

## SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Julia Michalak (Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist), Co-chair
 Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO), Co-Chair
 Elby Jones (Position #2 – Urban Ecologist - ISA) • Stuart Niven (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA)
 David Moehring (Position #8 – Development) • Blake Voorhees (Position #9 – Realtor)
 Jessica Hernandez (Position #11 – Environmental Justice) • Jessica Jones (Position #12 – Public Health)

## The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle

Draft meeting notes April 6, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Via Webex call (206) 207-1700 Meeting number: 2480 020 1397 Meeting password: 1234

In-person meeting are not being held at this time due to the pandemic. Meeting participation is limited to access by joining the meeting through a computer or telephone conference line.

#### Attending Commissioners

Josh Morris – Co-Chair Julia Michalak – Co-Chair Blake Voorhees Stuart Niven David Moehring Jessica Jones

<u>Absent- Excused</u> Elby Jones Jessica Hernandez <u>Staff</u> Patti Bakker – OSE

<u>Guests</u> Laura Keil Hao Liang Toby Thaler

<u>Public</u> Steve Zemke Michael Oxman

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**Call to order:** Julia called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement. She took roll call and introduced incoming Commissioner Hao Liang, who will be appointed to Position 6 – Landscape Architect and is awaiting confirmation by City Council. Hao offered information about himself and his interest in serving on the Commission.

### **Public comment:**

Steve Zemke – regarding the tree service provider registration bill and the noticing requirements, that is not a permit system, doesn't help gather data related to tree loss, and can give the impression that the work the tree service provide is doing is legal when that is not guaranteed to be the case. So it still remains a complaint based system where the public is required to understand the regulations and report on violations. Secondly, the draft letter on this ordinance doesn't address the issue of maximizing tree retention. This wasn't included in the bill. Without it, there is nothing to address maximizing retention during the development process.

### Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti shared two items related to recruitments:

- Laura Keil is still waiting for confirmation as the Get Engaged member, and the two appointees for Positions 4 and 6 (Hao Liang and Becca Neumann) are waiting for confirmation by Council.
- Josh, Julia and Patti conducted interviews with three candidates for Positions 2, 3 and 13 this week. The interviews went well and all three applicants are solid candidates. We will proceed with decisions on those soon and work on processing those appointments.

Julia reported that Stuart, David, Josh and she participated in a meeting with Marco Lowe, Chief Operating Officer in the Mayor's Office, who has urban forestry in his portfolio. It was an informative meeting with him and his team, learning of their priorities and perspectives. They seem open to hearing new ideas and meeting with Commissioners regularly. There is a strong priority placed on building affordable housing. As the Commission continues to try to find solutions to both trees and affordable housing, that will be important moving forward with this administration.

Josh reported that he is working to set up a meeting with some Commissioners and new OSE Director Jessyn Ferrell.

## Approval of February 24, March 2 and March 9 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 24 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 2 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 9 meeting notes as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

### Community engagement goals and actions - recap of needs

Julia and Patti provided a recap of the discussions and work this year regarding community engagement. One point of clarification is to identify what are the actions and goals for the Commission and/or Commissioners individually versus what is community engagement the urban forestry community in the city can or should do. There are great ideas that are more broad listed already by Commissioners in the initial padlet Jessica Hernandez developed, as well as more specific suggestions. As a Commission, what are the steps that can be taken and what are the things the Commission can advocate for the larger UF community doing.

Commissioners discussed slide decks that the UFC has used in the past that could be updated and shared with different communities; that can potentially be refreshed and utilized again. There could be a set of slide decks that are aimed at getting input from community as well as educating community. Introducing interactive options for engaging folks during presentations is also recommended.

The UFC will take this topic up again after more feedback is received on the goals through the survey.

### 2021 annual report final design and transmission letter

Patti shared the final design of the 2021 annual report, which was prepared with the text as approved by the UFC earlier.

# ACTION: A motion to approve the final design of the 2021 annual plan as prepared was made, seconded, and approved.

Commissioners reviewed the draft letter transmitting the annual report to the Mayor and City Council, and made edits to update the draft letter.

# ACTION: A motion to approve the transmittal letter for the annual plan as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

### 2022 Work plan

Patti shared the final draft of the work plan, as updated subsequent to the last discussion on it. With UFC concurrence, this will be the plan for the year and posted to the website. Commissioners can continue providing input on and updating it, and can revisit during the second quarter to start tracking progress. Patti walked through the updates made since the last discussion:

- The description at the bottom of the overview page was edited to reflect recent discussions on how actions are prioritized and the lenses through which UFC work is done.
- A new column was added to most of the action areas in order to track responses. There are drop-down options to note whether no response is necessary for an action, whether a response is requested, and whether it has been received.

Commissioners made edits and additions to the work plan. As new Commissioners come on board, they can sign up to work on tasks.

### Action: A motion to adopt the 2022 work plan as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

#### **Canopy cover assessment**

Patti presented on the city's canopy cover assessment work, starting with background on the 2016 assessment, the technology used and the research questions addressed, and then updating on the current assessment effort using the 2021 LiDAR data.

Questions covered included how zoning changes impact the canopy goals and how the goals were created initially. Changes that have been made in the city's zoning may impact what we see with canopy distribution (e.g., canopy cover change in areas that changed from single family to multi-family zone); the consultant team performing the analyses should take that into account.

The current timeline for this work is for the assessment to be complete by the end of June. There is an initial list of comments and questions developed by Julia related to the research questions; this topic will be on the April 20 agenda as well for Commissioners to continue to consider recommendations.

### Ordinance 120207 re: tree service provider registration

Julia provided an overview of the draft recommendation letter she provided on this ordinance. Content includes appreciation for this ordinance moving forward, some aspects the Commission believes will be important, and concerns around the duration for notice posting included in it, noting that three days is not long

enough given that burden is placed on members of the public to notice tree postings and spend the time to submit concerns and other input on them.

Commissioners discussed the letter and made edits to add to and strengthen the recommendations included.

