

**The following residents have reached out to OSE and the Urban Forestry Commission with emails about the City's update to the tree ordinance.  
Emails through 9/19/19v2**

**From:** Bernice Maslan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please enact revised tree protection ordinance now

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Hello,

We have already spent ten years working on this. There is a good workable tree protection ordinance draft ready to go. Enact it now.

Please don't wait until there are no trees left.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Barbara Gregory <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Preserve our existing urban Trees!

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

One of the best quality-of-life benefits of living in Seattle is our so-far-still abundant urban tree canopy. 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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**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**From:** anna Hill <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 5:53 PM

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

**Subject:** Thank you for any support you can provide to maintain protection for our wonderful green

natural habitat, which provides mental and physical health to residents and animal populations crucial for a healthy environment. Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**Subject:** 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE tree massacre clear cut in Victory Heights

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Seattle legislators and inspectors for the tree code enforcement:

Please explain why there yet another **residential lot being cleared of its trees?**

Housing matters, of course. Many would reasonably argue that the heat island effect caused from the dwindling tree canopy cover matters even more-so when it comes to local climate change. It is even more of a shame is that we **should have both housing and retained trees** on development lots (see diagrams below).

What correspondence has authorized the ongoing tree massacre that plagues the environmental stability of Seattle on a weekly basis? Look now please at **12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE**.

[1] There **once existed sufficient open space** on this parent lot of 24,914 sq ft to build or expand three homes without removing more than a couple significant trees. The arborist report included 21 trees on this lot which included 9 Exceptional Trees.

Reference the Shoffner arborist reports:

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4450498>

or prior version:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3879095>

[2] How did the subdivision of this long single-family zoned site consider the **requirements of subdivisions to maximize the retention of existing trees?**

Site Plan for: 12055 NE 20th NE clear cut

<https://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=3868368>

ALONG WITH <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=4424567>

[3] *Fire Fighting Access?* Maybe...Three subdivisions of a simple lot include 2 encumbered lots accessed only by a 150 foot by 15 foot wide dead-end access easement. If the vehicles pull into the western-most subdivided lot, the 150 feet maximum dead-end length is exceeded and a fire truck and ambulance turnaround is needed. The submitted letter from the fire department only addresses issues of the buildings, and not access to the buildings.

[4] Possible fines: This clear-cutting was reported to be another **Gamut 360 developer clear-cutting**. They have been in the news for their wreckless development. Looks like they left just two trees at the easement and pretty much clear cut everything to the property lines. Will the easement trees also be cleared? Did they remove the wrong trees? If so, apply the fines per the Director's Rule on excess tree removal without permits. How will the loss of the existing tree canopy be replaced? There appears to be violations of Seattle Municipal Code sections 25.09 and 25.11.040 and ...050 and ...060 and ...090.

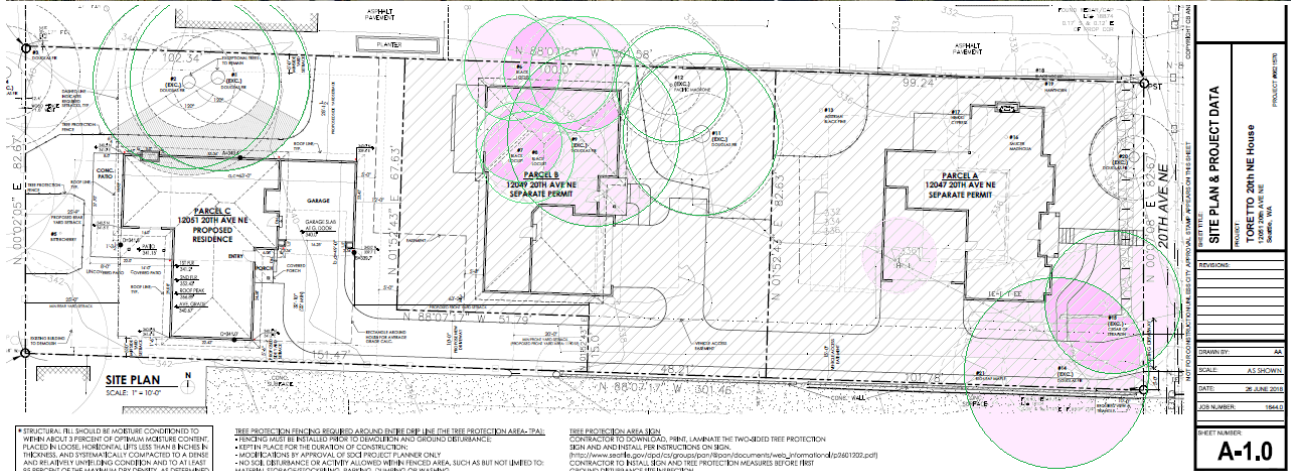
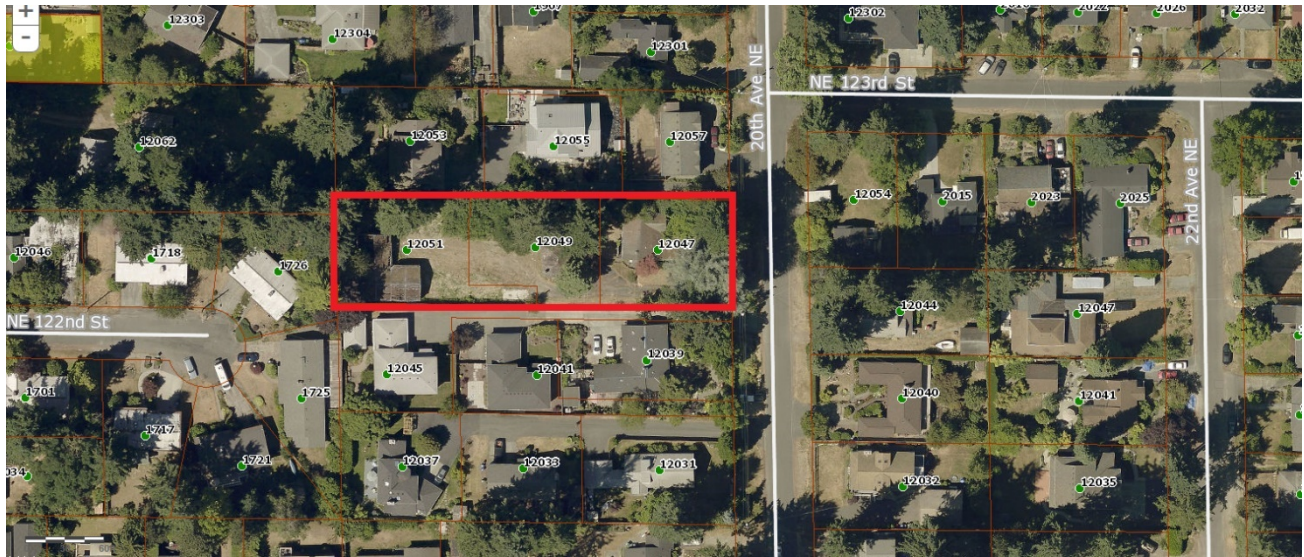
***BOTTOM LINE: SEATTLE NEEDS THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ENGAGE AND PASS A TREE ORDINANCE THAT WORKS and is STRICTLY FOLLOWED BY THE AUTHORITIES.***

*There is no future without an urban forest, and the future starts today.*

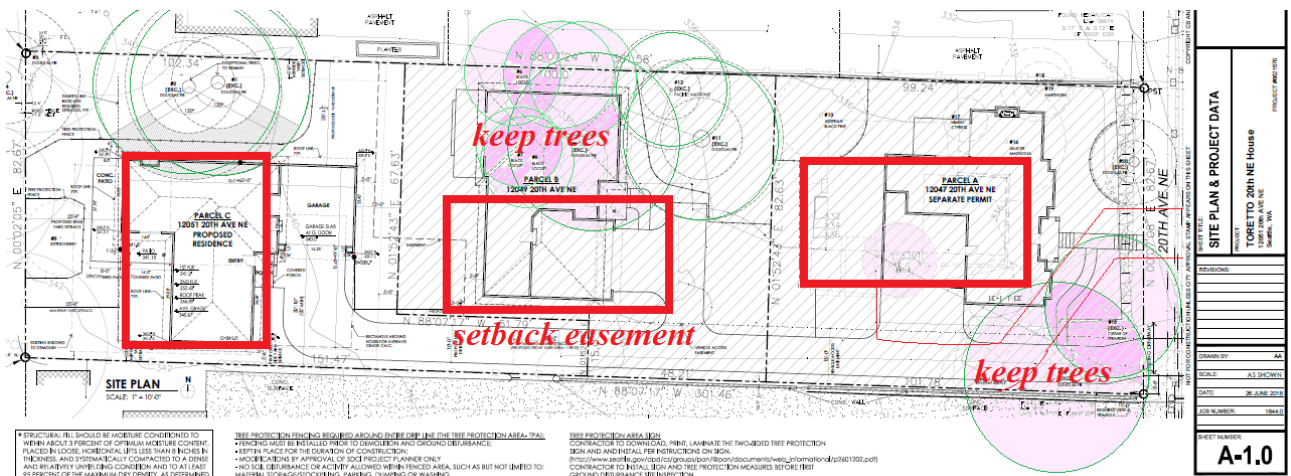
In the general interests of TreePAC,  
Board Member David Moehring

RE: (SDCI 3029553 , 6621570 et. al.)





