

**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 10/9/19**

**From:** Vicki Morgan-Stevenson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 5:29 PM

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

**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance from Queen Anne resident

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I live on Queen Anne. Behind our house, they are clearing the land. The trees are being cut down and along with it, the wildlife, their shelter, and food sources. And this is going on everywhere. It has already gone too far. We are losing our precious canopy daily. How have we lost sight of what is truly important? We should be planting trees everywhere! We should be a model city for the rest of the country because this area is a gift. We cannot go back if we keep screwing this up. What we are losing is priceless. Change the laws, make them better, and protect what cannot be replaced. Trees are a vital part of a truly beautiful and healthy city and community.

Sincerely,

Vicki Morgan Stevenson

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

**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:08 PM

**To:** Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>

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

**Subject:** RE: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thanks Lisa. We appreciate your support and energy around this issue. One addition to the tracking question is that someone has to perform a retrospective analysis of the sites where developers were supposed to replace trees. The city has no such records which makes it vulnerable to litigation. We also need an analysis of the pattern and practice of unfounded and possibly fraudulent claims of hazard tree designations. I'm copying OSE so my comments are in the record.

All the best,  
Heidi Siegelbaum

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**From:** Herbold, Lisa <[Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov](mailto:Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:02 AM

**To:** heidi calyxsite.com <[heidi@calyxsite.com](mailto:heidi@calyxsite.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

Dear Heidi,

Thank you for writing to me about the proposed Tree Legislation. After Rob Johnson left the City Council, Councilmember Bagshaw took the lead on this conversation. As you may know, the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) [drafted legislation](#), which they proposed the Council introduce. Unfortunately, the Department of Construction and Inspection contends that the UFC proposal is not implementable as it is currently drafted. Since Department of Construction and Inspection will be enforcing any law that the Council passes, it is important to have their staff at the drafting table to ensure strong and enforceable legislation is passed.

That said, Councilmember Bagshaw – in coordination with the Mayor – authored a [resolution](#) that includes a timeline and requests quarterly reporting on the progress of the development of the legislation from the Executive beginning January 31, 2020. In the resolution, the Council also requests that legislation prioritize:

- Retaining protections for exceptional trees and expanding the definition of exceptional trees.
- Adopting a definition of significant trees as trees at least 6 inches in diameter and creating a permitting process for the removal of these trees.
- Adding replacement requirements for significant tree removal.
- Simplifying tree planting and replacement requirements, including consideration of mitigation strategies that allow for infill development while balancing tree planting and replacement goals.
- Reviewing and potentially modifying tree removal limits in single-family zones.
- Establishing an in-lieu fee option for tree planting.
- Tracking tree removal and replacement on both public and private land throughout Seattle.
- Providing adequate funding to administer and enforce tree regulations.
- Requiring all tree service providers operating in Seattle to meet minimum certification and training requirements and register with the City.

Though I am disappointed that Council action to protect our tree canopy and exceptional trees is not imminent, overall this creates clear guidelines, parameters, and a timeline for which the Council can hold the Executive accountable. The Council voted unanimously to pass this resolution on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,



Lisa Herbold  
District 1 Councilmember, Chair Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts  
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**From:** Heidi Siegelbaum <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2019 12:13 PM

**To:** Herbold, Lisa <[Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov](mailto:Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov)>

**Subject:** Please preserve Seattle's valuable and irreplaceable tree canopy

**CAUTION: External Email**

Lisa Herbold,

Seattle continues to lose its trees, including the most productive, protective and public health giants. Trees provide oxygen, remove pollutants from the air, provide habitat and shade, cool neighborhoods, reduce flooding and pollution and create community. Yet the city's policies, laws and lack of enforcement are leading to the wholesale destruction/removal of mature trees on private land. It is imperative that the City align its climate, health and environmental policies with a unified forestry policy that requires developers and citizens to protect mature trees of any type. Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance now. I support the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and increase the number of city wide inspectors and

arborists to over 20.

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**From:** Rebecca Sayre <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:56 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:** Irene Holroyd <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Annie Thoe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2019 10:59 AM

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

**Subject:** Stronger Tree Protection is Needed Now - Update Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

We continue to see more and more clear-cutting of mature trees in our neighborhoods, trees that take generations to grow. This can't be legal or with any foresight of our future. The city is failing to preserve and protect not only our natural resources from poor development design and practices, but is causing problems for air pollution and asthma, water runoff and pollution, healthy soil, shade from heat, diversity and habitat for wildlife and birds, and beauty for all.

The Neighborhood Treekeepers have adopted the following resolution and urge the city to do so immediately.

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 Neighborhood Treekeepers, Annie Thoe, Chair

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**From:** Linda Sewell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's rapid growth and outdated tree ordinance are reducing the beneficial effects from trees that are removed and not replaced. I've learned from personal experience the value of large, mature trees. We installed solar 6 years ago, removing four large trees that cast shade on the panels. We've replaced them with dwarf trees that won't reach the roofline, but now sorely miss the large trees that kept our house cool in the summer. Seattle's Urban Heat Island is only getting worse with the continued loss of tree canopy.

