

**Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through October 8, 2020.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection

700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000

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

Attention: Public Resource Center

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Regards,

Janet Matulia

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**From:** Angie <angied@whidbey.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** Debra Hannula <dkhannula@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>  
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Thank you Debra for standing up do do what is law abiding in Seattle. I am so tired of larger companies getting exceptions to rules that are passed for the benefit of Seattle and that keep neighborhoods nice places to live whether is in height restrictions or tree cutting or what can be squeezed onto a property where the building maximizes the space regardless of what it does to the neighbors or neighborhood. Individuals who have large trees on their properties that have created problems with their houses, foundations, drainage and so on are forced to keep the trees so it is not right to allow a development company to just take out what they want for their convenience and profit. We also need clean air now more than ever and currently have a shining example of that need. Shame on the decision makers of Seattle. You need to do and act better on so many levels. We ALL live here - including you.

Angie Dixon

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**From:** heidi calyxsite.com <heidi@calyxsite.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please put in record

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Hi Sandra

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

All the best,  
Heidi

Heidi Siegelbaum  
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**From:** Spiderman Tribal <spidermantribal@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:59 AM

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

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Thank you.

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

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**From:** Bernice Maslan <bmaslan08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Project #3030811-LU, 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA , 98105

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

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

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

Here are some key points:

1. Seattle is trying to increase our tree canopy. We are already short of forested public and private space. This property should be purchased by the City or another jurisdiction, so as to preserve and enhance this treasure as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. As mentioned earlier, this entire site was designated a City Landmark in 2013 with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The City has been unable to provide a coherent explanation why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if this site were not a designated landmark!
3. It is proposed to kill, i.e., remove over 60 percent of the trees on this site. There are currently 455 trees on this site and only 184 are proposed for retention. Trees to be eliminated included **175 Exceptional trees** per City standards, meaning they mostly exceed 30 inches in diameter. This is in direct violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
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Please do the important and necessary work of preserving Seattle's beautiful Exceptional trees and other trees on this beautiful site. Require changes to truly honor this endangered historic site and its trees!

Thank you,

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

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**From:** John Lorton <johnlorton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Talaris Property - please save it for the planet and the people of Seattle, project #3030811

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: Leslie A. McGovern

Date: September 17, 2020

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7. **From:** Anita Anderson <anitaanderson47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
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18. My address is 1413 n 38th st, Sea 98103.

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

**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:41 PM

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

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

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Please, please protect these trees.

Barbara Bernard

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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

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

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**Subject:** Talaris

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Dear Persons:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Judith E. Bendich

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

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

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

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

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

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Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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[ISA Certified Arborist PN-7245A & Tree Risk Assessment Qualification \(TRAQ\)](#)

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

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

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

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

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

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

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

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

**Subject:** Advocating smart development of Talaris

**CAUTION: External Email**

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

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



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

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

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

Thank you for your time,  
John

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

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

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

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

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

I am writing regarding the Talaris Development Project #3030811-LU at 4000 NE 41st Street, seattle, WA 98105

I protest the proposed removal of hundreds of trees in all Action Alternatives.

1. **Seattle is short of forested public and private space, and this property should be purchased by the City** or another jurisdiction, so as to preserve and enhance this gem as a public park, or combination with affordable public housing.
2. The entire site was designated a City Landmark in November 2013, with a landscape designed by Seattle's world-renowned Richard Haag, who also designed Gasworks Park. The City has been unable to provide a coherent

explanation on why it is processing an application for redevelopment as if the site were not a designated landmark. Why is the SDCI process preceding the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board (SPLB) approval process? The process is out of order and a waste of City resources.

3. Of the current **455 trees** living on site, only 184 trees are proposed for retention, with the remaining **271 trees proposed for removal** – over 60 percent. Trees to be eliminated include **175 "Exceptional" trees** per City standards, meaning they are mostly 30+ inches in diameter. This is in violation of the spirit of SEPA, the Seattle Comp Plan, and Directors Rules.
4. These Exceptional tree removals are to accommodate the proposed single-family home footprints and required infrastructure as shown on the plans. Compounding the harm, the layout for the single-family home development is oblivious to the site's **integral landscape design** and would impinge on protected areas and wetland buffers..
5. Short of direct protection of all SEPA Exceptional trees, **development should be allowed only in areas with existing footprints of structures and no Exceptional trees.** If a minimum number of housing units for affordable housing is desired, then zoning changes should allow for building taller structures. **Single family or otherwise, this could be a model site for housing development, by building tall, dense, multifamily and preserving all Exceptional trees and wetland areas as open space. Build up not out. Open Space For All !**
6. There is no development alternative that allows for retention of the majority of SEPA significant trees. Removing 100's of trees for any project is in violation of the spirit of Seattle's Comp Plan. By moving the footprints of new buildings to locations with fewer trees, and minimizing utility and roadway impacts more trees could be preserved. Directors Rule 6-2001 encourages modification of the location and design of structures to preserve trees. SEPA allows for the modification of development to preserve SEPA.
7. Tree retention is a cardinal tenet of the Seattle Municipal Code for subdivisions and an important commitment by a City that has committed to increasing its tree canopy to 30 percent to mitigate climate impacts, such as reducing rising land temperatures and cleaning pollutants from increasingly contaminated air. The proposed redevelopment would remove 72 percent of the trees on the Talaris site, undermining a citywide goal.
8. As with any subdivision, and particularly one proposed for a site that is entirely landmarked, the City should be especially careful to make sure that any plan approved is in all respects in the public interest. That is a requirement for any subdivision in the City

