

**The following residents have reached out to OSE and the Urban Forestry Commission with emails about the City's update to the tree ordinance.  
Emails through 9/3/19v2**

**From:** John <john.nuler@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:42 AM

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

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**Subject:** TREES FOR ALL - Seattle

CAUTION: External Email

## **SEATTLE - TREES FOR ALL – a desperate call**

Over the past quarter century, given impetus by the disastrous slides/lawsuits of 1996 and the ascendancy of Plant Amnesty, Seattle has developed ever more complicated, unsuccessful tree ordinances that have appalled many tree loving property owners.

No longer were the trees on private property controlled by the property owner. Seattleites were no longer allowed to manage their own property tree-wise. We pasted "TREES ARE THE VIEW" slogans on our bumpers, Plant Amnesty openly ridiculed topiary, and equated past practices like tree topping with torture! Over time under the thrust of quasi governmental organization Plant Amnesty and the establishment of more careers of urban tree professionals, Seattle has become even less responsive to property owners' tree issues.

Now, developers are openly demonized like for the necessity of removing trees to build homes to prevent urban sprawl. It has become acceptable to trespass with confrontations around trees. Property is vandalized. Police have had to be called. People now express beliefs that tree removal always equals destabilization, which I assume Urban Tree Commission members know is not always true, yet do nothing to dispel these half truths from being promulgated.

It has become incredibly expensive to maintain and remove dangerous trees with high priced specialists like Certified Tree Consultants drafting reports and submitting permits, possible public input, the actual fee for the permit then hiring another Certified Arborist to do the removal. Due to these fees and bureaucratic code requirements, people are not maintaining their trees or removing dangerous trees. Allowing dangerous trees to remain

because the expense and trouble of permits required for making them safe and the suggestion that “insurance will cover” damages is outrageous and not viable.

The Urban Tree Commission is another government group being influenced by urban tree professionals, lobbyists, political appointees and a suspiciously few, un-named, ‘stakeholders’. The letters to the commission are also suspiciously few, even with some commission members letters included.

The Commission’s chief accomplishment is “The Seattle Urban Forest Stewardship Plan (UFSP), adopted in 2013, is a comprehensive strategy for increasing Seattle’s tree canopy cover to meet the 30% target.”

The difference is a decidedly unimpressive 2%! The Goal is from 28% to 30%.

This insignificantly low self-limited goal is determined by the **political expediency of placing the majority of the burden of new codes on the few, thereby avoiding offending the many.**

In this case, the undeveloped parcels in Seattle which are rare and becoming extinct through development become the focus of ever more costly restrictions.

The other being burdened are the few homeowners with “Exceptional Trees”.

Simply compare the number of undeveloped lots in Seattle to the number of developed residences. To get some perspective, walk down just about any neighborhood block.

As the Plant Amnesty wave gained momentum for plant environmentalism placing the tree service industry and trees the centerpiece of lobbying and code tightening, it curiously ignored the environmental burden and inappropriateness of grass lawns for our climate. Grass front and back yards are the norm for existing homes and have traditionally helped define Seattle neighborhoods. With lawns we have ignored their carbon footprint, their waste of water, their destruction of our marine habitat for too long after being educated. Our wonderful indigenous trees are not compatible with a perfect lawn so we see few trees in yards with lawns. Existing trees are often “volunteers” that were allowed because they sprouted near a property line.

It was quite informative to enter the addresses of the letters submitted by members /stakeholders of the Urban Tree Commission into satellite mapping. Doing so, the vast tracts of lawn scraped of trees almost a century ago remain scarred to this day and literally jump out. Imagine if all of these existing homes planted one tree? Our tree canopy would soon increase exponentially. And since homeowners plant or tolerate a higher percentage of conifers, the environmental benefits would also outperform the city’s green spaces.

Factually, Seattle is and has been negligent maintaining its green spaces. After decades of neglect, we are admittedly millions of dollars behind in maintenance with monocultures of less desirable trees, unhealthy trees and invasive species firmly in control. Seattle has regretfully allowed its urban forests to mature with these undesirables to the point that conifers, the best trees for our environment, are far from common.

