

# Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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Mayor Ed Murray and Councilmember Sally Bagshaw  
Seattle City Hall  
600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Opportunities for Urban Forestry in the Carbon Market

Dear Mayor Murray and Councilmember Bagshaw,

The Commission heard an interesting briefing by Mark McPherson who has been working on the Urban Forest Carbon Offset Protocol for the Climate Action Reserve in California. He briefed the Commission on some opportunities for funding contributions for urban forestry through carbon policies or legislation, including the California cap and trade law and possible Washington carbon policies.

The Commission sees opportunities through the creation of tree planting and canopy protocols that might allow California businesses to purchase carbon offsets coming from Seattle.

The Commission will follow developments in Olympia and encourages the City to continue to engage in finding opportunities to fund urban forestry through the Carbon economy.

Sincerely,



Peg Staeheli, Chair  
Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

cc: Council President Burgess, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant, Jill Simmons, Tracy Morgenstern, Eric McConaghy

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