**verses below housing AND retained trees schematic:**



#### 25.11.040 - Restrictions on tree removal

- A. Tree removal or topping is prohibited in the following cases, except as provided in Section 25.11.030, or where the tree removal is required for the construction of a new structure, retaining wall, rockery, or other similar improvement that is approved as part of an issued building or grading permit as provided in Sections 25.11.060, 25.11.070, and 25.11.080:
  - 1. All trees 6 inches or greater in diameter, measured 4.5 feet above the ground, on undeveloped lots;
  - 2. Exceptional trees on undeveloped lots; and
  - 3. Exceptional trees on lots in Lowrise, Midrise, commercial, and single-family zones.
- B. Limits on Tree Removal. In addition to the prohibitions in subsection 25.11.040.A, no more than three trees 6 inches or greater in diameter, measured 4.5 feet above the ground, may be removed in any one-year period on lots in Lowrise, Midrise, commercial, and single-family zones, except when the tree removal is required for the construction of a new structure, retaining wall, rockery, or other similar improvement that is approved as part of an issued building or grading permit as provided in Sections 25.11.060, 25.11.070, and 25.11.080.

#### 25.11.050 - General Provisions for exceptional tree determination and tree protection area delineation in Single-family, Residential Small Lot, Lowrise, Midrise, and Commercial zones.

- A. Exceptional trees and potential exceptional trees shall be identified on site plans and exceptional tree status shall be determined by the Director according to standards promulgated by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections.
- B. Tree protection areas for exceptional trees shall be identified on sites plans. Applicants seeking development standard waivers to protect other trees greater than two (2) feet in diameter measured four and one-half (4.5) feet above the ground shall also indicate tree protection areas on site plans. The basic tree protection area shall be the area within the drip line of the tree. The tree protection area may be reduced if approved by the Director according to a plan prepared by a tree care professional. Such reduction shall be limited to one-third of the area within the outer half of the area within the drip line. In no case shall the reduction occur within the inner root zone. In addition, the Director may establish conditions for protecting the tree during construction within the feeder root zone. (See Exhibit 25.11.050 B.)

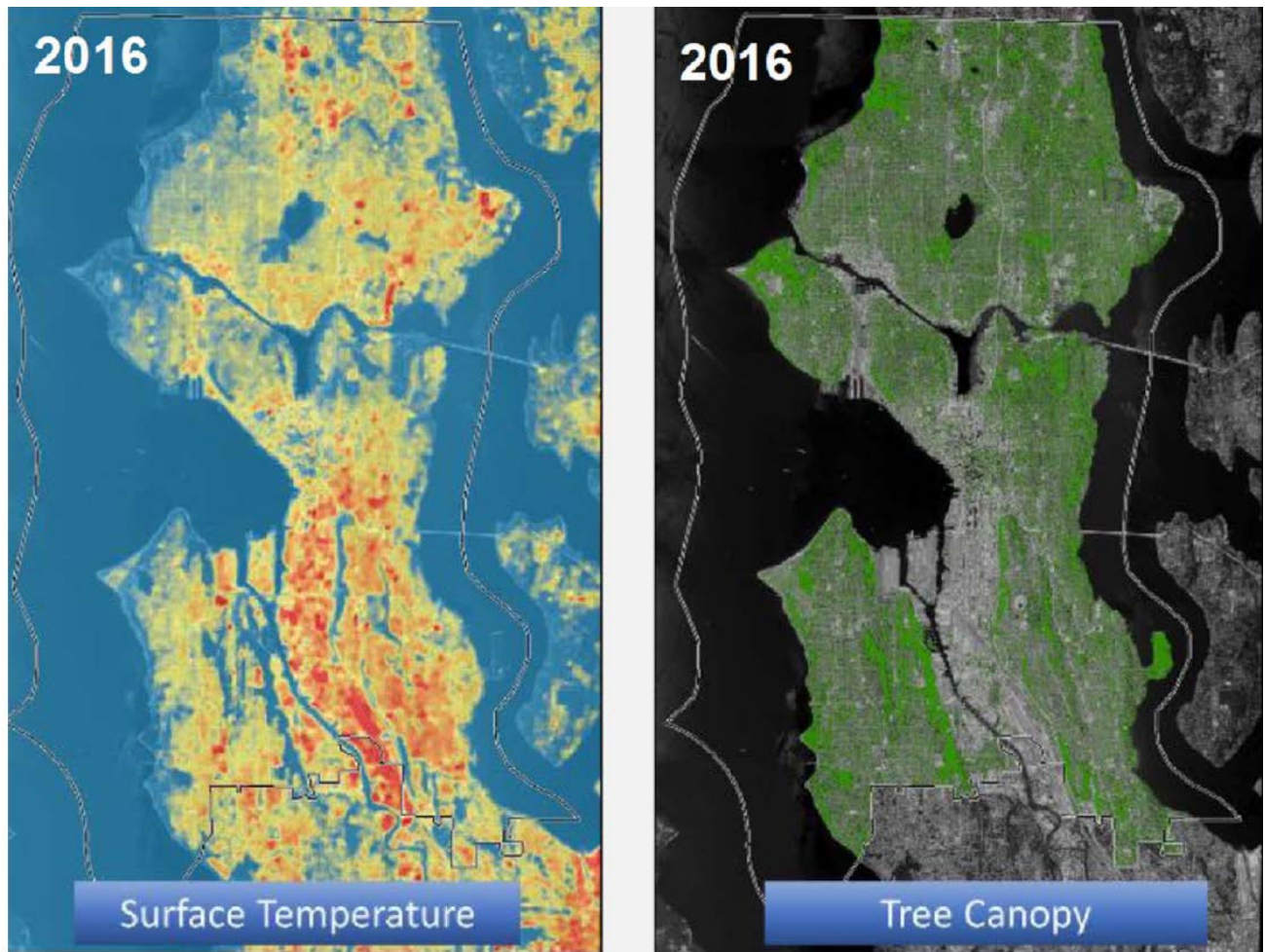
#### 25.11.060 - Tree protection on sites undergoing development in single-family zones

- A. Exceptional trees
  - 1. The Director may permit a tree to be removed only if:
    - a. The maximum lot coverage permitted on the site according to Title 23 cannot be achieved without extending into the tree protection area or into a required front and/or rear yard to an extent greater than provided for in subsection 25.11.060A.2; or
    - b. Avoiding development in the tree protection area would result in a portion of the house being less than 15 feet in width.
  - 2. Permitted extension into front or rear yards shall be limited to an area equal to the amount of the tree protection area not located within required yards. The maximum projection into the required front or rear yard shall be 50 percent of the yard requirement.

3. If the maximum lot coverage permitted on the site can be achieved without extending into either the tree protection area or required front and/or rear yards, then no such extension into required yards shall be permitted.
- B. Trees over 2 feet in diameter measured 4.5 feet above the ground shall be identified on site plans. In order to protect such trees, an applicant may modify their development proposal to extend into front and/or rear yards in the same manner as provided for exceptional trees in subsection 25.11.060.A.

25.11.090 - Tree replacement and site restoration.

- A. Each exceptional tree and tree over two (2) feet in diameter that is removed in association with development in all zones shall be replaced by one or more new trees, the size and species of which shall be determined by the Director; the tree replacement required shall be designed to result, upon maturity, in a canopy cover that is at least equal to the canopy cover prior to tree removal. Preference shall be given to on-site replacement. When on-site replacement cannot be achieved, or is not appropriate as determined by the Director, preference for off-site replacement shall be on public property.



**From:** Catherine Ruha <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:26 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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The new ordinance is written for you. Just take action to save our trees and not continue to cut them down. This is crazy - like with light rail. Seattle City Council studies and theorizes about all the good they will do until things get so bad you have to take action. Be proactive this time. Climate change is happening NOW. Don't let Seattle become a heat island and oppressively hot and depressing to live in. Treat the city as an ecosystem and protect nature within it and reforest. Stop kissing wealthy asses. Have a heart for the rest of us.

