest! Trees are the answer.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest!

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

Anita Shelton  
729 N 77th St  
Seattle WA 98103

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**From:** Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:33 PM

**To:** Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Please save this Exceptional Big Leaf Maple in Madrona!

**CAUTION: External Email**

To Nolan Rundquist

SDOT Urban Forestry Division

[Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov)

Regarding SDOT Tree Removal Application # SDOTTREE0000252

Big Leaf Maple at 1101 35th Avenue

Dear Nolan Rundquist,

It has come to our attention by a neighbor in the Madrona neighborhood that an application has been filed to remove an [Exceptional Big Leaf Maple tree](#) in the right of way at 1101 35th Ave. The tree is an exceptional tree under [Director's Rule 16-2008 - Designation of Exceptional Trees](#). The threshold for a Big Leaf Maple to be exceptional is 30 inches DBH and this tree is recorded on SDOT's Tree Map as measuring 48 inches DBH.

The posted notice on the tree has only one box checked - "*Cannot be successfully retained, due to public or private construction or development conflicts.*" The other 3 boxes are not checked 1. Is a hazardous tree; 2. Poses a public safety hazard; 3. Is in such a condition of poor health or poor vigor that removal is justified.

The project that is proposed is to fix the upraised sidewalk and a driveway entrance. The sidewalk needs to be fixed and can easily be fixed without cutting down the tree. Solutions include raising the sidewalk with a "bridge-like" structure over the roots or moving the sidewalk further away from the tree trunk. Discussion of these possibilities are covered in numerous articles on resolving tree and sidewalk conflicts. Here is the one by Bartlett Tree Experts - Research Laboratory Technical Report "[Sidewalk Repair Near Trees](#)"

In Appendix C of [SDOT's Trees and Sidewalks Operations Plan](#) there is a "SDOT Trees and Sidewalks Operations Plan Initial Street Tree and Sidewalk Assessment Checklist"

I urge that you follow the option "Evaluate Sidewalk and/or Tree Further" SDOT views trees and sidewalks as important public infrastructure assets. SDOT intends to keep healthy trees and have accessible sidewalks. If standard widths cannot be met then SDOT will take the time and resources to evaluate if alternative approaches (such as sidewalk width reduction, alternative sidewalk

materials, adjustments to the tree pit and/or tree root pruning) can be used to retain a tree and provide an accessible sidewalk at problem locations."

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed as this application is processed.

Sincerely,

Steve Zemke for Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest and Tree PAC

Chair - Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest - [stevezemke@friends.urbanforests.org](mailto:stevezemke@friends.urbanforests.org)

Chair - TreePAC - [stevezemke@TreePAC.org](mailto:stevezemke@TreePAC.org)

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**From:** Sarah Mc Donald <sarahmac68@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:49 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Greetings,

I am writing to ask that you deny the above-referenced tree removal application. This is an application to remove a mature tree at 1101 35th Ave., at 35th and Spring. Big trees are critical to the health of our neighborhoods and environment. They provide shade, habitat, and carbon control. Please instead look for other solutions to make the sidewalk accessible.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest!

Sarah McDonald

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**From:** Dawn Reeder <dawnreeder@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 6:34 PM

**To:** TreesforSeattle <TreesforSeattle@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Reference: SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

Attention: Nolan Rundquist

I received word that a huge street tree next to a driveway on a large corner lot in Madrona neighborhood is slated to be cut by SDOT. It's a bigleaf maple whose roots encroach on the sidewalk and driveway. It's a

corner lot, and there is plenty of room to expand the already spacious driveway without cutting down the tree. The sidewalk needs to be dealt with to make it accessible, but again, there are solutions other than cutting the tree down - the sidewalk can be elevated over the roots and ramped to make it accessible. The address: 1101 35th Ave., at 35th and Spring.

Please don't cut down this exceptional maple. Fix the sidewalk instead.

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest!

Dawn

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**From:** Sophie Grace <soapygrapes@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 6:37 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Save the big Maple!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello,

I'm writing because I'm very concerned about a beautiful, mature, healthy maple tree being cut down in my South Seattle neighborhood. Please leave this tree as a refuge for wildlife, as well as a shade and oxygen source. We need our mature trees in Seattle! I'm a second generation Seattlelite and I cherish these special trees that bring so much to my family's life.

**Reference # SDOTTREE0000252**



**TREE 59973 is a 48” diameter big leaf maple, well over the criteria for an “exceptional tree”**

Sincerely,  
Sophie Barnett-Dyer

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jason Groves-Stephens <stephensja@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:55 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>;

LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Climate Emergency! STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

**CAUTION: External Email**

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
1101 35th Ave.

FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead

It's ridiculous to kill something that's contributing to the benefit of our health when there are other options. A driveway and sidewalk disturbance can be reconciled without having to kill this beautiful, old, life that's benefiting our, human kind's, mental and physical well being. Stop this madness.

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

DO NOT CUT IT DOWN!

Jason Stephens  
206-920-8246  
[stephensja@gmail.com](mailto:stephensja@gmail.com)

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**From:** Rebecca Sisson <africa1983fr@yahoo.fr>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 8:51 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Permit SDOTTREE0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I am writing about the Big Leaf Maple referenced in the above permit. It is a gorgeous and functional tree, the presence of which is very valuable to our city. Allowing it to be removed for trivial reasons (driveway improvement!?) or due to problems that can be remedied by other means (sidewalk repair) is not in our best interest. If we are serious about the health and appearance of Seattle, notable trees like this must be preserved. Please do not allow this tree to be removed!

Thank you,

Rebecca Cooper  
1000 Queen Anne Ave N. #103  
Seattle, 98109

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**From:** Katie Leonetti <criskatie@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:34 PM

**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** # SDOTTREE0000252 Attn: Nolan Rundquist

**CAUTION: External Email**

I am writing in regards to slated removal of a large street tree.

Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)

PLEASE STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL CITY TREES

SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE

The address: 1101 35th Ave., at 35th and Spring.

It's a corner lot, and there is plenty of room to expand the already spacious driveway without cutting down the tree. The sidewalk needs to be dealt with to make it accessible, but again, there are solutions other than cutting the tree down - the sidewalk can be elevated over the roots and ramped to make it accessible.

FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead

BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

I am a Seattle resident and there are a disturbing number of large trees being removed due to development in our city. An old tree cannot just be replaced with a small one.

Thank you,  
Katie Leonetti  
8353 Beacon Ave S  
Seattle 98118

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**From:** Bianca Wulff <bianca@biancawulff.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:58 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE

**CAUTION: External Email**

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead  
BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.

This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

The time has come for humans to learn to live with nature instead of destroying nature, with the understanding that if we destroy nature, we destroy the very habitat that keeps us alive. Thank you for helping to preserve our urban forest, and our way of life in the great Pacific Northwest!

Bianca Wulff  
360-480-0477

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**From:** Austin Bergeron <ajbergeron13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please do not destroy this tree

**CAUTION: External Email**

This message regards Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number). I'm disappointed to see that measures are being taken to destroy the tree instead of the simple steps that could be taken to mediate and 'damage' it may cause.

STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead



BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change. This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Respectfully,  
Austin Bergeron

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From: Gmail <mizbrauss@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:18 AM  
To: DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
Cc: Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
Subject: Attn: Nolan Rundquist 🌳 Reference # SDOTTREE0000252

CAUTION: External Email

I received word that a huge street tree in Madrona neighborhood is slated to be cut by SDOT. It's a bigleaf maple whose roots encroach on the sidewalk and driveway. It's a corner lot, and there is plenty of room to expand the already spacious driveway without cutting down the tree. The sidewalk needs to be dealt with to make it accessible, but again, there are solutions other than cutting the tree down - the sidewalk can be elevated over the roots and ramped to make it accessible. This tree provides shade, habitat, pollution control, and many other physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Thanks for helping to preserve our urban forest!  
Sincerely  
Laurie Brauss

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**From:** Summer Montacute <summermontacute@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES

**CAUTION: External Email**

**Dear Nolan Rundquist, head of SDOT's Urban Forestry Division:  
Reference # SDOTTREE0000252 (tree removal permit application number)**

***STOP KILLING OUR EXCEPTIONAL TREES  
SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE  
FIX THE SIDEWALK Instead***

***BIG TREES ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT – storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change.***

**From:** McAleer <billandlin@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** Rundquist, Nolan <Nolan.Rundquist@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Exceptional tree preservation SDOT tree removal permit #0000252

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Nolan and City of Seattle GHG reduction advocates,

There is an exceptional Big Leaf Maple Tree which is proposed for removal because of tree root issues conflicting with the sidewalk.

The 48" diameter tree is located at 35th Ave and Spring Street , and is a neighborhood treasure in Madrona. The functions of this tree in a dense urban environment cannot be quantified by any price tag. It shades the sidewalk , and adjacent yards and structures for outdoor users in warm weather.

Its tall canopy holds bird nests, perches and trunk holes for beehives, and for the urban critters. The large leaves are spectacular, and act as the lungs of the neighborhood. The giant maple cleanses the air by absorbing pollutants such as odors, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone by trapping them on its large leaves and bark. The maple then releases fresh oxygen for city dwellers from its process of photosynthesis.

If this tree were to be cut down, the consequences would be dire for the ecology of this neighborhood, and a great loss in nature's own process of reducing green house gases through the absorption of urban pollutants.

We urge you to reject this tree removal permit, and provide educational assistance to the homeowner to be able to save the tree, and make sidewalk improvements as well.

Thank you for your work in preserving Seattle's shrinking tree canopy,

Colleen McAleer  
President , Laurelhurst Community Club

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**From:** Shawna Sherman <shawnasherman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Reference # SDOTTREE0000252; SAVE THE Madrona BIG LEAF MAPLE

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Mr. Rundquist,

I urge you to please SAVE the Madrona neighborhood's BIG LEAF MAPLE (Reference # SDOTTREE0000252).

FIX THE SIDEWALK instead.

Big trees are CRITICAL to the health of our neighborhood and urban environment by storing carbon, reducing pollution and countering climate change. Not to mention they make our neighborhoods

better places to live. THIS MAPLE TREE is important. It provides shade, habitat, pollution control and many, many other irreplaceable physical and mental health benefits to those who live beneath or near it.

Thank you for helping to preserve our urban forest.

Shawna Sherman  
974 21st Ave, Seattle  
(206) 321-2558

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**From:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:59 PM  
**To:** DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Large street tree status and removed tree grove cleared at 1314 & 1326 YAKIMA AVE S (3033649-LU to 3033651-LU)

**CAUTION: External Email**

This looks like a complete tree clearing in an area of the City that needs trees to combat local heat islands and climate change. **Please clarify why no trees are being retained and how many street trees will be retained (see attached page 3 design).**

Also, please clarify how a LBA (Lot boundary adjustment ) is allowed on project #3033168-LU adjusting SEVEN parcels into THREE reconfigured parcels.

Address:1314 YAKIMA AVE S  
Project:3036859-LU  
Notice Date:10/5/2020

#### Project Description

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6687028-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:10/19/2020

<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/6706682-CN>

The above five rowhouses are in front of five townhouses at address 1326  
YAKIMA AVE S,  
includes projects 3033651-LU (parcel C)  
3033650-LU (parcel B)  
Project:3033649-LU (parcel A)

David Moehring  
TreePAC Member

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