# Action: A motion to adopt the letter regarding Ordinance 120207 as amended was made, seconded, and approved.

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### Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted it was his understanding that the posting by the tree service provider on the site didn't require them to get a permit, which is the flaw since it puts the responsibility on the public and details are not included in the notices and by the time the work is evident it's too late to do anything about it.

Michael Oxman had five points to make: 1) regarding the duties of each Commissioner, the job description gives that particular member that expertise and they should report on the work of the Commission from that perspective, 2) the canopy cover assessment requires ground truthing that wasn't funded, 3) regarding the work plan, the city budget has gone up a half a billion dollars in the last five years and the tree budget has not gone up, 4) regarding the tree czar position that is to be developed, the Commission should have that on their work plan to help develop the job description and not leave it up to staff, 5) the arborist registration bill includes fee in lieu based on tree appraisal; the city's method of tree appraisal is not flexible and doesn't jive with the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers tree appraisal method.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

**Meeting Chat:** from Stuart Niven to everyone: 2:58 PM hHi from Stuart Niven to everyone: 2:59 PM Currently finishing a call to my parents in the UK so cannot chat yet from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:03 PM Welcome Hao! from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:28 PM https://padlet.com/jessica1267/v6zzsm5a9m6qcbiw from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:28 PM ^link to padlet from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 3:29 PM Great to have you as a Commissioner, Hao! from Hao Liang to everyone: 3:30 PM Thank you all! I'm humbled and honered by this coming appointment. from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 3:31 PM Thanks Patti for the survey. I believe I completed it some time ago but do remind me know if I have not completed the survey. from Laura Keil to everyone: 3:32 PM I'm in the same boat as David - please remind me if I have in fact not completed the survey Patti! from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:03 PM Yay! from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:12 PM Key question: How do zoning changes impact these goals?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:14 PM Need to take into account in current analysis, changes in size of land use units, eg MHA legislation added some single family zone to multifamily. from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:16 PM Canopy Cover assessment requires ground-truthing with a Natural Capital Assessment from Angela Ginorio to everyone: 4:17 PM How is the 30% goal affected by current information about climate change? Should it be increased in proportion to the increased temperature? from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:17 PM Should also consider raising some goals to existing 2007 goals, to preserve current canopy in areas with higher canopy. from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:18 PM The goal for canopy cover listed in the city Comprehensive Plan is 40% from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:20 PM Timing? from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:20 PM Also should be looking at any change in canopy volume by looking at canopy cover change not just a 8 feet high but also at different heights like 20, 50 and 100 feet? from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:24 PM Canopy goals were set in 2007 when city canopy was assessed at 18% Goals are somewhat arbitrary I think. from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 4:28 PM Update the tree canopy online layer on SDCI GIS ; as currently provided https://web6.seattle.gov/DPD/Maps/dpdgis.aspx from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:29 PM What is current timeframe for release of current analysis? Will it be available in time for consideration of new tree ordinance update? from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:32 PM Thanks very much for info! from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:34 PM The UFC recommended changing the goal of a 1% increase in canopy cover per year to a "net increase in canopy cover" in 2012. from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:36 PM Portland - https://www.wweek.com/news/2022/03/17/portlands-tree-canopy-has-shrunk-over-the-pastfive-years-hitting-residential-areas-hardest/ 30.7% to 29.8% decrease over 5 years from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 4:36 PM Regarding work plan updating Quarterly, it would be good to obtain or provide the Commissioners with monthly updates to more specific action items. For example, some past UFC letters or meetings with open items: (a) UFC commission meetings hybrid; (b) UFC December letter to City Attorney; (c) Follow-up to mayor's COO guestions of March 31; etc... from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:37 PM I have a thought on implementation of registry ordinance... from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 4:40 PM

Thank you Steve, "The city didn't study why..." missed in negotiating the professional services provided by the City of Portland. We should learn from that foopa.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:41 PM

Tree work needs to be by permit and posting also on line, not just on site as people do not travel around neighborhood every 3 days.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:42 PM Agree with joint registry as good idea for SDCI and SDOT from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:44 PM The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) thanks you for adopting Council Bill 120207, from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:45 PM The UFC extends extra thanks to CMs Pedersen and Strauss for drafting and championing CB120207. from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:46 PM The UFC urges you to maintain and build on the momentum of CB 120207 by prioritizing improving SDCI's proposed tree protections code update. Please do not hesitate to use the UFC as a resource in this endeavor; you are always welcome to request a meeting with commissioners or to attend any regular UFC meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month between 3-5 p.m. from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:46 PM BTW, it's now hard to find the CB on Legistar. Here's the Ord number: Ord 126554 Signed by Mayor Harrell yesterday. from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:47 PM https://seattle.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5186907&GUID=0ADFBA84-6472-4CFE-9E9C-6E2619C11B38&Options=ID | Text | Attachments | Other | & Search= from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:47 PM Searches of CBs on Legistar get weird after they turn into ordinance. from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:51 PM Now is time to set up on line posting. Do not believe tree work being done is by permit. Issue i raised was that it needs to be a permit in order to gain tree loss data. Something Harrell believes we need - more data from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:53 PM Public Comment: 1) Each member should submit a report on annual effect on constituency. 2) Canopy Cover Survey: A) Needs Natural Capital Assessment funding restored. B)Grund-truthing is needed. 3) Wrok Plan: Budget hasn't been tabulated for ALL forestry administrative costs per year. 4) Tree Czar: Develop job description. 5) 120207: Appraosal method doesn't jive with method by Council Of Tree And Landscape Appraisers {CTLA}. Thank you! from David Moehring Pos 8 to everyone: 4:54 PM https://seattle.gov/sdci/permits/permits-we-issue-(a-z)/tree-removal from Blake Voorhees - UFC 9 to everyone: 4:55 PM http://www.seattle.gov/trees/regulations#removingtrees from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:57 PM Maybe reference SDOT permit system with posting requirement in place for 9 years

## Public input: (see next page and posted notes):

From: Erin Snow <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:58 PM To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

It's time to end the delay by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) in presenting the Seattle City Council with an updated draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. Over the last 12 years, the Seattle City Council has repeatedly asked successive Seattle Mayors and SDCI for an updated workable and effective ordinance draft to consider, and it is obvious that SDCI is not responding as requested. In its most recent 2019 Resolution 31902, the Council gave specific issues for SDCI to address.