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

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Kerkof

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Esteemed Officials,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Amy Wimmer

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

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

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

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

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

Enjoy: <https://youtu.be/xb4EK35wn8U> 🪓

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



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

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

*but in the meantime, do have a good weekend!*

*David Moehring*

*[TreePAC](#) Member*

**Seattle Needs Stronger Tree Protections**

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

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

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

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

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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.
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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.

Susan Scanlon

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**From:** Jeannie Rae <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 12:20 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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Jeannie Rae

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**From:** Julia Field <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 5:04 AM

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

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

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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

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

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

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

- Change Subject Title to remove words "land division" and replace with "Development"
- PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND. add "SMC 23 requires that all trees 6 inches DSH and larger must be indicated on all site plans throughout the platting and sub-platting process, and that projects must be designed to maximize the retention of existing trees. This requirement continues throughout any subsequent development on all lots in all zones in the city."
- SECTION 1. Reduce the number of trees and sizes required to be a tree grove. Kirkland, Woodinville, and Duvall all define a tree grove as "a group of 3 or more significant trees with



overlapping or touching crowns.” Include street trees in groves.

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

Thank you for protecting our urban forest.

Julia Field

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

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 6:42 AM

**To:** Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; David Moehring <Dmoehring@consultant.com>

**Cc:** LEG\_CouncilMembers <council@seattle.gov>; Durkan, Jenny <Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov>; Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <Joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Thank you for the update Alex,

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

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

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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

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

[Board Member of TreePAC](#)

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

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

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COUNCILMEMBER  
**ALEX PEDERSEN**

 DISTRICT 4 / NORTHEAST SEATTLE

**Friends and Neighbors,**

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

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

- an Internet for All action plan focused on achieving equity,
- an audit of Seattle's bridges focused on safety, and
- a vital analysis focused on addressing climate change.

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

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

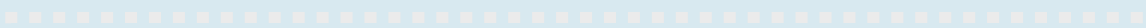
This past Tuesday, the City Council reconsidered the three pieces of budget legislation that our Mayor vetoed last month: Council Bills [119825](#), [119862](#), and [119863](#). Mayor Durkan explained her vetoes in [a letter](#) to the City Council. The City Council discussed the vetoes on September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

Council Bill 119825 was concerning to me and many constituents because it contributed to the early retirement of our city's first and only Black police chief Carmen Best and it deleted funding for our city's "Navigation Team" for those experiencing homelessness. It has become even more clear that we need this interdepartmental team of dedicated city employees who offer housing and services to people living in unauthorized encampments. I know many of us are eager to hear from my colleagues who voted to defund the Navigation Team about how they intend to replace the organized and coordinated efforts we had to address homelessness. We also need a better understanding of how the changes proposed in this legislation, combined with the accelerated attrition (loss) of police officers, will impact response times from our police department and our ability to adhere to the consent decree for police reforms.

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

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

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



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



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

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

Currently, all Council legislation requires a "fiscal note," which summarizes the financial implications to the City. Resolution 31933 expands this analysis by asking City departments to assess whether new legislation would increase or decrease carbon emissions and whether it would strengthen or weaken

Seattle's resiliency to climate change. By the end of March 2021, the City Budget Office and the Office of Sustainability and Environment will be reporting on how well the new reporting requirement is working. Thank you to everyone who called and emailed City Council in support of the resolution, and especially to Dr. Cathy Tuttle, a climate activist and policy expert who ran for City Council in 2019 and whose "Carbon Note" concept inspired this new policy.