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**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Subject:** Re: 12047 to 12051 20th Ave NE tree massacre clear cut in Victory Heights

**CAUTION: External Email**

I support David Moehring's email regarding the unnecessary and shameful cutting of trees. Why won't you do something or at least respond to our emails and explain why this continue to happen?!!

Suzanne Grant

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**From:** Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>

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This is just horrendous!  
When will the city wake up and do right on his citizen's future??????  
Please read letter below !!!

We want a response.  
member of Don'tClearCutSeattle

VOTER!

Anne Siems

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**From:** Athena Bautista <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:29 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Sandra Pinto de Bader,

When I move to Seattle to start going to U of W from Lakewood, Washington  
... I thought I would hate Seattle because it would be a big concrete City. It was actually the complete opposite! Seattle is so beautiful!! It's so green it and has so much natural beauty with the trees, the forest, the flowers and the community gardens. I absolutely love how Seattle has managed to keep the city looking green with so many trees! I go back to my old City when visiting family and it has actually become the concrete jungle I was scared Seattle would be!  
I have lived in Seattle since 2006 and never left because it is amazing and full of natural beauty. I am now scared of how many trees are being removed for homes/housing in Seattle!

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**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Comments to Seattle City Council Finance and Neighborhoods Committee – Sept. 12, 2019

Honorable Councilmembers,

We should adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance now. Delaying would mean many more trees lost and a larger urban heat island of hardscape created here in Seattle.

Climate change is on our front doorstep. A smart way to address it would be to preserve our tallest, most mature trees so they can continue to provide free ecological services.

In the words of Seattle's 2013 Urban Forest Stewardship Plan we should: "Preserve existing trees Because it takes decades for most trees to reach their ultimate size, trees already growing in Seattle generally provide immediate and ongoing benefits that cannot be matched by small/young replacement trees.

Focus especially on: Evergreen trees. Because they maintain their canopy during the rainy



season and are active year-round, evergreens can better attenuate rainfall, absorb carbon dioxide, and reduce air pollutants.”

Trees are also linked to longer life spans, lower levels of stress, better air quality and lower rates of cardiac diseases. They can save energy by reducing the need for air conditioning by as much as 30% and for heating by as much as 50%.\* People least able to afford heating and air conditioning are impacted the most by climate change. It can be a life or death situation for some, especially during extreme heat.

Finally, trees improve people’s mental and physical health.

Deborah Marton of the New York Restoration Project, a nonprofit focusing on disadvantaged neighborhoods said and I quote:

“There is almost no public health, crime or environmental quality metric that you can look at this isn’t made better by the presence of trees...Trees are infrastructure, and they are the cheapest way cities can make a difference in the lives of residents.”

Trees are essential, not expendable. Let’s do the right thing, the urgent thing, and adopt the Urban Forestry Commission’s June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance without further delay.

Sincerely,

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\*U.S. Forest Service Study Declining Urban and Community Tree Cover in the United States, David Nowak, Eric Greenfield; May 2018

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**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I understand the City Council is voting to study options for protecting our trees rather than adopt the Urban Forestry Commission's draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. I believe the Council should adopt this proposed ordinance now!

I attended the Committee hearing on September 11, 2019 where this was discussed and the comment was made that this is "too complex" to move forward now. Ten years of study is enough. It is not too complex; the recommendations are quite clear and should be put in place now. City staff just need to be directed to do so along with a budget to support their work. There is no legitimate reason for delay of your vote for the critical tree protections summarized below.

Our health and the health of our urban wildlife is dependent on it. Protecting our trees is a necessary step to fight climate change in Seattle.

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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.

Thank you.

Lori Cohen

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**From:** xxx xxx <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Tree PAC - Organization Resolution of Support

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and

WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and

WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current code is not supporting tree protection" and that "we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general"; and

WHEREAS Seattle's trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6" DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;

b. require two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT

already requires);

c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;

d. retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce the definitional upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24" DBH;

e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;

f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;

g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

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xxx, Oregon xxx

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**From:** Michael Oxman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Please make it illegal to cut down trees, unless the tree is sick or structurally unsafe.  
The recent ADU provision to change 2 caliper inches per 1,000 square feet of lot size down to 2 caliper inches per lot was a mistake. Please repeal this ordinance provision as part of the new tree ordinance.

Please conduct the Natural Capital Assessment, because the satellite canopy survey contains no qualitative information.

Please participate in 2 King County forestry programs.

- 1) Carbon Credits and;
- 2) One Million Tree Plantings

You look pretty silly staying at arms length.

Arboreally yours,

Michael Oxman

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**From:** Richard Lee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:22 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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:

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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.

Richard Lee

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

**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:19 PM

**To:** Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov>

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**Subject:** 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

**CAUTION: External Email**

Hello Susie-

Just checking in with a new landuse notice\*\* in Ballard coming out today. It has been a while since the December 2018 promises that were made... but remain unfulfilled.

That is how we are doing in terms of looking at the **unfortunate multi-family zone tree loss trend** that is continuing within Ballard (and other parts of the District)?

The "*How to Retain Trees*" 🌿 document attached shows two nearby Ballard HUB locations where the developer did retain the existing trees. Housing and retaining significant trees together? Yes, we know it has been done!


It seems that the difference in successfully adding density *along with* retaining trees may be the practice of **illegal contract rezones** (via short plat subdivisions and Lot Boundary Adjustments). As mentioned many, many times before, developers buying



one lot and adding invisible lines to make two 'independent' lots has been the policy blessed by City officials to suggest that it is okay for an additional one or two homes to be built - even if it is more than what the Seattle zoning code allowed. While the Seattle Hearing Examiner is looking to the City Council to clarify legislation on this matter with a Director's Rule... nothing has happened to stop circumventing the code limits.

We can justify perceived land-use corruption and tree loss in the sake of providing more housing within Seattle, I suppose, in a way that the armed forces may justify the loss of civilian life and limbs between nations at war. Seattle seems to be struggling between housing and tree retention when BOTH may co-exist!

It is not too late. On a positive note, we notice that Councilmember O'Brien is legislatively active even as he nears the end of his term... keeping his staff busy as well! We should be no less confident in the members of the PLUZ being sure to reform now the known loopholes and tree protection barriers within the present permitting system. Perhaps D6 candidates Wills or Strauss may seek Mike O'Brien and other departing council's advise how to step up to the plate regarding the hundreds of **illegal contract rezones and the resulting loss of hundreds of mature trees.**

It is not clear to many if Councilmember O'Brien is in support of trees  in order to **reduce local heat island effects** and **climate change**; or if Councilmember O'Brien has tolerated relaxed tree protections during his term so that more lot-line to lot-line housing may be built within single-family- and lowrise-zoned properties. Especially when allowing more dwellings than established by the Seattle Municipal Code (an illegitimate practice), the partially quiescent City Council has promoted only urban density as trumping Seattle's 30% tree canopy-cover goals.

Knowing that there are just a few months remaining, we hope the Council act on the promises from December 2018, which were stated as follows:

*"[Councilmember O'Brien] can address shortfalls in our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months, but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban Forestry Commission recommendations."* 

We agree! The Urban Forestry Commission should know what is best for the urban forest of Seattle, shouldn't they? Perhaps the Council seeks developers' former 2018

input once again in lieu of the advise from the UFC. Let's see an action that will be a real legacy for the Councilmember and his staff that benefits ALL of Seattle! Take the **Tree Code Resolution** that the City Council has already passed, and create the long-overdue stronger ordinance that our prior mayor issued an Executive Order on, already. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your prior attention to this important environment-impacting matter.

Kind regards,

David Moehring AIA  
TreePAC, Board Member

Another example why stronger tree ordinance is long overdue:

\*\* Address: 1528 NW 61ST ST

- along with concurrent development for existing and new addresses 1520, 1522, 1526
- SDCI Project: 3034644-LU
- Area: Ballard
- Notice Date: 9/12/2019
- Project Description: Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6675019-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.
- <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/default.aspx?ref=3017317>
- <https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/parcelviewer2/>



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- > On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 7:19 AM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>
- > wrote:
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- > > Thank you, Susie, for your reply within the midst of the holidays!

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> > Many of us are looking forward to someone like Council-member O'Brien to  
 > > address the \*Seattle-wide epidemic of significant and Exceptional tree  
 > > loss\*, especially within developed lowrise residential areas and  
 > > McMansion redevelopments. Just within the four weeks since your last  
 > > message there are at least four more developments within District 6 where  
 > > these major trees are not being sufficiently considered within the  
 > > development plans per the intent of the tree protection codes. These trees  
 > > are on the chopping block:

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> > 1)\* 2203 and 2213 NW 60th: \* Where 8 large trees bordering a development  
 > > are all at risk, not counting 3 additional trees of a grove that were  
 > > removed last summer by a developer's pernicious demolition of a garage. See  
 > > the attached b/w site plan image. Two of these trees at risk originate on a  
 > > neighbor's lot!