SDCI, once again, has not responded in a timely manner with a comprehensive tree-protection ordinance update. It's been delay after delay. Please remove tree and urban forestry protection from their Department. In 2009, the Seattle City Auditor proposed transferring tree and urban-forestry oversight and authority to an independent entity that does not have a conflict of interest. The Auditor proposed that the oversight be moved to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Much has changed since 2009, and it is time to create an independent Department with authority over environment, urban forestry, and climate issues. SDCI has a conflict of interest in tree oversight – their priority mission has been to help developers build, not to protect trees. Years of inaction regarding effective oversight and protection of trees by SDCI demands that a separate, independent entity take over the city's responsibility to protect and enhance our urban forest. We propose that an Urban Forestry Division be created within a new Department of the Environment and Climate.

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people healthy. 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. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and tree equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not even replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is imperative to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed.

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 an 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 lost – 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, purchase land and set up easements.

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3. Expand current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and heritage trees 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 for 2 weeks prior to removal and all permit approvals for public viewing. Establish and maintain a city-wide database and inventory of existing trees, trees removed, and trees planted. Post on-line quarterly reports.

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. Require developers throughout the development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.

9. Require a Tree Inventory and Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any development permits being approved.

10. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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From: Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:15 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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This legislation is one of the 8 provisions in Council Resolution 31902 passed in 2019 to increase protection for Seattle's trees and urban forest. Tree Service Provider Registration is a great first step forward. It needs to be followed this summer by passage of the comprehensive update of Seattle's tree code as recommended by Council Resolution 31902 and Seattle's Urban Forest Commission. The Urban Forestry Commission has been urging Council action to update the code since it was created in 2009. The Urban Forestry Commission has produced numerous recommended updates and in 2019 produced a draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Please take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Your support and vote is appreciated.

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From: Thomas L Wettengel <tvwettengel@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:05 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Lisa Mazzola <lmazzola@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:06 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Timothy Colman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Jen Blume <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Dear council members,

Once a large tree is cut down, it's gone forever...it takes many decades to grow these beautiful natural resources again that provide so much value to our communities. Let's think carefully and thoughtfully about how we manage our development. These trees are what makes Seattle so unique and livable. Generations to come will thank us for it!

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From: Karena Danenberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:43 AM
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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:52 AM
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From: Diane McCutcheon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:59 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kira Baum <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:06 AM
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From: Linda Lewis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:09 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Victoria King <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:10 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mary Gwinn <mgwinn@bookcritics.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:31 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kanti Selig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:38 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mikela Naylor <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Rose Yu <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:39 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Iona Stenhouse <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:46 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Shaun Vinyard <svin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:54 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Betsy Snyder <bjsnyder11@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:55 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Diann Durbin <diann.durbin@comcast.net>
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From: Sheryl Ramstad <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Sheryl Ramstad sramstad@gmail.com 10739 Fremont Ave N Seattle, Washington 98133

From: Rebecca Collias <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:14 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kelly Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:15 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Judith Hance <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:17 AM

### To: Bakker, Patricia < Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

### Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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And now I urge you to protect trees on private property. Too many have disappeared already in my own neighborhood,

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From: John McNulty <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:19 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:29 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Noushin Safaie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Nancy Penrose <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:48 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Help Seattle truly be the Emerald City! It is waaaay past time to strengthen tree regulations in Seattle. City government--Mayor, Council, SDCI-- have not doing their jobs to make that happen. Now, as an important step in the right direction, please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. Additionally, as tree care work can be hazardous, it is important that the contractors carry adequate insurance and have workers compensation for their workers.

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From: Carolyn Rodenberg <carolynrodenberg@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:54 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Christine Cave <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: valentina warner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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valentina warner valentinawarner@gmail.com 3273 MCclintock ave S seattle, Washington 98144 From: Polly Freeman <polly\_freeman@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:16 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please protect trees by passing Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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Please take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Trees keep our city green and help fight climate change.

Polly Freeman polly\_freeman@msn.com 201 NW 60th Seattle, Washington 98107

From: Christy Avery <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Albin Morneault <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Camille Sheppard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:28 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Joe Olson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:30 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Joe Olson joeyoeyo@gmail.com 7021 6th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Beth Brunton <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Roberta DeVore <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:43 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Patricia Cannon <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Patricia Cannon pattycannon@gmail.com 8160 21 ave ne Seattle, Washington 98115 From: Judith and Arnold Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kristin Tregillus <ktregillus@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Nancy Simsons <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Nancy Simsons njsimsons@gmail.com 1709 North 82nd St. Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Mara Macdonald <mara@biggerfish.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:53 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Stephen Merlino <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:54 AM
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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Cara Sandahl <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:09 AM

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From: Dean Drugge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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I volunteer with/for the Seattle Parks and Green Seattle Partnership in restoring sections of our public parks to natural vegetation. We need to restore our parks, and also protect and regulate our tree canopy in the city overall.

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From: Laura Drake <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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It's time to end the delay by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) on presenting the Seattle City Council with an updated draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. Over the last 12 years, the Seattle City Council has repeatedly asked successive Seattle Mayors and SDCI for an updated workable and effective ordinance draft to consider and it is obvious SDCI is not responding as requested. In its most recent 2019 Resolution 31902, the Council gave specific issues for SDCI to address.

SDCI, once again, has not responded in a timely manner with a comprehensive tree protection ordinance update. It's been delay after delay. Please remove tree and urban forestry protection from their Department. In 2009 the Seattle City Auditor proposed transferring tree and urban forestry oversight and authority to an independent entity that does not have a conflict of interest. The Auditor proposed oversight be moved to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Much has changed since 2009 and it is time to create an independent Department with authority over environment, urban forestry, and climate issues. SDCI has a conflict of interest in tree oversight – their priority mission has been to help developers build, not protect trees. Years of inaction on effective oversight and protection of trees by SDCI demands that a separate independent entity take over the city's responsibility to protect and enhance our urban forest. We propose that an Urban Forestry Division be created within a new Department of the Environment and Climate.