I hope we can see a future with trees being valued by everyone. Doing so will require everyone to share the burden and the benefits of tree ownership. This is not the way it has been.

Currently, however, there appears legislation that continues and worse yet, extends the fetishization of certain trees on private property. The argument being that if removal of exceptional trees is prohibited in developed parcels, it should also be prohibited on undeveloped ones. This “matching” argument ignores the many other codes exclusive to undeveloped parcels.

Exceptional trees are allowed to be removed as a last resource after a lengthy planning process for new development only if the exceptional tree(s) prevent development of the 35% maximum lot coverage, a rare occurrence.

But statements implying that undeveloped parcels are less burdened by tree regulations than existing homes and therefore need tightening are demonstrably false.

Developed homeowners are allowed to remove an unlimited number of trees below 6" and allowed to remove three non-exceptional trees per year that are larger than 6". In four years a homeowner is allowed to remove a dozen larger than 6" trees.

Contrast this with Undeveloped rules that allow no tree removal of 6" or greater EVER. Also in Undeveloped lots being developed, tree and green mitigation is required as part of the permitting process. That means that trees removed must be replaced by planting a like number /coverage of new trees as replacement. These rules do not apply to existing (developed) homes.

Examining the difference between Developed and Undeveloped lots, Developed SFR parcels are already serving their purpose within our city, providing homes for our citizens. Undeveloped lots although being taxed comparable to developed ones, have no developed housing on them.

Banning the removal of Exceptional Trees in no way prevents an existing homeowner from enjoying his property for its designation, a Single Family Residence. The homeowner is not denied the presumed right to inhabit their property.

Banning Exceptional Tree removal on un-developed lots has the opposite effect of preventing designated legal SFR building parcels from any development at all, preventing all intended use of the property.

The restrictions on undeveloped land act like an ever tightening noose, because we are not allowed to control trees, they multiply and grow immediately or eventually becoming exceptional trees and untouchable. The lot becomes unbuildable. The property owner pays upwardly spiraling taxes for property that the owner is denied its intended use for.

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If threats to our environment are to be taken seriously, if we accept evidence based projections of doom, why are we fixed on the single tree for the forest? Especially when the forest is virtually our only solution?

It is imperative that we act now to do our small part for global emergency.

How can that be done?

Plant a tree in every yard without one. Make that the new code. Mayor Durkan wants to tax homes with oil heat to discourage its use and encourage replacement with electric non-combustion electric heating.

I ask Mayor Durkan to support a tax on lawns with tree installation and maintenance tax free as this would be significant rather than symbolic. I ask the Mayor to radically rethink Seattle Tree Codes in light of Climate Change.

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Instead of the city promoting tree viewing tours for teens and recording of exceptional trees on private property, replace with programs like, say, Seattle Public School children all receiving conifers as well as the assignment to properly locate, plant, care and make reports about the seedling for the next several school years. Every year brings a new class of students along with a new crop of trees.

The next best thing to saving a tree is planting a new tree and better than planting a new tree is planting 50,000 new trees.

Imagine!

Thanks,

SEATTLE - TREES FOR ALL

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**From:** Anne2 <a.roda@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please do not associate me with the views expressed in John Nuler's email

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am forwarding an email that I also sent to the City Council. Please take a moment to read it and share with other members of the Commission as appropriate.

Thank you,  
Anne Roda

**Date:** August 28, 2019 at 10:29:30 AM PDT  
**To:** [council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)  
**Subject:** Please do not associate me with the views expressed in John Nuler's email

Dear Urban Forestry Commission,

I just received a long rambling email from someone named John Nuler, who apparently got my email and others from letters we sent to the Urban Tree Commission, and included us in his letter to the City Council. I am not associated with him and do not agree with his views as I understand them from his letter. Please do not associate me with the views he is trying to express. I support trying to keep our urban tree canopy in many different ways.

Thank you,  
Anne Roda

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** David Moehring <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:06 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Changes needed in Seattle's Tree Ordinance, Please update.