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> > 2) \*6406 14th Ave NW: \* A certain immanent and shocking loss of a sequoia  
 > > trees -- one of Seattle's native conifers to be able to withstand the  
 > > increasing dry and hot summers and lack of rainfall. Experienced certified  
 > > arborists are noticing that Seattle's Cedars are suffering, hemlocks are  
 > > declining, firs fate is in the balance. The arborists and naturalists  
 > > proclaim that we need to protect all and every sequoia within the City.

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> > 3) \*6747 23RD AVE NW\* calls for an existing street tree to be removed  
 > > without replacement.

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> > 4) An existing house replacement at\* 6712 22nd Ave NW\* is needlessly  
 > > requesting a removal of a street tree without replacement.

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> > Near Roosevelt and NE 72nd St, an arborist witnessed an impeccable  
 > > two-stemmed beast of the redwood come down at the hands of Ballard Tree  
 > > Service, as well as numerous other trees that were ripped from the  
 > > property, including several big leaf maples on a critical slope. Despite  
 > > numerous complaints from the local residents, SDCI's B. Rasmussen could not  
 > > establish where any code infraction had occurred, even though some trees  
 > > were Exceptional.

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> > I am sure we all agree that Council-members should not and cannot get  
 > > involved with individual developments where tree loss is on the horizon.  
 > > However, City Staff have shared at City Council meetings that existing  
 > > mature tree retention within lowrise development areas is only about  
 > > 13-percent. A loss of 7 out of every 8 trees is not acceptable. The SDCI  
 > > obviously does not have the codes they need to enforce adequate tree  
 > > retention or mitigation. That is where the City Council is indeed  
 > > accountable. The codes the Council has passed allow for too many  
 > > exceptional in requiring simultaneous tree retention and increased density.

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> > If a Council-member is leading this charge that will ultimately benefit  
 > > the individual properties that SDCI administer, here are some quick and

- > > easy means of achieving our common goals:
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- > > - Do not allow increased FAR (floor area ratio to lot area) when MHA in-leiu-of fees are paid instead of building affordable housing;
- > > - Reduce incentives to provide detached single-family residences within LR multifamily zones\*\*;
- > > - Add minimum number of dwellings or maximum floor-area per dwelling within LR multifamily zones\*\*\*;
- > > - Do not allow credits or points for planting or landscaping elements in-lieu-of trees;
- > > - Do not allow reductions of 60 to 75% off penalties from the assessed value of significant trees;
- > > - Do require a minimum 400 to 500 sq foot on-grade area of a least 10-feet of width within each multifamily lot absorb stormwater and sustain and retain significant native trees;
- > > - Do require a submission of at least three alternatives to be submitted to SDCI showing how development may be achieved while retaining one or more exceptional and significant trees within a functionally-related development;
- > > - Do not allow the circumvention of zoned limits on dwelling counts through the use of Lot Boundary Adjustments or Short Plat Subdivisions.
- > > - Retain the existing Single-Family zone requirements to retain or replant 2-inches of tree caliperto every 1,000 sq ft of lot area.
- > > - See the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission for more of what needs to be done...
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- > > I hope this helps provide some opportunities to change Seattle's present trajectory: the rise of urban heat islands with the demise of the urban forest.
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- > > David Moehring
- > > [Dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:Dmoehring@consultant.com)
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- > > NOTES:
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- > > \*\* like the attached image with 4 detached residences on one LR1 Lot, developers have incentives to build these less efficient buildings at 1 dwelling for every 1600 sq ft of lot area compared to more effecient townhouses at 1 dwelling for every 2200 sq ft of lot area. As a result of separating these multifamily developments with driveways and paved parking areas, there remains no open space for exterior amenities and trees.
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- > > \*\*\* repeated from a message of last week Wednesday, the MHA's increase in FAR must be paralleled with a minimum number of dwellings or a maximum floor area per multifamily dwelling. Larger buildings leave even less room for trees on-site which 3 to 5 foot wide planting areas along steet curbs and power lines are incapable of sustaining nature native tree growth.
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> > \*Sent: \* Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 4:52 PM  
> > \*From: \* "Levy, Susie" <[Susie.Levy@seattle.gov](mailto:Susie.Levy@seattle.gov)>  
> > \*To: \* "David Moehring" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
> > \*Subject: \* RE: Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)  
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> > Dear David,  
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> > Thanks for reaching out, and I am sorry for my slow reply! I did want to  
> > follow up. Looking at this newest project, it appears that SDCI is still  
> > in the review process, and are looking at if the project is eligible for a  
> > lot subdivision. As a general practice, the Councilmember does not get  
> > involved with site specific issues around code interpretation, given that  
> > is the role of our departments. That said, we can address shortfalls in  
> > our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you  
> > know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree  
> > protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help  
> > protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the  
> > tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months,  
> > but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban  
> > Forestry Commission recommendations. As the specific issue of subdividing  
> > a lot, enabling a tree to be cut down has come up multiple times, I will  
> > also be flagging this issue to see how we can address this in the code when  
> > we are able to move forward in the new year.  
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> > Thanks for continuing to bring these issues to our attention and for  
> > advocating to protect our tree canopy. We look forward to working together  
> > on this in the year ahead.  
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> > Happy holidays,  
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> > \*Susie Levy, MPH\*  
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> > Legislative Aide to Councilmember Mike O'Brien  
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> > \*From: \* David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
> > \*Sent: \* Tuesday, October 02, 2018 5:08 PM  
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> > \*Subject: \* Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)  
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> > Good afternoon, Ms. Levy-  
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> > I am just following on on behalf of Mary Meister who inquired with  
> > Councilperson O'Brien a little over a year ago on a east Ballard property  
> > that was developed with \*one too many homes for the size of lot \*within

> > its LR1-multifamily zone. Beyond the code enforcement implications, the end  
> > result of such practices often means that large, established and healthy \*trees  
> > that could have been retained end up being needlessly removed\*.

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> > As you know, we tried to appeal 1547 NW 60th Street with the Hearing  
> > Examiner, but because I was listed as the primary appellant living 2 miles  
> > away rather than the appealing representative of the Neighbors, the  
> > developer's attorney was successful in having the entire appeal dismissed  
> > even before any issue could be challenged. Live and learn...

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> > Now that the hearing has long been over, and the buildings at 1527 are  
> > built, along comes the next development near by at \*1522 NW 61st ST\*;  
> > (SDCI Project #3032501-LU). Project Description: "\*Land Use Application  
> > to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Existing structure to be  
> > demolished.\*" Not only the existing house, but at least one of the large  
> > trees will be removed along the west boundary of this forthcoming  
> > development lot. Unless, of course, the Councilperson will intervene here  
> > before the site plans have gone too far and rely on the tree being  
> > removed.

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> > The attached site plan shows the intent to subdivide this 5,000 square  
> > foot lot and build 3 rowhouses over a large tree in front of an  
> > alley-facing home. The Seattle Municipal Code is quite clear about  
> > retention of existing trees (when possible) and rowhouse development rules  
> > (SMC 23.84A.032.R.20). We just need a City that will enforce the SMC. The  
> > trees are along the west boundary and are easy to design the foundations to  
> > clear.

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> > From: "Levy, Susie"  
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> > "[scruffyfalk@gmail.com](mailto:scruffyfalk@gmail.com)"  
> > Subject: RE: LR1 Zone - Subdividing Properties - upzoning through  
> > subdivision  
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> > Hi all,  
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> > It was great to meet you this week at office hours. I want to let you  
> > know we are looking into the situation to see if they are getting around  
> > our code requirements, or if they are proceeding as it is written, and if  
> > so, if there are policy changes CM O'Brien would consider. I will be in  
> > touch as we have more answers. Thanks for sending along the addresses, and  
> > for working with our office.  
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> > Best,  
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> > Susie  
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**From:** Mary Cooke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:23 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**From:** Regina Bowman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:04 AM

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

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Our tree canopy makes our city unique. It is heartbreaking to see the city clearcut to make way for huge, tall, identical homes and apartment buildings.

When the University was building the new dorms on Campus Parkway, huge trees which were marked to be saved were cut down and the developers, architects and construction teams apologized for with an "Oops!". Nothing happens after the fact. There is no punishment.

Please do something before our city is stripped clean of its beauty.

Thank you.

Regina Bowman

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**From:** Nancy Pare <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:37 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Anne Siems <annesiemsart@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 7:50 AM

**Cc:** Levy, Susie <Susie.Levy@seattle.gov>; O'Brien, Mike <Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov>; markyoungflowers@gmail.com; bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com <bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com>; sally.pendras@comcast.net; frances.obrien@comcast.net; Wendy Robards <wendy.robards@mac.com>; scruffyfalk@gmail.com; stanley.minercomcast.net <stanley.miner@comcast.net>; jennifer.weber@me.com; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Daniel Beekman <dbeekman@seattletimes.com>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

**CAUTION: External Email**

We cannot keep going this way!  
The tree canopy loss is irreplaceable in time to mediate global warming!!  
Are you planning to breathe in Seattle !?