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

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

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

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

YOU'RE INVITED:

# DISTRICT 4 BUDGET TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 8, 2020

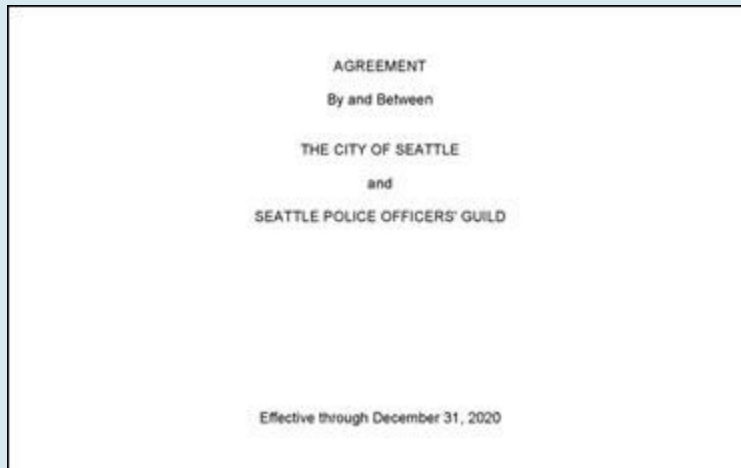
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RSVP AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS AT  
THE LINK BELOW

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



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



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

## New Police Reform Monitors Appointed by Federal Judge Robart

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

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



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

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

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

*throughout Seattle, including the adequacy of the City's preventative maintenance investments and practices.*

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

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

SDOT has agreed with almost all of the audit's conclusions and recommendations. I will continue to monitor SDOT to improve its care for our bridges and to encourage my Council colleagues to get City Hall back to the basics of our city's infrastructure.

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

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## Concerns About SDOT's New Scooter Rentals

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*Photo from SDOT blog*

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

I support improved mobility options by encouraging environmentally friendly alternatives to gas-powered, single occupancy vehicles. Ideally, electric scooters (e-scooters) would provide an alternative for some trips for some travelers. At the same time, the City government is essentially authorizing a new mode of transportation — thousands of scooters traveling within our streets and other rights of way. This is big change that warrants a careful tracking of the results.

I had been looking forward to a standard 'pilot project' on scooters that would measure results as we are seeing elsewhere in King County but, unfortunately, this SDOT legislation is not a real pilot project. The legislation transmitted by



SDOT to the City Council did not explicitly and fully address safety, financial liability, infrastructure costs, or measures for success.

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

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

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West Seattle Bridge Closure Assessment and Mitigation  
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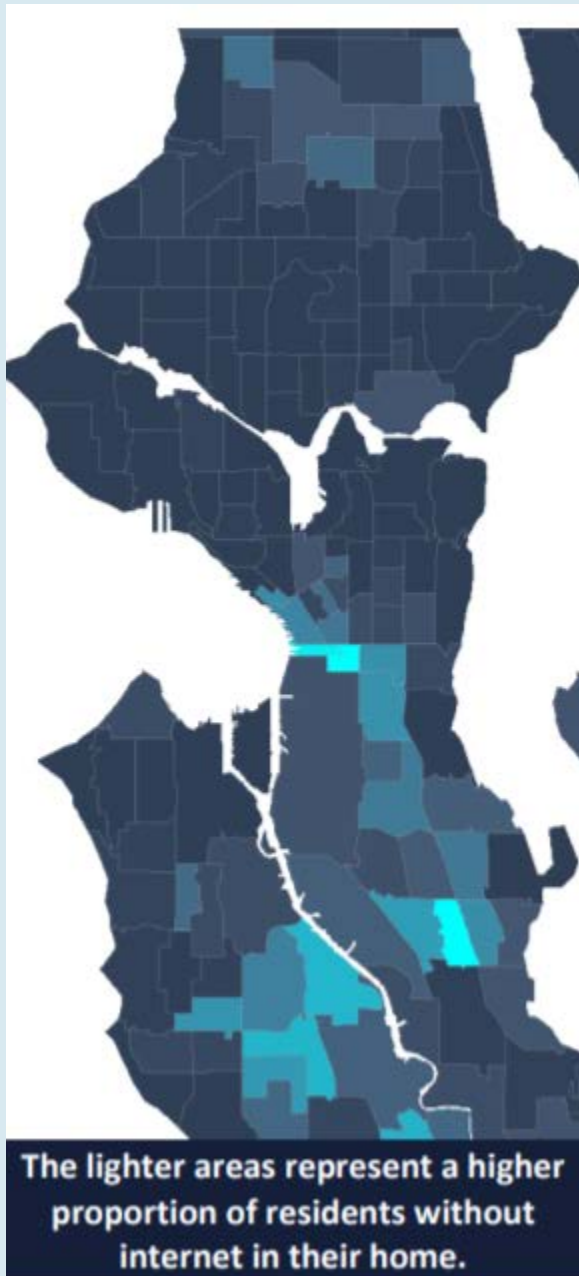


*Photo: SDOT*

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

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

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



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

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

the Council in July. It outlined a vision and requested a plan to make broadband



internet service accessible, reliable, and affordable to all residents. Increased access to the internet will increase access to key services and opportunities such as education, job training, unemployment assistance, and resources for those seeking relief during times of crisis.