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Seattle was built in a forest, and as such is part of the planet's lungs. We need to figure out how to build densely while still preserving our urban forest and should not model our building after cities built in grasslands. I think we all want people in Brazil to figure out how to preserve their Amazon Rain Forest. Let's set an example here.

I strongly urge passage of the tree ordinance update as recommended by the Urban Forestry Commission which codified the April 2019 City Council resolution which was approved after the MHA.

Seattle's complaint based system does not work. Trees are removed before a complaint can be made or responded to. I particularly urge you to adapt a tree removal permitting system for developers and property owners alike. Permitting will enable the city to actually enforce its tree removal and replacement regulations, as well as provide data to track canopy changes and continuously monitor and improve the system.

Posting the permit applications 2 weeks in advance of approval will allow impacted parties to respond when appropriate, rather than waiting until the tree is cut, the stump is ground, and all traces of the tree/trees disappear.

And integral to the tree removal permits and basically "following the rules", is the requirement

that arborists be certified to work in Seattle similar to SDOT requirements. Currently arborists are illegally cutting down trees, often falsely claiming the tree to be hazardous.

Thank you for your attention. We don't have to be like the Brazilian president and just burn it all down. Seattle is smart; we can figure it out.

Katy Griffith

Please pass everything in the 2019 Council Resolution as codified in the Seattle UFC recommendation:

- A. Retaining protections for exceptional trees and expanding the definition of exceptional trees.
- B. Creating a permitting process for the removal of significant trees, defined as trees 6 inches in diameter at breast height or larger.
- C. Adding replacement requirements for significant tree removal.
- D. Simplifying tree planting and replacement requirements.
- E. Maintaining tree removal limits in single-family zones.
- F. Exploring the feasibility of establishing a in-lieu fee option for tree planting.
- G. Tracking tree removal and replacement throughout Seattle.
- H. Providing adequate funding to administer and enforce tree regulations.
- I. Requiring that all tree service providers operating in Seattle meet the minimum certification and training requirements and register with the city.

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**From:** JACK Smith <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:40 PM

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

**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**From:** Judith Leshner <[jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net](mailto:jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net)>  
**Subject:** This Year--Now-- Act to Protect Seattle's Trees  
**Date:** August 27, 2019 at 7:17:37 PM PDT  
**To:** [jenny.durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:jenny.durkan@seattle.gov)

Dear Mayor Durkan:

On August 18, Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, appeared as a guest on Fareed Zakaria's Sunday show to speak on our global climate crisis and how to think about it. She said that we need to do three things.

1. We each need to make it personal to our lives; to do something today that we haven't been doing to reduce our carbon footprint like use public transportation, use less energy, recycle more, eat less meat, etc.
2. Get angry and get active—get angry with those who have the moral responsibility to do more like cities, governments. Support with your voice and **your vote** those who are doing something on conservation, **protecting and planting trees**, solar energy, etc.
3. And, to imagine the healthier world that we are working towards and to implement changes **now**. The scientists tell us that we have about 11 years in which to reduce global carbon emissions by 45%. At the moment we are not going in the right direction. Last year carbon emissions went up. This year they will go up.

By implementing an updated Tree Protection Ordinance **this year** with the proposals set forth by the Urban Forestry Commission, you will be addressing Mary Robinson's second admonition stated above which is for cities and governments to do more on conservation, on protecting and planting trees, saving energy, etc.

I know that you have many issues to consider and some people aren't so concerned about Seattle's tree canopy or whether we'll have a wealth of trees in the future, but that's the point. We need your leadership now and your willingness to insure that this precious resource of trees will still be here in Seattle decades from now.

Thank you for protecting our trees.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** urbanbalance@activist.com <urbanbalance@activist.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:03 PM  
**To:** COTE@aiaseattle.org  
**Cc:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Support City Council's recent resolution to update Seattle's tree ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Dear Seattle AIA Committee on the Environment co-chairs, Shannon Bunsen and Rosa Folla AIA,

Thank you for your hours of promoting the environment through the American Institute of Architects!