THINK> and do right on this city and it's people and creatures!



Anne Siems

Voter 🗳️

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Barbara Gross <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:13 AM

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

**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**



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Barbara Gross

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**From:** Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Council Bill 119600 and Resolution 31902

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Ms. Pinto de Bader:

Today I am sending the following email to Mayor Durkan and individually to each City Council member asking them to stop postponing the adoption of your updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

Thank you.  
Judith Leshner

Dear Council Member O'Brien:

What happened to your concern about the environment? What did you really mean with your "Green New Deal"? And, why can't you just pass the **Tree Protection Ordinance** that you requested the Urban Forestry Commission to update instead of vacillating once again as was done yesterday by the Finance and Neighborhoods Committee's **Resolution 31902** postponing a decision until 2020?

The Seattle Times' OPINION pages of September 9 and September 11 alert us citizens of your intent to reverse our environmental protections by undermining the **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)** with your **Council Bill 119600**. Thanks to both writers, Ms. Claudia

Newman and Ms. Megan Kruse and to the Times' Editorial Board for their diligent work to inform the public.

By your lack of action, It seems that none of you City Council Members or the Mayor are really willing to protect the trees of our city and to acknowledge the great benefit that they provide for all of us. I hope that you will reconsider this postponement of Resolution 31902 and that you will reject the imprudent Council Bill 119600.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Penrose-Muerdter <mue.rose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:52 AM  
**To:** Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank You for passing Resolution 31902!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Councilmembers Bagshaw and González (with cc's to Councilmembers Mosqueda as Citywide Representative and Sawant as my District 3 representative):

I was sitting in on the Urban Forestry Commission meeting on September 11 as an interested member of the public concerned about the loss of tree canopy in Seattle. I came over to Council Chambers at the same time as the UFC members and sat in on your Finance & Neighborhoods Committee discussion and approval of Resolution 31902: Update to City Tree Regulations. THANK YOU for passing this resolution! It is an important first step in preventing the further loss of trees in Seattle's urban forest.

I strongly urge you all to keep up the pressure for the desperately needed update of the decade-old Tree Protection Regulations. I ask that you push for adoption of the Urban Forestry Commission's June 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Councilmember Bagshaw: thank you for your service to our city; I hope you will continue to fight for the preservation of our urban forest as a private citizen.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Penrose  
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**From:** Warren Wilkins <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:48 AM

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

**Subject:** MORE TREES! Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance. NOW!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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Warren Wilkins

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**From:** Dennis Kinnan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Anisha Shankar <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:04 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance to preserve our urban forest!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor Durkan and Seattle City Council,

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission! You are all well educated on why it is important to strengthen and expand protection for our urban trees. I want to tell you why this is so important to me -

1. Climate change! I often feel utterly helpless when I think of the enormity of what we are doing to the planet. But by protecting the city's trees and planting more, I take back a little power, and can push back the dangers of a warming planet a little bit.
2. I am an avid birdwatcher and am utterly charmed when I come upon a giant evergreen that has nuthatches, brown creepers, flocks of bushtits and black capped chickadees, and a downy woodpecker or two. It is an instant refocusing from a busy modern life. We are equal participants in this world and we have the responsibility to maintain this balance.

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I thank you for your service and your action in this vital matter!

Thanks,

Anisha Shankar

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**From:** Karen Morse <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Jill Hamilton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:05 AM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Victoria Latka <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**From:** Jen Blume <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 1:49 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** Susan Montacute <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**From:** Jon Krombein <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:43 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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I am in support of the following with the exception that owners of residential property should be allowed to add or remove any trees on their property at their discretion without and permitting or input from the city. Individual residential land owners should have complete freedom to use their property as they wish.

Jon Krombein

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**From:** Anne Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As a mother and teacher I am deeply concerned about the health and well-being of Seattle's young people. As a South Seattle resident, I am especially concerned about the numbers of trees being cut down in my neighborhood and in nearby neighborhoods.

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**From:** Summer Montacute <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:12 AM

**To:** DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

**Cc:** Magnolia-tree-keepers\_all@googlegroups.com; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pacheco, Abel <Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov>; Bagshaw, Sally <Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov>; Daniel Beekman <dbeekman@seattletimes.com>

**Subject:** 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

**Importance:** High

**CAUTION: External Email**

SDOT Urban Forestsry  
PO Box 34996  
Seattle, 98124-4996  
[Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov)  
206.684.tree (8733)

Dear Seattle arborists,

On this Friday, please explain why **5 to 6 more existing trees are on the chopping block** within our neighborhood. On the street right-of-way, there are 3 posted yellow 'Public Notice of Application' by SDOT that have each been marked ***"cannot be successfully retained, due to public or private construction or development conflict"***.

But is this *really* necessary? This lot is yet another (daily??) example of why **Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance** to stop the clear-cutting of trees during development.

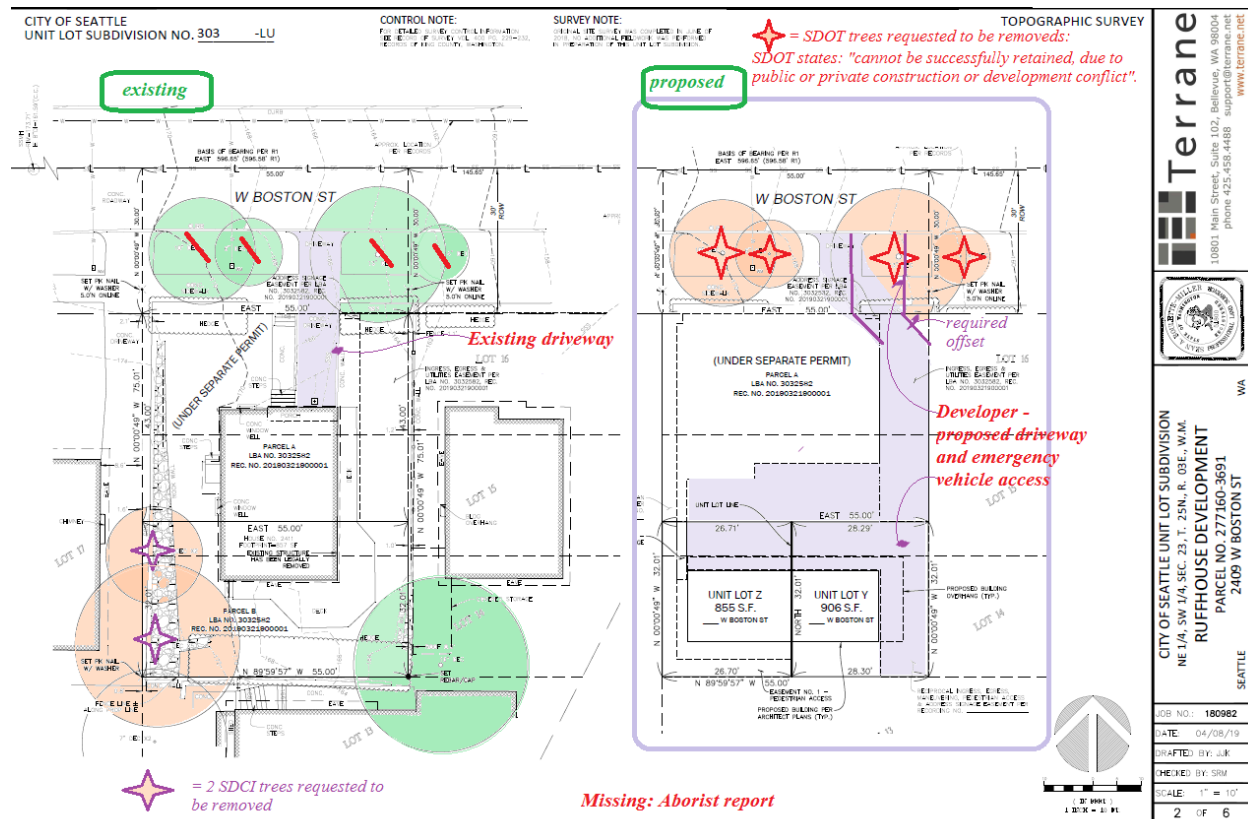
Looking at the existing curb-cut of the driveway intersecting the street and where the proposed driveway needs to be, it is not apparent that the explanation offered by SDOT has merit. Instead, it appears the development **would be able to use a curb-cut location** quite similar to the existing curb-cut location - especially given the required

line-of-site offset at the northwest corner of the lot. Even if the curb-cut had to move to the east, there is no reason why all three street trees need to be removed. About 40% of Seattle's newly planted 2 to 3-inch caliper street trees are not well maintained and die within three to five years (reportedly).