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

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

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

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



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

As Chair of the Transportation & Utilities Committee, which includes Technology, I'm proud to share the news that the Seattle Channel was recently named among the best municipal television stations in the nation when it received the prestigious Overall Excellence award for government programming from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. As I hope you all know, Seattle Channel is a local, public TV station that reflects, informs and inspires the community it serves. Seattle Channel presents programs on cable television—channel 21 on Comcast (321 HD), Wave (721 HD) and 8003 on CenturyLink (8503 HD)—and via the internet to help residents connect with their city. To access Seattle Channel online, [CLICK HERE](#). Programming includes series and special features highlighting the diverse civic and cultural landscape.

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

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

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



*Photo: Seattle Parks & Recreation*

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

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

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

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

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## UPDATES ON COVID PANDEMIC AND RELIEF



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

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

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

During this time of COVID-19 impacts, our small businesses are especially impacted and yet we need them to thrive to provide jobs for our neighbors, vitality for our neighborhoods, and products and services for all of us. The Seattle Metro Chamber of Commerce, which serves as the King County Associate Development Organization, opened a new round of grant funding

Monday to ensure that \$580,000 in federal funding reaches King County small businesses and 501 (c)(6) non-profit business service organizations (e.g. neighborhood chambers of commerce and tourism bureaus).

I hope that eligible D4 businesses with 20 or fewer full-time employees apply for awards of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 through the program, called the Federal CARES Act Small Business Emergency Grant Program. The Chamber estimates that it will be able to make grants to 60-115 businesses/organizations within King County and is accepting applications through Monday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. Please view full details about business eligibility and the application form are available [HERE](#).

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

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

### **Internet Access Opportunities**

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

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

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



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

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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### **City Council Meetings on the Internet**

Listening: Even though City Council is not currently holding meetings in person in order to follow public health guidelines, you can still follow along by listening



on your computer or phone by [CLICKING HERE](#). You can also listen on your phone by calling 253-215-8782.

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

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

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

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

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

We will get through this together, Seattle.

With gratitude,



**Councilmember Alex Pedersen**

Seattle City Council, [District 4](#)

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**From:** kristal lana <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 6:58 AM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 11:55 AM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

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

This clearcut is to sell 13 townhouses.

Project:3036949-LUArea: West Seattle

Notice Date:9/24/2020

Project DescriptionLand Use Application to subdivide one development site into seven unit lots. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lotsComments may be submitted through:10/07/2020

Along with  
5232 23RD AVE SW  
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Date:9/24/2020

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 7:01 AM

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

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

**Subject:** 13 single-family residences with Accessory Dwelling Units

CAUTION: External Email

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

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

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

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

Address:719 S DIRECTOR ST

Project:3036866-LU Area: South

Notice Date:9/24/2020 Project Description:

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

Exceptional trees rule

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

David Moehring  
TreePAC member  
3444B 23rd Ave W Seattle

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

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

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

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

<Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

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

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

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

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

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

We can be so much better than this.

Thank you and kind regards,



Stuart Niven, BA (Hons)

*PanorArborist*

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Guide to save trees before it is too late:

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

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<https://donorbox.org/support-treepac-and-seattle-s-urban-forest?>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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

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**To:** Emery, Chanda <Chanda.Emery@Seattle.gov>; Humphries, Paul <Paul.Humphries@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>

**Subject:** Additional suggestion for the DR - Exceptional Tree update

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

Thank you and kind regards,

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**From:** zartsarts@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:17 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please adopt, with amendments, SDCI's Director's Rule 13-2020

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**To:** DOT\_LA <DOT\_LA@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Large street tree status and removed tree grove cleared at 1314 & 1326 YAKIMA AVE S (3033649-LU to 3033651-LU)

**CAUTION: External Email**

This looks like a complete tree clearing in an area of the City that needs trees to combat local heat islands and climate change. **Please clarify why no trees are being retained and how many street trees will be retained (see attached page 3 design).**

Also, please clarify how a LBA (Lot boundary adjustment ) is allowed on project #3033168-LU adjusting SEVEN parcels into THREE reconfigured parcels.

Address:1314 YAKIMA AVE S  
Project:3036859-LU  
Notice Date:10/5/2020

#### Project Description

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units is under Project #6687028-CN. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Comments may be submitted through:10/19/2020

<https://web8.seattle.gov/SDCI/ShapingSeattle/buildings/Details/6706682-CN>

The above five rowhouses are in front of five townhouses at address 1326 YAKIMA AVE S,  
includes projects 3033651-LU (parcel C)  
3033650-LU (parcel B)  
Project:3033649-LU (parcel A)

David Moehring  
TreePAC Member

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