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

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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 an updated tree ordinance:

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2. Require the replacement of all Significant Trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume lost – 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, purchase land and set up easements.

3. Expand current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and heritage trees 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.

Post online all permit requests for 2 weeks prior to removal and all permit approvals for public viewing.
 Establish and maintain a city-wide database and inventory of existing trees, trees removed, and trees planted. Post on-line quarterly reports.

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. Require developers throughout the development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.

9. Require a Tree Inventory and Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any development permits being approved.

10. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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From: Colleen McAleer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Laurelhurst Community Club urges the city of Seattle to update its Tree Protection Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Laurelhurst Community Club strongly supports the CB 120207 and the resolution below by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

This is an important and tangible step to protect the City's significant and heritage trees from being removed by unqualified tree service providers who previously claimed "they do not know the regulations". Now, this bill will require them to be educated about tree preservation regulations, and perform tree work. The tree business days notice also ensures a level of transparency for impacted adjacencies.

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;

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

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Mayor to sign and enforce, the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission's June 14, 2019 draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance.

Resolution adopted by Laurelhurst Community Club, Colleen McAleer, President

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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Hannah Lemberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Dylan OHearn <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:56 AM

## **To:** Bakker, Patricia < Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:09 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia < Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

It's time to end the delay by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) on presenting the Seattle City Council with an updated draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. Over the last 12 years, the Seattle City Council has repeatedly asked successive Seattle Mayors and SDCI for an updated workable and effective ordinance draft to consider and it is obvious SDCI is not responding as requested. In its most recent 2019 Resolution 31902, the Council gave specific issues for SDCI to address.

SDCI, once again, has not responded in a timely manner with a comprehensive tree protection ordinance update. It's been delay after delay. Please remove tree and urban forestry protection from their Department. In 2009 the Seattle City Auditor proposed transferring tree and urban forestry oversight and authority to an independent entity that does not have a conflict of interest. The Auditor proposed oversight be moved to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Much has changed since 2009 and it is time to create an independent Department with authority over environment, urban forestry, and climate issues. SDCI has a conflict of interest in tree oversight – their priority mission has been to help developers build, not protect trees. Years of inaction on effective oversight and protection of trees by SDCI demands that a separate independent entity take over the city's responsibility to protect and enhance our urban forest. We propose that an Urban Forestry Division be created within a new Department of the Environment and Climate.

Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people healthy. 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. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and tree equity.

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

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 an updated tree ordinance:

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Establish and maintain a city-wide database and inventory of existing trees, trees removed, and trees planted. Post on-line quarterly reports.

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9. Require a Tree Inventory and Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any development permits being approved.

10. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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# Dear council members

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Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Dear Councilmembers, I worked for two solid years trying to help save our trees in Seattle. I've lived and worked in the Seattle area for 35 years and continue to work here. But the housing market and situation has been unaffordable and unlivable for a single person to own a home or even rent. I had to move out of the Seattle area to find a livable place to rent.

Most rentals in Seattle now have no trees left-- it's remarkably sad how the city continues to remove not only mature trees and green spaces but are not replacing the trees that are removed.

This bill is a start-- there has been so many illegal cuttings of trees and groves of trees in the city. Protecting our trees and green spaces make a city not only livable but quieter and beautiful.

Please do something to make our city livable. Developers and big businesses have run this town into a cement hotbox and seem to make the rules for our environment and our future.

Without trees we can't breathe, the planet gets hotter, and the soil becomes depleted and people lose connection to the natural world.

Thanks for your help in this matter. Sincerely, Annie Thoe

Annie Thoe anniethoe@gmail.com 4490 Glendale Rd Clinton, Washington 98236

# From: andrea Faste <amfaste@comcast.net> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:20 AM To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov> Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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andrea Faste amfaste@comcast.net 7713 11th Av NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Joan Miller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Shawn Dotter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Shawn Dotter shawndotter@hotmail.com 7019 NE 170th St Kenmore, Washington 98028

From: Heather Hughes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:31 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Heather Hughes heatherleedenny@hotmail.com 2134 40th Ave E Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Nancy Hannah <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Nancy Hannah nancyhannah75@gmail.com 7526 27th Ave. NE Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Mary Fournier <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Mary Fournier mrose.fournier@gmail.com 200 NW 110TH ST Seattle, Washington 98177

From: Rachel Pearson <rpse@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:37 AM
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From: Sylvia Schweinberger <stewart0549@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:43 AM
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Sylvia Schweinberger stewart0549@msn.com 7710 22nd Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Joan Lawson <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:46 AM

## **To:** Bakker, Patricia < Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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Joan Lawson joanvlawson@gmail.com 900 Universty St, 9A Seattle, Washington 98101

From: Moty Moty <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Barbara Broderick <maggieb180@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Barbara Broderick maggieb180@comcast.net 3911 NE 82nd Street Seattle, Washington 98115

From: colin wright <colinmsn@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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colin wright <u>colinmsn@msn.com</u> 1402 N. 135th Place Seattle, Washington 98133

From: Ginger Warfield <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Ginger Warfield <u>vwarfield@mac.com</u> 10353 Lake Shore Blvd. NE Seattle, Washington 98125-8160

From: Kari Olson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

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Dear Seattle City Council Member's and City Seattle Mayor:

Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers who do tree work in Seattle. Seattle's ordinance long overdue update is needed and necessary to curb not only illegal tree cutting and removal but also to endure that those who are doing tree work in the city do so according to rules and regulations set forth. And to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree codes and these regulations! Additionally, tree care and work can be very dangerous and hazardous, it is vitally important contractors

prove and carry adequate insurance, bonding and licensing requirements and show that they are covering all aspects of compensation for their workers.

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And thank you for all the work your doing to help us help protect and preserve Seattle's Emerald City!!!

Kari Olson <u>the4hrgardener@outlook.com</u> 1911 E Eaton Pl Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Brett Llewellyn <brettdl420@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Brett Llewellyn <u>brettdl420@msn.com</u> 6813 19th ne seattle, Washington 98115

From: Kathy Capalener <capalener@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Kathy Capalener <u>capalener@comcast.net</u> 2207 N 80th St Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Melanie Kay Moser <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:10 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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## Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

My neighborhood is being butchered and trees removed anytime a lot is raised. It seems that these lots don't have trees to begin with, since most of the ones I see being raised, are void of trees. That can't be the case every time.