Two additional larger trees on the property (technically - the neighbors' properties) will also be removed and a third significant or Exceptional tree damaged during excavation. Here again is yet another example of a developer being allowed an additional lot as a means of **circumventing rowhouse development rules** and exceeding the maximum allowable number of dwellings on an LR3-zoned small lot. The victims: trees, wildlife, and unsuspecting neighbors. Refer to the annotated "Existing" and "Proposed" site plan.

For the interests in a stronger tree code emphasizing *retention*,

David Moehring AIA NCARB  
 Board member, TreePAC  
 and Member, Magnolia Tree-Keepers



The benefits of retaining existing trees whenever possible:

<https://www.invw.org/2019/07/30/will-seattle-protect-its-trees-leafy-promise-left-unfulfilled/>

<https://www.nwnetwork.org/post/western-seedling-shortage-your-future-christmas-tree-might-be-hard-find>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/nypost.com/2018/07/26/urban-heat-island-effect-tests-large-cities-across-the-country/amp/>

<https://www.greenseattle.org/extreme-heat-and-seattle-area-urban-heat-islands/>

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**From:** Barbara Bernard <barbara\_bernard@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:28 AM

**To:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

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**Subject:** Re: 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

**CAUTION: External Email**

I would like to go in record that I share David Moehring's concerns.

We need to protect the large growth trees. It is critical that Seattle preserve the larger older trees while we still have the chance. Once they are gone, it will be 60-70 years before equivalent replacements can grow to that size. These trees serve as homes to our urban wildlife creatures and offer a resting spot between the bays for protected bird species that are migrating.

The world was aghast witnessing the fires in the Amazon- have we already forgotten the impact?

Please reconsider this decision.

Barbara Bernard

Member/Magnolia Tree Keepers & Seattle Audubon Society

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

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 1:45 PM

**To:** David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; Roberts, Ben <Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>

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**Subject:** Re: [seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group] 5 more street and lot trees needlessly declared to be cleared from 2409 W Boston Street (east Magnolia - Interbay)

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The government is lock-step with the developers plans, which are designed to subvert ecological science in favor of maximizing profit.

Seattle needs to take a tree inventory and input these doomed trees into so that good future decisions can be made about managing the urban forest.

In 2015 the City Council unanimously passed a resolution to conduct a Natural Capital Assessment. Unfortunately, they decided it was more convenient to not rile up the developers, and dropped it.

As the mayor prepares the budget, she should recognize inexact science is used in the form of aerial photos taken from satellites in orbit and extrapolated as a Canopy Cover Survey.

This 2016 Canopy Cover Survey is inaccurate because it contains no qualitative information, on data about location of trees.

Mayor Durkan is susceptible to criticism for improper management of our urban ecosystem. The overt lobbying by the construction industry has skewed her decision making ability the same way the retiring councilmembers sold out.

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

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:45 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

**CAUTION: External Email**

Forwarded email

From: "Anne Siems"

Date: September 13, 2019 at 11:33 AM

To: "Finn Coven, Jessica"

Subject: Re: 1520, 1522, 1526 and 1528 NW 61st St following the fate of 1547 and 1549 NW 60th St

Thank you for your reply Jessica,



My experience just around the neighborhood is that developers are getting away with anything. Just around the corner a beautiful ,huge maple was cut down, even though the permit for the DADU includes the tree AND it was cut by a “logger” WITHOUT a permit ( meaning he had lost his license a while back). When I spoke to the company they lied to me and said the city had given them permission. They have doen this over and over without impunity, consequences or any kind of fine. The oversight is DISMAL and I see no sign of it getting any better. I work with architects and arborists and we all know that the city is doing NOTHING. It is appalling and it is detrimental to the future of Seattle’s air and the well being of it’s inhabitants. Thank you for your time,  
Anne Siems  
Ballard

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 13, 2019, at 9:40 AM, Finn Coven, Jessica <[Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov](mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov)> wrote:

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your email.

Over the past couple of years, the City of Seattle has been taking steps to improve tree protection.

In 2016, my office partnered up with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to undertake the Tree Regulations Research Project to assess the effectiveness of the interim tree protection regulations and get critical data for us to better understand the issues surrounding tree protection. The project’s [final report](#) provided the basis for Mayor [Burgess’ Executive Order 2017-11](#) on Tree Protection (EO).

The EO directed City departments to implement measures to increase tree protection. Progress on EO implementation includes:

- In 2017, SDCI began a series of updates to their [website](#) including tree protection details and signage specifications to help educate the public and permit applicants about the value of trees and tree protection regulations.

- In 2018, SDCI updated Tip [331B - Hazard Tree](#), to more clearly determine what trees are to be classified as hazardous; and [Tip 242 -Tree Protections in Seattle](#), to detail the process for evaluating a tree’s risk and the process of completing and submitting a Hazard Tree Removal Application. SDCI also adopted [Director's Rule 17-2018 - Calculating Tree Valuations and Civil Penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations](#). This new rule clarifies the methodology of the cost approach used by code enforcement.
- This year, SDCI hired two arborists to assist in the review of permit applications for tree removal and enforcement of tree protection violations. SDCI is working with staff from the City’s IT department to update the online permit system to include a tree tracking mechanism that will better assist staff to track tree removal and replanting during different stages of development.

My office, as part of our role staffing the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), has worked to facilitate visits from City Councilmembers Johnson, Bagshaw, and Herbold, to discuss the Commission’s recommendations for updates to the tree protection ordinance that was brought forward by Councilmember Johnson in 2018.

Earlier this year, City Council expressed their commitment to protect our urban trees as our city continues to grow by adopting a companion resolution ([Resolution 3870](#) – Section 6) to the Mandatory House Affordability legislation. The resolution is in alignment with UFC recommendations.

The Mayor and Council are currently working with the UFC on a timeline to continue this work and produce legislation to update current tree regulations.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Finn Coven, Director  
Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

**From:** Anne Siems <[annesiemsart@gmail.com](mailto:annesiemsart@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 7:50 AM  
**Cc:** Levy, Susie <[Susie.Levy@seattle.gov](mailto:Susie.Levy@seattle.gov)>; O'Brien, Mike <[Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov](mailto:Mike.OBrien@seattle.gov)>; [markyoungflowers@gmail.com](mailto:markyoungflowers@gmail.com); [bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com](mailto:bakerstreetdevelopmentgmail.com) <[bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:bakerstreetdevelopment@gmail.com)>; [sally.pendras@comcast.net](mailto:sally.pendras@comcast.net); [frances.obrien@comcast.net](mailto:frances.obrien@comcast.net); Wendy Robards <[wendy.robards@mac.com](mailto:wendy.robards@mac.com)>; [scruffyfalk@gmail.com](mailto:scruffyfalk@gmail.com); [stanley.minercomcast.net](mailto:stanley.minercomcast.net) <[stanley.miner@comcast.net](mailto:stanley.miner@comcast.net)>; [jennifer.weber@me.com](mailto:jennifer.weber@me.com); Pacheco, Abel <[Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov](mailto:Abel.Pacheco@seattle.gov)>; Bagshaw, Sally <[Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov](mailto:Sally.Bagshaw@seattle.gov)>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>; Daniel Beekman <[dbeekman@seattletimes.com](mailto:dbeekman@seattletimes.com)>; Herbold, Lisa <[Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov](mailto:Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov)>; Torgelson, Nathan <[Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov](mailto:Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov)>; DOT\_SeattleTrees <[Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov](mailto:Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov)>; Finn Coven, Jessica <[Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov](mailto:Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov)>; Durkan, Jenny <[Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov)>  
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**CAUTION: External Email**

We cannot keep going this way!  
The tree canopy loss is irreplaceable in time to mediate global warming!!  
Are you planning to breathe in Seattle !?

THINK> and do right on this city and it's people and creatures!



Anne Siems

Voter 🗳️

Sent from my iPad

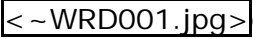
On Sep 12, 2019, at 6:18 PM, David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)> wrote:

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<How to Retain Trees WITH New Homes\_DM.pdf>

Hello Susie-

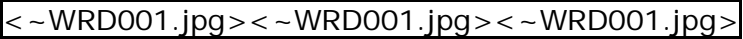
Just checking in with a new landuse notice\*\* in Ballard coming out today. It has been a while since the December 2018 promises that were made... but remain unfulfilled. That is how we are doing in terms of looking at the **unfortunate multi-family zone tree loss trend** that is continuing within Ballard (and other parts of the District)?

