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Mayor Tim Burgess, Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, and Councilmember Rob Johnson
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Seattle Children's Hospital tree preservation

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers Bagshaw and Johnson,

The Urban Forestry Commission wants to commend Seattle Children's Hospital on how they approach their development as an example of how this work can be done by other major institutions.

Seattle Children's presented their tree protection, retention, and removal plans to the Commission on September 6, 2017. The design and construction team exhibited ingenuity, diligence, and innovation to exceed the letter and intent of the tree protection ordinance during the multi-phase expansion of the hospital. This included atypical demolition. Specifically, the retention of building foundations to maintain the stability of existing trees, successfully moving mature trees (see photos on the next page), maintaining a campus of rich and varied horticultural value, and replanting a large number of trees. All of these efforts lead to a landscape design for a major institution master plan (MIMP) which is exceptional for its vision and leadership; it also exhibits the principles of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan.

The efforts, consideration, and dedication of Seattle Children's Hospital to maintain and construct their landscape for healing and neighborhood enjoyment should be applauded as an example for other MIMP tree preservation and protection efforts.

Sincerely,



Tom Early, Chair



cc: Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Harris-Talley, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant, Jessica Finn Coven, Kathy Nyland, Nathan Torgelson, Maureen Sheehan, Michelle Caulfield, Mike Podowski, Maggie Glowacki, Art Pederson, Anthony Auriemma, Aaron Blumenthal, Peter Lindsay, Scott Osterhage, Jim Keller

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