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Melanie Kay Moser <u>melaniekay@me.com</u> 5719, NE 65th Street Seattle, Washington 98115-7823 From: Holly Girouard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Holly Girouard <u>museinc1@aol.com</u> 13535 36th Ave NE Seattle , Washington 98125

From: Mary Phipps <maryjphipps@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Mary Phipps maryjphipps@earthlink.net 7315 20th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98115 From: Sara Burgess <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:20 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Sara Burgess saraburgess1@gmail.com 333 34th Ave E Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Terry Nightingale <tnight@pobox.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Katie Leonetti <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Katie Leonetti <u>criskatie@gmail.com</u> 8353 Beacon Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Carolyn Sperry <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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I've lived on Capitol Hill since 1969. Sadly, I have on occasion seen beautiful, olf shade giving and pleasure

giving trees hacked down. And while many trimmers have done excellent work maintaining

and helping restore the health of "injured" trees, some have not. I urge to support Resolution 31902.

Carolyn Sperry <u>cwsperry@hotmail.com</u> 1416. E. Aloha St. Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Pamela A Okano <pokano@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:35 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Pamela A Okano pokano@comcast.net 2211 NE 54th Apt 2D Seattle, Washington 98105

From: Matthew Jeffcott <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Matthew Jeffcott mattjeffcott@gmail.com 1053 NE 102ND St., Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Clayton Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:37 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Clayton Smith <u>claytn8@gmail.com</u> 4328 s holden st Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Marian Wineman <mwineman@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Strongly urge you to pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Marian Wineman <u>mwineman@comcast.net</u> 3611 45th Ave W Seattle, Washington 98199

From: Barbara O'Steen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Barbara O'Steen <u>barbarajosteen@yahoo.com</u> 4364 SW Cloverdale St Seattle, Washington 98136

From: Marshall Bender <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:49 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Marshall Bender <u>marshallvbender@gmail.com</u> 5216 11TH AVE NE #B SEATTLE, Washington 98105

From: Penny Griffen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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We need to protect our trees instead of letting them be clear cut by greedy developers without regard to the worth and health benefits they provide. Thanks

Penny Griffen pvgriffen@gmail.com 8044 10th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Susan Helf <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Susan Helf <u>shelf30@gmail.com</u> 8501 12th Ave. NW, Apt. 208 Seattle, WA , Washington 98117

From: Donna Leonetti <leonetti@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

We love our trees and have strived to save those on our property for many years, since 1951. We have 10 impressive trees of 40 to 60 feet in height and don't mind the leaves in the fall as they protect our air.

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Donna Leonetti <u>leonetti@uw.edu</u> 8361 Beacon Ave S Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Vera Stirling <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Vera Stirling <u>stir\_ver@hotmail.com</u> 8410 24th Ave SW Seattle, Washington 98106

From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:28 PM
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Kjersten Gmeiner gmeiner.k@gmail.com 12051 14th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Michelle Jacobsen <u>michellecja@gmail.com</u> 2006 Boyer Ave E Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Robert Blumenthal <rblument@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Robert Blumenthal <u>rblument@comcast.net</u> 2812 NE 62nd St. Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Richard Lee <ricklee1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Richard Lee <u>ricklee1@comcast.net</u> 5210 37th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98105 From: Mary Cooke <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Judi Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SupportCouncil bill 120207 re: Tree Service Providers

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Your support and vote is appreciated.

Judi Jones jjinseattle@me.com 4616 25th Ave NE #484 Seattle, Washington 98105

From: Carolyn Crockett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Thank you, Carolyn Crockett

Carolyn Crockett <u>ccrockett@mac.com</u> 13034 1st Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125-3005

From: Constance Hutchison <hutchisoncb9@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:25 PM
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From: Deirdre curle <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Mary Ellen Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Laura Schaack <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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I don't know if this bill will stop the sometimes flagrant violations of our Urban Forest or GreenSpace statutes. During the 44 years I've lived in Seattle reports of wealthy (one a judge!!!) landowners who mowed down trees on city or other privately held property, for their "view." West Seattle had a large stand destroyed a few years ago by a conspiracy of neighbors.

These violations continue to occur because perpetrators know they can get away with it-only a fine, at best.

Their reprehensible uncivic behavior reflects the attitude of "anything goes"-- if the City gets a cut; either by fines or MHA, where developers pay into an "affordable housing fund" in order for their tree-killing and ugly market rate projects destroy this city.

Take a stand for preserving what's left. Pass a bill with teeth, take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Your support and vote is appreciated. Sincerely,

Laura Schaack

Laura Schaack <u>I\_builder@yahoo.com</u> 2014 Terry Avenue, Apt 43 Seattle WA , Washington 98121-2721

From: Rachel LaRoche <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:38 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

I have lived in Seattle for 67 years, all my life. The greenery is why I stay. Cutting down our Urban Forests would be like blowing up Mount Rainier. Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. Additionally, as tree care work can be hazardous, it is important that the contractors carry adequate insurance and have workers compensation for their workers.

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From: Gilbert Ward <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Alice Kuder <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Michelle Pavcovich <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Sarah Beth Miller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

I have lived in the Leschi neighborhood for more than 30 years. I retired three years ago and since them I have spent countless hours pursuing my favorite activity, walking the streets of Seattle. As I walk and observe, it's hard to miss new construction of multi-housing units sprouting up throughout the city. These units are designed for urban density, with nearly all of the space on the lot dedicated to increasing the interior square-footage of the housing. But this increased density has squeezed out any place left for the growth of vegetation, especially trees. Now with increased urban temperatures brought on by climate change, we need urban trees more than ever before! A city's urban tree canopy has numerous benefits, including reducing summer peak temperatures and air pollution, enhancing property values, providing wildlife habitat, providing aesthetic benefits, and improving social ties among neighbors. A robust tree canopy can also attract businesses and residents.