The "How to Retain Trees"  document attached shows two nearby Ballard HUB locations where the developer did retain the existing trees. Housing and retaining significant trees together? Yes, we know it has been done!

It seems that the difference in successfully adding density *along with* retaining trees may be the practice of **illegal contract rezones** (via short plat subdivisions and Lot Boundary Adjustments). As mentioned many, many times before, developers buying one lot and adding invisible lines to make two 'independent' lots has been the policy blessed by City officials to suggest that it is okay for an additional one or two homes to be built - even if it is more than what the Seattle zoning code allowed. While the Seattle Hearing Examiner is looking to the City Council to clarify legislation on this matter with a Director's Rule... nothing has happened to stop circumventing the code limits.

We can justify perceived land-use corruption and tree loss in the sake of providing more housing within Seattle, I suppose, in a way that the armed forces may justify the loss of civilian life and limbs between nations at war. Seattle seems to be struggling between housing and tree retention when BOTH may co-exist!

It is not too late. On a positive note, we notice that Councilmember O'Brien is legislatively active even as he nears the end of his term... keeping his staff busy as well! We should be no less confident in the members of the PLUZ being sure to reform now the known loopholes and tree protection barriers within the present permitting system. Perhaps D6 candidates Wills or Strauss may seek Mike O'Brien and other departing council's advise how to step up to the plate regarding the hundreds of **illegal contract rezones and the resulting loss of hundreds of mature trees**.

It is not clear to many if Councilmember O'Brien is in support of trees  in order to **reduce local heat island effects and climate change**; or if Councilmember O'Brien has tolerated relaxed tree protections during his term so that more lot-line to lot-line housing may be built within single-family- and lowrise-zoned properties. Especially when allowing more dwellings than established by the Seattle Municipal Code (an illegitimate practice), the partially quiescent City Council has promoted only urban density as trumping Seattle's 30% tree canopy-cover goals.

Knowing that there are just a few months remaining, we hope the Council act on the promises from December 2018, which were stated as follows:

*"[Councilmember O'Brien] can address shortfalls in our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help protect our*

*existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months, but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban Forestry Commission recommendations." < ~WRD001.jpg >*

We agree! The Urban Forestry Commission should know what is best for the urban forest of Seattle, shouldn't they? Perhaps the Council seeks developers' former 2018 input once again in lieu of the advise from the UFC. Let's see an action that will be a real legacy for the Councilmember and his staff that benefits ALL of Seattle! Take the **Tree Code Resolution** that the City Council has already passed, and create the long-overdue stronger ordinance that our prior mayor issued an Executive Order on, already. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your prior attention to this important environment-impacting matter.

Kind regards,

David Moehring AIA  
TreePAC, Board Member

Another example why stronger tree ordinance is long overdue:

\*\* Address: 1528 NW 61ST ST

- along with concurrent development for existing and new addresses 1520, 1522, 1526
- SDCI Project: 3034644-LU
- Area: Ballard
- Notice Date: 9/12/2019
- Project Description: Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into three unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6675019-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.
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- <https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/parcelviewer2/>

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> On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 7:19 AM David Moehring <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>

> wrote:

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> > Thank you, Susie, for your reply within the midst of the holidays!

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> > Many of us are looking forward to someone like Council-member O'Brien to

> > address the \*Seattle-wide epidemic of significant and Exceptional tree

> > loss\*, especially within developed lowrise residential areas and

> > McMansion redevelopments. Just within the four weeks since your last

> > message there are at least four more developments within District 6 where

> > these major trees are not being sufficiently considered within the

> > development plans per the intent of the tree protection codes. These trees

> > are on the chopping block:

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> > 1)\* 2203 and 2213 NW 60th: \* Where 8 large trees bordering a development

> > are all at risk, not counting 3 additional trees of a grove that were

> > removed last summer by a developer's pernicious demolition of a garage. See

> > the attached b/w site plan image. Two of these trees at risk originate on a

> > neighbor's lot!

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> > 2) \*6406 14th Ave NW: \* A certain immanent and shocking loss of a sequoia

> > trees -- one of Seattle's native conifers to be able to withstand the

> > increasing dry and hot summers and lack of rainfall. Experienced certified

> > arborists are noticing that Seattle's Cedars are suffering, hemlocks are

> > declining, firs fate is in the balance. The arborists and naturalists

> > proclaim that we need to protect all and every sequoia within the City.

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> > 3) \*6747 23RD AVE NW\* calls for an existing street tree to be removed

> > without replacement.

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> > 4) An existing house replacement at\* 6712 22nd Ave NW\* is needlessly

> > requesting a removal of a street tree without replacement.

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> > Near Roosevelt and NE 72nd St, an arborist witnessed an impeccable

> > two-stemmed beast of the redwood come down at the hands of Ballard Tree

> > Service, as well as numerous other trees that were ripped from the

> > property, including several big leaf maples on a critical slope. Despite

> > numerous complaints from the local residents, SDCI's B. Rasmussen could not

> > establish where any code infraction had occurred, even though some trees

> > were Exceptional.

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> > I am sure we all agree that Council-members should not and cannot get

> > involved with individual developments where tree loss is on the horizon.

> > However, City Staff have shared at City Council meetings that existing

> > mature tree retention within lowrise development areas is only about

> > 13-percent. A loss of 7 out of every 8 trees is not acceptable. The SDCI

> > obviously does not have the codes they need to enforce adequate tree

> > retention or mitigation. That is where the City Council is indeed

> > accountable. The codes the Council has passed allow for too many

> > exceptional in requiring simultaneous tree retention and increased density.

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> > If a Council-member is leading this charge that will ultimately benefit

> > the individual properties that SDCI administer, here are some quick and  
 > > easy means of achieving our common goals:

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> > - Do not allow increased FAR (floor area ratio to lot area) when MHA  
 > > in-lieu-of fees are paid instead of building affordable housing;

> > - Reduce incentives to provide detached single-family residences  
 > > within LR multifamily zones\*\*;

> > - Add minimum number of dwellings or maximum floor-area per dwelling  
 > > within LR multifamily zones\*\*\*;

> > - Do not allow credits or points for planting or landscaping elements  
 > > in-lieu-of trees;

> > - Do not allow reductions of 60 to 75% off penalties from the assessed  
 > > value of significant trees;

> > - Do require a minimum 400 to 500 sq foot on-grade area of a least  
 > > 10-feet of width within each multifamily lot absorb stormwater and sustain  
 > > and retain significant native trees;

> > - Do require a submission of at least three alternatives to be  
 > > submitted to SDCI showing how development may be achieved while retaining  
 > > one or more exceptional and significant trees within a functionally-related  
 > > development;

> > - Do not allow the circumvention of zoned limits on dwelling counts  
 > > through the use of Lot Boundary Adjustments or Short Plat Subdivisions.

> > - Retain the existing Single-Family zone requirements to retain or  
 > > replant 2-inches of tree caliper to every 1,000 sq ft of lot area.

> > - See the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission for more of what needs to  
 > > be done...

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> > I hope this helps provide some opportunities to change Seattle's present  
 > > trajectory: the rise of urban heat islands with the demise of the urban  
 > > forest.

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> > David Moehring  
 > > [Dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:Dmoehring@consultant.com)

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> > NOTES:

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> > \*\* like the attached image with 4 detached residences on one LR1 Lot,  
 > > developers have incentives to build these less efficient buildings at 1  
 > > dwelling for every 1600 sq ft of lot area compared to more efficient  
 > > townhouses at 1 dwelling for every 2200 sq ft of lot area. As a result of  
 > > separating these multifamily developments with driveways and paved parking  
 > > areas, there remains no open space for exterior amenities and trees.

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> > \*\*\* repeated from a message of last week Wednesday, the MHA's increase in  
 > > FAR must be paralleled with a minimum number of dwellings or a maximum  
 > > floor area per multifamily dwelling. Larger buildings leave even less room  
 > > for trees on-site which 3 to 5 foot wide planting areas along street curbs  
 > > and power lines are incapable of sustaining nature native tree growth.

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> > \*Sent: \* Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 4:52 PM  
> > \*From: \* "Levy, Susie" <[Susie.Levy@seattle.gov](mailto:Susie.Levy@seattle.gov)>  
> > \*To: \* "David Moehring" <[dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com)>  
> > \*Subject: \* RE: Follow-up on 1547 NW 60th St (...here comes #3032501-LU)

> > Dear David,

> > Thanks for reaching out, and I am sorry for my slow reply! I did want to  
> > follow up. Looking at this newest project, it appears that SDCI is still  
> > in the review process, and are looking at if the project is eligible for a  
> > lot subdivision. As a general practice, the Councilmember does not get  
> > involved with site specific issues around code interpretation, given that  
> > is the role of our departments. That said, we can address shortfalls in  
> > our policies that can help mitigate these issues in the future. As you  
> > know, there are a few upcoming opportunities for improving tree  
> > protections. Mike is committed to supporting tree protections that help  
> > protect our existing tree canopy. As of now, our understanding is that the  
> > tree policy led by CM Johnson's office is on hold for the next few months,  
> > but we will continue to engage in the process and support the Urban  
> > Forestry Commission recommendations. As the specific issue of subdividing  
> > a lot, enabling a tree to be cut down has come up multiple times, I will  
> > also be flagging this issue to see how we can address this in the code when  
> > we are able to move forward in the new year.