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**From:** Jacob Gunden <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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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,

Updating the tree ordinance is a no brainer. Investing in trees and our green infrastructure will save money in the long run and keep Seattle an amazing place to live. We can't afford to lose out on these resources.

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**From:** Daniel Statt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2019 7:34 PM

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**From:** Naomi Zurcher <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As an Urban Forester and a Consulting Arborist, I am concerned with the well-being of the public's trees, regardless of where they are - all trees matter.

It has come to my attention that although Seattle has a Tree Protection Ordinance in place, the public's urban trees are being decimated through a lack of enforcement combined with inadequate Best Management Practices and development that does not respect the existing tree resource.

None of this is acceptable and all of it is avoidable and preventable.

Seattle's Urban Forest is comprised of trees and all their associates including human residents, living together in the built environment. Seattle's trees are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. 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.

BUT, trees can only provide these critical services IF their needs are respected and accommodated.

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**Subject:** Save our Trees! Trees Help People, Protect Them!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

It seems every day we lose more mature healthy trees in NW Seattle.

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 06, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Wendy Oberlin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** Rusty West <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2019 5:05 PM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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Thanks very much

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**From:** Carlen Luke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2019 5:10 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** kevin orme <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2019 9:40 PM

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

**Subject:** Do NOT \*\*GUT\*\* SEPA?!?!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Today, the Seattle City Council has yet again, Sold. Us. Out. Mike "i'm about to get a job working in development" O'Brien and "Ready, Willing and Abel to sell us out" Pacheco leading the charge.

Apparently the "Green New Deal" they support is Greenbacks for New Development. Only the catch they purposely ignore is these will be either luxury condos or oversized, ridiculous McMansions - neither of which will be 'affordable'. Those Seattle 'residents' will still be located in Everett, Snohomish, Federal Way and beyond, and they will still be commuting to their

service jobs just like before via I-5 and connectors.

AOC proved just last year that politicians can stand up to Big Business (a Seattle one you already caved to, no less) in a much bigger city, with much bigger businesses/warchests to buy politicians, than this one.

But actions speak louder than words, and when you are living in concrete boxes with no wildlife, habitat, trees or greenspace left in the city, don't say we didn't warn you.

Thankfully many of you will be gone soon, and we can start over, yet again, with some who may actually listen this time around. The proof is all around you, but you still refuse to listen....!

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**From:** Emily Knudsen <emily.pco1944@gmail.com>

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

**Cc:** stevezemke@treepac.org

**Subject:** Resolution in Support of Tree Protection Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

## **Resolution in Support of Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Tree Protection Ordinance**

Trees are necessary to protect in urban areas as they filter pollutants, reduce stormwater runoff, supply shade, mitigate heat island effect, provide wildlife habitat, deliver improved physical and mental health outcomes, and increase quality of life.

This ordinance is just one step that needs to be taken for Seattle to reach its goal of reaching at least 30% tree canopy by 2037.

Therefore, we are in support of the Urban Forest Protection Ordinance<sup>[1]</sup> that was drafted by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, which is consistent with the eight recommendations the Council adopted in Section 6 of Resolution 31870 in April 2019.

The draft ordinance would:

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- g. Track all significant tree loss and replacement; and
- h. Provide adequate funds to administer and enforce the ordinance.

We urge the Seattle City Council to pass the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's Draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

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<sup>[1]</sup><https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2019/2019docs/OutlineandDraftUFCTreeProtectionRegs070219FullDoc.pdf>

Signed,  
Members of the 37th LD Environment and Climate Caucus

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**From:** william Waldman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2019 8:57 AM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2019 7:01 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Lucia Neare <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

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**From:** Mary Sullivan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2019 10:37 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental

equity as trees are replaced.

Please update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Here are the key provisions that need to be in the updated tree ordinance:

1. Expand the existing Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program, including 2-week public notice and posting on-site, as used by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) – to cover all Significant Trees (6" and larger diameter at breast height (DBH)) on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require the replacement of all Significant trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume – either on site or pay a replacement fee into a City Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund. Allow the Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants and set up easements.
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In addition to the above suggestions let's please look at what is actually on the City of Seattle website ..... this is our city's policy .... why are we in the pocket of the developers and not trying to grow this city wisely. This includes saving it for the future generations.

This is taken directly off on the city's website .....

"Trees add much more to an urban landscape than a spot of green on the horizon. Healthy, mature tree canopy positively affects issues ranging from human health to economic

development and sense of community. Urban trees have equally important impacts on the environment. They break up heat islands, decrease flooding from stormwater runoff, absorb carbon dioxide, and shade buildings leading to a reduction in energy use."

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**From:** Ann Boyce <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2019 11:05 AM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I have lived my entire life in the Greater Seattle area, and I have found that 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. Trees make living in Seattle magical!

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Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and issues. It is my hope that we will retain and maybe even increase the number of trees in our community, maintaining a living and healthy place to play, work and live.

Sincerely,

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Shoreline resident  
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