It's past time to end the delay by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) on presenting the Seattle City Council with an updated draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance. Over the last 12 years, the Seattle City Council has repeatedly asked successive Seattle Mayors and SDCI for an updated workable and effective ordinance draft to consider and it is obvious SDCI is not responding as requested. In its most recent 2019 Resolution 31902, the Council gave specific issues for SDCI to address.

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Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people healthy. 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. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and tree equity.

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

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 an updated tree ordinance:

 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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 Expand current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and heritage trees 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 for 2 weeks prior to removal and all permit approvals for public viewing. Establish and maintain a city-wide database and inventory of existing trees, trees removed, and trees planted. Post on-line quarterly reports.

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. Require developers throughout the development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.

9. Require a Tree Inventory and Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any development permits being approved.

10. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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From: Melinda Mueller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: MAUREEN JACKSON <maureenj@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:19 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people healthy. 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. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and tree equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed and not even replaced. It is urgent to act now to stop this continued loss of

existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed.

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 an updated tree ordinance:

 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.
 Require the replacement of all Significant Trees removed with trees that in 25 years will reach equivalent canopy volume lost – 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, purchase land and set up easements.

3. Expand current protections for Exceptional Trees and reduce the upper threshold for Exceptional Trees to 24" DBH, protect tree groves and heritage trees 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 for 2 weeks prior to removal and all permit approvals for public viewing. Establish and maintain a city-wide database and inventory of existing trees, trees removed, and trees planted. Post on-line quarterly reports.

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. Require developers throughout the development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.

9. Require a Tree Inventory and Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any development permits being approved.

10. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance.

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From: Shambhavi Taylor <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Shambhavi Taylor om.shambhavi@gmail.com 10742 Lakeside Ave. NE Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Peter Sanderson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Peter Sanderson peter.sanderson.seattle@gmail.com 1128 24th Ave S Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Seema Ardakan <SDARDAKAN@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:33 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Seema Ardakan <u>SDARDAKAN@GMAIL.COM</u> 14200 Linden Ave N, Apt 206A SEATTLE, Washington 98133

From: virginia reilly <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:38 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Bruce Sarvis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Bruce Sarvis brucesarvis@hotmail.com 4009 Northeast 115th Street Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Kathy Thomas <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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I live near Windermere neighborhood and have watched three separate neighbors remove tree after tree after tree in the past three years to accommodate new buildings. It is staggering to witness. The lot behind me and the one next door used to be surrounded in trees and all of them were removed.

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Kathy Thomas beachstock65@yahoo.com 5618 NE 60th St Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Joan Davis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Joan Davis joandavis3@gmail.com 6720 E Green Lake Way N Seattle, Washington 98103

From: DR JOhn Clark <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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I am a mental health psychologist , spcializing in family issues ;: Studies establish that there is 30-40% overlay of mental health issues ...when living w/out a green-leaf setting near the home. (unconscious fear and insecurity )

Please regulate trees and their dsructin Dr John Clark Wedgewood , Seattle

DR JOhn Clark woundedhealer2240@outlook.com #414, 8606 35th av. NE saettle,wa, Washington 98115

From: Deborah Davis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Deborah Davis davis122@gmail.com 7715 First Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Lisa Clark <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Lisa Clark <u>lisaclarklisaclark@gmail.com</u> 1900 E Fir St Seattle, Washington 98122

From: Carol Nelson <cjnspinel@seanet.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:01 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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As a member of an HOA, we have had experience with both highly skilled care providers and ones that are not. Good tree care provides for the long term health of the trees and provide much needed shade and habitat, especially important in neighborhoods that are become so much more dense in population.

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Carol Nelson <u>cjnspinel@seanet.com</u> 2801 NE 130th St. F101 Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Jayn Foy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Jayn Foy jaynfoy@gmail.com 3302 S. Charles St. Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Vivian Korneliussen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:33 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Please take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Your support and vote is appreciated.

Vivian Korneliussen <u>qagrizzly72@yahoo.com</u> 917 N 178th St Shoreline , Washington 98133

From: Tonya Stiffler <tstiffler@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 5:41 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Tonya Stiffler <u>tstiffler@comcast.net</u> 18051 Sunnyside Ave No Shoreline, Washington 98133

From: Jayn Foy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:01 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Jayn Foy jaynfoy@gmail.com 3302 S. Charles St. Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Irene Svete <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:11 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

Over the past few years, I have seen and read about some egregious tree cutting around the city. Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle.

This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. The ordinance will also better protect those doing this often hazardous work by requiring the contractors carry adequate insurance and have workers compensation for their workers.

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Please take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Your support and vote is appreciated.

Irene Svete varina8@hotmail.com 308 E Republican St. #803 Seattle , Washington 98102

From: Michael Cvitkovic <cvit4@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:23 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Michael Cvitkovic <u>cvit4@msn.com</u> 1422 N 46th St Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Bonnie Bledsoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

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We love our trees!! Please protect them! They are essential for a livable, beautiful and enjoyable city, aside from providing cooling shade and cleaning the air.

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Bonnie Bledsoe <u>bonnielynnseattle@gmail.com</u> 11010 28th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Ericka Berg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:49 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Ericka Berg ericka98115@gmail.com 14035 Burke Ave N Seattle, Washington 98133

From: Elizabeth Marx <lizmarx@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 6:53 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Elizabeth Marx <u>lizmarx@comcast.net</u> 811 32nd Ave S Seattle, Washington 98144-3240

From: Lucy Flanagan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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My goodness there are a lot of gypsies out there hyping their work to residents and making quick bucks because most people dont know how to care for trees. They are flimflam artists (and the tree maintenance business is not profession scamming in this way in Seattle. Where is tge Department of Licensing when you need them?). The rampant evidence of these tree bandits remains a shameful monument for ever more. Tge only cure is to cut the trees down altogether, and the owners may never realize theyve been had. It's sad this happens so much to intelligent, conscientious people who only want to do right by their trees. Citizens are paying a lot of money to have the centerpieces of their landscaping destroyed. Drive around the neighborhoods and see. Check out plantamnesty.org. This must be stopped!

Youre not endorcing your tree codes youve already got. People illegally cut down trees and there are no consequenes.