> > Thanks for continuing to bring these issues to our attention and for  
> > advocating to protect our tree canopy. We look forward to working together  
> > on this in the year ahead.

> > Happy holidays,

> > Susie

> > \*Susie Levy, MPH\*

> > Legislative Aide to Councilmember Mike O'Brien



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> > \*Sent: \* Tuesday, October 02, 2018 5:08 PM  
> > \*To: \* Levy, Susie <[Susie.Levy@seattle.gov](mailto:Susie.Levy@seattle.gov)>  
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> > Good afternoon, Ms. Levy-  
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> > I am just following on on behalf of Mary Meister who inquired with  
> > Councilperson O'Brien a little over a year ago on a east Ballard property

> > that was developed with \*one too many homes for the size of lot \*within  
> > its LR1-multifamily zone. Beyond the code enforcement implications, the end  
> > result of such practices often means that large, established and healthy \*trees  
> > that could have been retained end up being needlessly removed\*.

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> > As you know, we tried to appeal 1547 NW 60th Street with the Hearing  
> > Examiner, but because I was listed as the primary appellant living 2 miles  
> > away rather than the appealing representative of the Neighbors, the  
> > developer's attorney was successful in having the entire appeal dismissed  
> > even before any issue could be challenged. Live and learn...

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> > Now that the hearing has long been over, and the buildings at 1527 are  
> > built, along comes the next development near by at \*1522 NW 61st ST\*;  
> > (SDCI Project #3032501-LU). Project Description: "\*Land Use Application  
> > to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Existing structure to be  
> > demolished.\*" Not only the existing house, but at least one of the large  
> > trees will be removed along the west boundary of this forthcoming  
> > development lot. Unless, of course, the Councilperson will intervene here  
> > before the site plans have gone too far and rely on the tree being  
> > removed.

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> > The attached site plan shows the intent to subdivide this 5,000 square  
> > foot lot and build 3 rowhouses over a large tree in front of an  
> > alley-facing home. The Seattle Municipal Code is quite clear about  
> > retention of existing trees (when possible) and rowhouse development rules  
> > (SMC 23.84A.032.R.20). We just need a City that will enforce the SMC. The  
> > trees are along the west boundary and are easy to design the foundations to  
> > clear.

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> > Let us know what we can do to advance this ever growing concern of

> > Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.

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> > "[scruffyfalk@gmail.com](mailto:scruffyfalk@gmail.com)"  
> > Subject: RE: LR1 Zone - Subdividing Properties - upzoning through  
> > subdivision  
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> > Hi all,  
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> > It was great to meet you this week at office hours. I want to let you  
> > know we are looking into the situation to see if they are getting around  
> > our code requirements, or if they are proceeding as it is written, and if  
> > so, if there are policy changes CM O'Brien would consider. I will be in  
> > touch as we have more answers. Thanks for sending along the addresses, and  
> > for working with our office.  
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> > Best,  
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**From:** Nina Law <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:03 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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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.

Nina Law

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**From:** bebrunton@hotmail.com <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 7:41 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Michelle Bradley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:07 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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**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 1:27 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I don't understand why the Council has not adopted the city's Urban Forestry Commission's proposed updates to tree protection ordinances for 10 years. I don't understand why the existing, evidently inadequate, legal protections are not being enforced.

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**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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trees at an unsustainable rate because the city is growing.

It doesn't have to be an either/or situation. Seattle can grow AND maintain green spaces, trees and urban canopy in the city IF the city government is intentional about creating a green city.

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**From:** Randy Kilmer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:21 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Ian Jamison <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:24 PM

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

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**From:** Colleen Weinstein <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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**From:** Cory Secrist <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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**From:** F Rodriguez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:21 PM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

This City used to have nicknames that referred to our lush forests. Many years ago I was impressed, coming and going from Seattle by plane, at seeing the refreshing carpets of green below. Without even stopping to think why, it made me feel so glad to live here.

I urge you to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission. TREES GROW SLOWLY. CUTTING THEM DOWN CREATES LONG TERM, LASTING DEFICITS. DO NOT DELAY ON THIS.

Several years ago I saw 13 mature trees cut down (by a Church!) because it was convenient somehow. I reported it to the City Arborist, with specifics. Nothing happened. The trees weren't replaced. To this day, the space those trees occupied is simply an expanse of bad grass and rocks and nothing else, in an area they don't use, even for parking.

I fully agree with the following:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:03 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**From:** Marilyn SPOTSWOOD <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:39 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle’s Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor, City Council and Council Candidates,

I am the president of Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our members are fortunate to live in a neighborhood with a mature tree canopy, many tall shrubs, and substantial green ground cover. But within blocks of us, we have seen a greater and greater decimation of our old trees as development has overtaken the Roosevelt Urban Village. We are also aware that many neighborhoods in Seattle are not so fortunate, and development has resulted in cutting down groves of trees and mature trees throughout Seattle. We are actually losing trees in Seattle, and the Council and the Mayor have done little to nothing in the past 10 years to change our deficient ordinance, not even to enforce what's already on the books. All we've had are resolutions.

And there are neighborhoods suffering pollution and ill health because these neighborhoods have never had the tree canopy and the green they need to have.

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**From:** Urania Perez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:59 PM

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

**Subject:** South Seattle Climate Action Network urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

The following resolution was adopted by our organization.

Organization Resolution in Support of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance

WHEREAS Seattle is losing not only its biggest trees, but much more of its green cover, as developers frequently scrape properties clean of trees to maximize their buildable area; and

WHEREAS Seattle has failed to require developers to replace all "exceptional" trees and trees over 24" DBH (diameter at 54" high) as prescribed by SMC 25.11.090; and

WHEREAS Seattle, unlike Portland and other major cities, has not instituted a permit system to govern tree removal on developed property or property being developed, but relies instead on a complaint-based system that is applicable only to already-developed property and does not protect trees even there; and

WHEREAS the Seattle City Council voted in 2009, and again by Resolution 31870 in March 2019, to support an updating of its Tree Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City concluded, in its 2017 Tree Regulations Research Report, that "Current

code is not supporting tree protection” and that “we are losing exceptional trees (and groves) in general”; and

WHEREAS Seattle’s trees and urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure that (a) reduces air pollution, stormwater runoff, and climate change impacts like heat-island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, and (b) is important for the physical and mental health of Seattle residents: and

WHEREAS the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has drafted, at the suggestion of several City Council members, an updated Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance consistent with the eight recommendations specified by the Council in Section 6 of its Resolution 31870, which would:

a. increase protections for Seattle trees and tree canopy volume by requiring, in each land-use zone in the city, a permit for removal and replacement of any tree over 6” DBH, whether on developed property or property being developed;

b. require two-week on-site posting of tree removal and replacement applications (as SDOT already requires);

c. require on-site tree replacement equivalent, in 25 years, to the tree canopy volume removed, or payment of a fee into a Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund for planting and 5-year maintenance of trees elsewhere in the city;

d. retain current protections for exceptional trees and reduce the definitional upper threshold for exceptional trees to 24” DBH;

e. allow no more than two significant non-exceptional trees to be removed over 3 years on developed property;

f. require registration of all tree services providers with the city;

g. track all significant tree loss and replacement; and

h. provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of the environmental importance of trees and the urgent need to update and strengthen Seattle's current ordinance, we urge the Seattle City Council to enact, and the Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by South Seattle Climate Action Network, Beth Brunton, Co-chair

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**From:** Debby Nissen <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:38 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived in North Seattle for 40 years and have seen canopy disappear as housing gets denser. A lot of apartment buildings have replaced small houses and a lot of trees have been removed and NOT replaced. I don't oppose more housing because we need it. We just have to do it in a way that supports the environment.

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. I can't imagine my home and my street without our trees.

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

At times, large trees are cut for construction when they aren't even in the path of construction (for example directly East of 8816 Nesbit Ave N. in which 3 trees of sizeable size were cut along the perimeter of the property). They cut them because they can (one was just under 30" diameter). 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:** Joel Creswell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:25 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Cynthia Johnson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have been very upset that you are allowing SDCI to formulate tree policy when they profit from permits to developers. Once again Seattle is giving too much power to the developers. Many trees that are majestic have been illegally cut in my neighborhood.

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Sincerely,  
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