**Resolution to Preserve City of Shoreline Street Trees in Every Precinct**

Dear Shoreline City Council,

The Executive Board of the 32nd District Democrats met, Wednesday, August 16, to discuss the importance of the City of Shoreline finding alternates to removing trees when repairing sidewalks damaged by tree roots lifting concrete. We then passed: "Resolution to Preserve City of Shoreline Street Trees in Every Precinct."

We appreciate that over the past few years the City Council has strongly advocated for policies to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change. However, the recent work to repair and build sidewalks has resulted in tree removal, making devastating reductions of the tree canopies on local street corridors. Lack of shade exacerbates the Heat Island Effect that Shoreline is experiencing in heat waves.

We understand there is an effort reconsider the scope of work on NE 155th for sidewalk remediation, especially in the buffer of Thornton Creek, to try to save as many trees as possible. We are sending this resolution to you to encourage that effort.

We, at the 32nd District Democrats, would appreciate a report about how you will save our precious tree canopy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
32nd District Democrats Executive Board

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**Whereas** the City of Shoreline and other nearby jurisdictions have thousands of beautiful, huge street trees on many thoroughfares, and

**Whereas** the City of Shoreline has stated its support for Climate Justice many times, and

**Whereas** in this summer season the “Heat Island Effect” is worsening because of climate change and endangering residents, their pets, and local wildlife health, and

**Whereas** the City is also pursuing a policy of cutting big street trees to rebuild sidewalks for access to Light Rail, and for disability access, and

**Whereas** many trees could be preserved with well-known sidewalk alternative solutions, and

**Whereas** those trees provide vital shade, clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat and stormwater protections, especially on the NE 155th Street corridor, which crosses over a Critical Area at Thornton Creek, and

**Whereas** many citizen tree activists from nearby cities are actively trying to protect these big trees like “Luma the Cedar”, and

**Therefore** **Be It Resolved** that the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board request the City of Shoreline cease cutting street trees and study sidewalk alternatives that can save them and only cut them when there is no other alternative in order to provide better Climate Justice and Tree Equity for communities which need the benefits of shade trees, and

**Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that** the 32nd  Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board shall forward this resolution to the Shoreline City Council, City Managers and Mayor, and Public Works Department, to advise them to seek better policies to protect street trees and improve their urban tree canopy for the health and well-being of their citizens, especially children, elderly, and other people in the City of Shoreline who are vulnerable in situations where there is lack of shade and heat island effects, and where wildlife is endangered.

• Adopted by the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board on August 16, 2023
• Submitted by Janet Way, PCO SHL 32-0423