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Lucy Flanagan Iflanaganski@gmail.com 12030 4th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98177

From: Vivian Korneliussen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:04 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Vivian Korneliussen <u>qagrizzly72@yahoo.com</u> 917 N 178th St Shoreline, Washington 98133

From: Patricia Scott <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:06 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Patricia Scott pascott888@gmail.com 2020 NE 89th St Apt 104 Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Lisa Puteska <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:24 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Lisa Puteska <u>lisagailp@yahoo.com</u> 4012 12th Ave S Seattle, Washington 98108

From: Marianna Clark <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:37 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Marianna Clark mclarksea@yahoo.com 2116 2nd Ave West Seattle, Washington 98119

From: Norah Scully <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:00 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

Trees are so important to the health and happiness of members of the community. Unfortunately, we are losing a lot of trees to illegal cutting. Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. Additionally, as tree care work can be hazardous, it is important that the contractors carry adequate insurance and have workers compensation for their workers.

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Norah Scully scullynorah@gmail.com 1414 NW 62nd St. Seattle, Washington 98107

From: Judy Akalaitis <judy@akalaitis.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:07 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Judy Akalaitis judy@akalaitis.net 3116 NE 84th St. Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Sharon Victor <victorssusa@aim.com> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:15 PM

# **To:** Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov> **Subject:** Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Protecting trees in Seattle is important for better, cleaner air, a more beautiful city, and limiting Greenhouse Gases. Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. Additionally, as tree care work can be hazardous, it is important that the contractors carry adequate insurance and have workers compensation for their workers.

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Please take this first step in implementing Council Resolution 31902. Your support and vote is needed to limit Global Warming. Thank you.

Sharon Victor victorssusa@aim.com 7027 22nd Avenue Nw Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Paul Willumson <pwconstruction@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Gordon Philip Baldwin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:56 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Gordon Philip Baldwin <u>malatestamaquis@gmail.com</u> 2414 E Pine St Seattle, Washington 98122

From: Gordon Dass Adams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:57 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Second Letter: Urgent to launch tree protection

## **CAUTION: External Email**

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Is SDCI conspiring to support tree-destroying development practices? Registering arborists is a small start on breaking the logjam. Dass Adams. District 4 Wedgwood

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Gordon Dass Adams gordondass@yahoo.com PO BOX 15268 Seattle, Washington 98115-0268

From: Carol Furry <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:02 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Tree Service Providers

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Seattle must look at each tree as essential to forestalling global warming. We need trees to keep cool and to assist in cleaning the air.

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Carol Furry <u>carolfurry@gmail.com</u> 8003 Samd Point Way NE, B24 Seattle, Washington 98115

From: June BlueSpruce <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:32 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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June BlueSpruce <u>Jbluespruce@gmail.com</u> 5008 44th Ave S Seattle, Washington 98118-2308

From: Kathleen Gylland <kgylland@netzero.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:36 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Kathleen Gylland kgylland@netzero.net 11055 20th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Laurie Greig <dr.lauriegreig@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:42 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Laurie Greig dr.lauriegreig@comcast.net 3107 S DEARBORN ST Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Mona Lee <mona\_lee@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 9:54 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Mona Lee <u>mona\_lee@centurylink.net</u> 4802 S Othello St. Seattle, Washington 98118

From: Gayle Janzen <cgjanzen@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:05 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: I Urge You to Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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It's important that you pass Council Resolution 31902 as a first step towards updating Seattle's lax tree codes. The trees and I thank you for your support and vote. Politicians claim to want to curb climate chaos, yet too often it is just empty words. The time for meaningful action is NOW!

Gayle Janzen <u>cgjanzen@comcast.net</u> 11232 Dayton Ave N Seattle, Washington 98133 From: Lee Harrison-Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:24 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Lee Harrison-Smith redmushroom@gmail.com 11328 38th Ave NE Seattle , Washington 98125

From: Sharon LeVine <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:54 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Sharon LeVine <u>sweetumsseattle@yahoo.com</u> 2819 4th Ave. West Seattle, Washington 98119

From: Cynthia Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:55 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Cynthia Johnson britdanhuj@aol.com 5105 1st Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98107

From: Ben Wildman <ben.wildman@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:55 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Ben Wildman <u>ben.wildman@comcast.net</u> 2024 Franklin Ave East, Apt 3 Seattle, Washington 98102 From: Kathy Colombo <kcolombo@lwsd.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:40 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Kathy Colombo kcolombo@lwsd.org 3820 Cheasty Blvd S Seattle, Washington 98108

From: William Gould Gould <willwrite@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:11 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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William Gould Gould willwrite@msn.com 3527 46th Ave NE SEATTLE, Washington 98105-5324

From: Susan Seniuk <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:34 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Susan Seniuk straw2gold@yahoo.com 11327 20th Avenue Northeast Seattle, Washington 98125 From: Ellen Hale <us\_chickens@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:13 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Elly Hale

Ellen Hale us\_chickens@earthlink.net

13740 19th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Kathleen Kerkof <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Kathleen Kerkof <u>katkerkof@hotmail.com</u> 2235 NW 64th St SEATTLE, 98107, Washington 98107

From: Kate McLaughlin <LunaRoger@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 5:54 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Kate McLaughlin <u>LunaRoger@comcast.net</u> 14701 DAYTON AVE N SHORELINE, Washington 98133

From: John Dimarchi <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 5:55 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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John Dimarchi <u>coregeoscience@gmail.com</u> 5319 NE 62nd St Seattle , Washington 98115

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John Dimarchi <u>coregeoscience@gmail.com</u> 5319 NE 62nd St Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Mary Creech <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Mary Creech mccreech@gmail.com 827 32nd Ave., South Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Debbi Thiessen <dlthiessen@seattleschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:14 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

I have witnessed the recklessness and clearcutting that happens by contractors in my neighborhood. At this critical time of climate change in our world, please protect Seattle's tree canopy.

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Debbi Thiessen dlthiessen@seattleschools.org 11330 20th Ave NE Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Thomas Kelly <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:37 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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Thomas Kelly <u>tpaulkelly@hotmail.com</u> 6053 53rd Avenue NE Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Frances Parson <pollyandbill@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:40 AM
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Frances Parson pollyandbill@comcast.net 6551 NE Windermere Rd Seatte, Washington 98105

From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

#### **CAUTION: External Email**

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Dear Council Members:

This vote is really important. Our city needs your "YES" vote to protect our trees and to ensure the valuable contributions that trees provide for us.

