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The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) would like to extend its gratitude to the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) for its continued work to enhance tree protection at Yesler Terrace and the development of a payment in lieu program. The UFC appreciates the updates on the project that SHA has provided, and the opportunity to provide feedback on the work. While the presentation was very informative, the UFC would like to learn more. Specifically, we would like clarification on the following items:

- The UFC would like more information on how the Tier 1 and Tier 2 categories are determined. They consider the location of the trees to right-of-way and property lines and not just the tree's health and condition, this approach seems innovative.
 - Is there a criteria set or designation that SHA could share that is used to determine the tiers for trees?
 - o Could you provide more specific information on why these trees are being reclassified and what the implications are for their replacement ratios?
- SHA said the community was not engaged with the proposed legislative changes thus far. The UFC believes that survivability of trees requires community engagement and connection. Is there a plan to work with residents and adjacent communities in subsequent phases of the project, prior to the EIS?
- The UFC is concerned that the platting process of Block 7 didn't look at maximizing preservation of existing trees. Are there criteria used for this platting that can be shared, or are their other considerations and tradeoffs that can be described that would help the UFC understand why the approach was taken?
- Can you provide more information about how off-site tree replacement locations are identified and how survivorship is tracked?

Again, the UFC thanks SHA for their continued engagement and progressive approach to urban forestry management.