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Thank you for safeguarding our trees. Sincerely, Judith Leshner 2568 10th Ave. W.

Judith Leshner jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net 2568 10th Ave W Seattle, Washington 98119-2267

From: Liz Kennedy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Liz Kennedy lizkennedy.444@gmail.com 9856 63rd Ave S Seattle , Washington 98118

From: hope rice <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:48 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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hope rice <u>ricehm1@gmail.com</u> 3212 S Norman Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Lynn Fitz-Hugh <lynn.fitzhugh@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Lynn Fitz-Hugh <u>lynn.fitzhugh@earthlink.net</u> 12341 - 35th Ave NE #305 Seattle, Washington 98125

From: Rein Attemann <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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Rein Attemann <u>reinattemann@yahoo.com</u> 316 NW 86th St Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Tim Damkoehler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Tim Damkoehler <u>masterpeace\_ent@hotmail.com</u> 13219 4Th Av NW Seattle, Washington 98177

From: Patricia Murphy <murphy.patricia@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:04 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Patricia Murphy <u>murphy.patricia@live.com</u> 8835 Burke Ave N Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Ann Prezyna <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. This ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal in the city and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations. I have lived in Seattle since 1986 and am dismayed at the loss of trees in the city, including in my neighborhood in Eastlake. I support the benefits that large and many trees provide as wildlife habitat, a natural means to reduce air and noise pollution and cool too warm temperatures, and an asset that improves overall human wellbeing.

I strongly urge you to increase protection for our trees and urban forest. Requiring Tree Service Provider Registration should be followed this summer by passage of a comprehensive update of Seattle's tree code as recommended by Council Resolution 31902 and Seattle's Urban Forest Commission. The Urban Forestry Commission has produced numerous recommended updates and in 2019 produced a draft Tree and Urban Forest Protection Ordinance to use as a guide for your efforts.

Thank you for taking this important step to protect our natural environment.

Ann Prezyna houseboata@gmail.com 2031 Fairview Ave E Apt A Seattle, Washington 98102-3571

From: John Reese </ireese@riseup.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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John Reese jreese@riseup.net 8335 11th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Jane Cunningham <janecunningham@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Jane Cunningham janecunningham@comcast.net 3200 S. Norman St. Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Oliver Girouard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:37 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Oliver Girouard spamshazamm@gmail.com 13535 36th Ave NE Seatle, Washington 98125

From: Erika Langley <erika@drizzle.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Erika Langley <u>erika@drizzle.com</u> 1708 Nipsic Avenue Bremerton, Washington 98310

From: Daniel Smith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

## **CAUTION: External Email**

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Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers doing tree work in Seattle. As a longtime inner city resident, I believe this ordinance update is needed to help stop illegal tree removal and to ensure that Tree Care Providers are knowledgeable of the existing tree code and regulations.

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Thank you, Daniel R Smith

Daniel Smith <u>command z design@hotmail.com</u> 1123 25th Ave Seattle, Washington 98122

From: Kathleen Veit <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:34 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Kathleen Veit veit.kathleen@yahoo.com 5310 2nd Ave NW Seattle , Washington 98107

From: Ruby Madden <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 7:37 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Ruby Madden rubyjamesmadden@gmail.com 7541 18th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Doane Rising <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:40 PM

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Doane Rising doane.rising@gmail.com 1231 17th Ave East Seattle, Washington 98112

From: Meridee Kortan <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:28 PM

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Meridee Kortan <u>merideekortan@gmail.com</u> 3787 Sinclair Dr Ferndale, Washington 98248

From: Rebecca Watson <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:29 PM

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Rebecca Watson <u>rebecca.watson@gmail.com</u> 3932 SW Elmgrove Seattle, Washington 98136-2327

From: Woodrow Thompson <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:45 PM

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Woodrow Thompson tomwc44@hotmail.com 11527 25th ave n.e. seattle, wa, Washington 981245

From: Ann Downer <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:55 AM

# **To:** Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov> **Subject:** Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Stuart Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:35 PM

# **To:** Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov> **Subject:** Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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From: Sandy Shettler <sshettler@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 4:16 PM

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>Cc: Treepac <Treepac@groups.outlook.com>Subject: 1421 Harvard -- Tree removals for UFC records

# **CAUTION: External Email**

Hi Patti,

A grove of big leaf maples and a large red oak are being removed next week at 1421 Harvard Ave, project 3034049-LU. I went to the site today.

The big leaf maples are nearly 100 percent leafed out although the arborist report states they are dead or dying, and the trunks appear to be completely intact without injury although the arborist report states they have evident basal wounds and decay. I counted 25 trees leafed out with DBH 8" or larger (more than the arborist report notes), and 4 small dead saplings in the grove.

The northern red oak has a DBH of 29.6" and is against the sidewalk; SDOT wanted this tree saved given its location at the lot line and good health per arborist report, as noted by Cindy Kozak at SDOT:

"I would say the large one in the Right of Way is in good shape for a street tree and we tried to save it, but we don't have authority over private property and the approved building construction will remove half of the canopy and the roots making it a hazard tree."

The replacement plan trees are all small scale, non-natives: parrotia, styrax japonica, magnolia stellata planted very close together in an interior courtyard.

Thank you for making a record of it.

Sandy Shettler





Sent from my iPhone

From: Mary Keeler <mkeeler@uw.edu>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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Mary Keeler <u>mkeeler@uw.edu</u> 1102 NW 83rd Street Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Angela Fava <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 6:04 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Rose James <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 2, 2022 7:24 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Rose James <u>3rajames@gmail.com</u> PO Box 1546 Bellingham , Washington 98227

From: Melody Gowen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:11 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Melody Gowen <u>mhgowen@gmail.com</u> 8327 14th Ave NW Seattle, Washington 98117

From: Mark Banks <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:45 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Sarah McCoy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please pass Council bill 120207 to require registration of Tree Service Providers

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