As a fellow architect who is mindful of the built environment, we know that raising the number of residences per lot does not always mean that all of the significant trees have to fall. The attached PDF are recent multifamily developments within Ballard HUB that succeeded in that regard. A real win-win for growing in density Seattle!

If you concur and if you have a moment, please consider the AIA COTE's support to the Urban Forestry Commission and the City Council's recent resolution to update Seattle's tree ordinance. If you are looking for a starting point, here is a link from a local tree advocacy committee:

<https://treepac.org/resolution-for-organizations-please-join-in-support-of-updating-seattles-tree-ordinance/>

Kind regards,

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Attached image is from the actual location in Seattle, which is a lot at 11347 20th Ave NE.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/us-cities-are-losing-36-million-trees-a-year-heres-why-it-matters-and-how-you-can-stop-it/ar-AAEC1h1>



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**From:** Sheri Sullivan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:59 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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5. Post online all permit requests and permit approvals for public viewing.

6. Expand SDOT's existing tree service provider's registration and certification to register all tree service providers working on trees in Seattle.

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

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**From:** Philip Vogelzang <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 8:08 PM

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

**Subject:** Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers.

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

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** ken danis <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Seattle's Tree Ordinance

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Our Tree Ordinance needs to be strengthened and enforced. I live in Greenlake and 3 large cedar trees have been cut to the ground in the last 10 years within 100 feet of our house. This is terrible for supposedly 'green' Seattle.

Please protect the trees - or they will be just a memory.  
Enact legislation proposed by Save Our Trees.  
And I VOTE BASED ON THIS ISSUE!

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**From:** Janet Detwiler <[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <[Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@Seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**From:** Timothy Colman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 3:23 PM

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

**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I've been creating tree posters for 20 years to help people learn the importance of going outside and protecting our flora and fauna. Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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**From:** Sarajane Siegfriedt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:23 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

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**From:** Susan Helf <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 9:38 AM

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

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**Sent:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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**From:** Helaina Piper <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

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**From:** Leslie Sherman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Seattle Livable!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

Two years ago the house next door was sold. It had a beautiful tree in the back yard, filled with birds. They brought in a couple of guys with a chain saw who started to cut it down. I objected and told them they had no right to do that. They apparently went through channels, "money changed hands," and they tree was ultimately cut down. They put on their addition, and one year later, moved to California for another techie job. No more jays or lovely songbirds, and the perpetrators are gone gone gone.

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PLEASE SAVE OUR TREES, THEY ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN A FEW SQUARE FEET OF LAND

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**From:** Sonia Lyris <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 6:30 PM

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

**Subject:** Trees, please

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I love trees. The bigger, the better. And as human critters, we need our trees. Seattle's trees are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable.

But you know this.

Do you know this? Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff, and mediate heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife.

We share this city with animals. It's part of what makes us human. There's an ecology at work, even here in the city.

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Seattle's rapid growth and an outdated tree ordinance are allowing trees to be removed and not replaced. This is appalling.

We must stop losing trees, in particular the big ones.

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

Trees matter. Please act now.

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**From:** Rebekkah Madden <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
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Trees clean the air. According to the Nature Conservancy, leaves can filter out fine particulate matter (PM)—one of the most dangerous forms of air pollution, generated from burning biomass and fossil fuels.

Our urban forest is an integral part of our public health infrastructure. Numerous studies have found trees have proved to aid mental health, decrease obesity, and just generally make people happier.

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

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

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

As rents rise astronomically and the city loses its soul to Amazon, the trees are the only thing keeping me (a soon to be physician) here. Please don't lose the only feature that sets Seattle apart from other big cities.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 02, 2019 10:24 AM

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**Subject:** Save our Trees!

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I've been a gardener and lover of trees for over 60 years. I've planted hundreds of them working in nurseries and doing landscaping. I can't imagine living in a city without big trees in it. They provide us with so many benefits, especially for our mental and physical health, as well as the health of our city and our planet.

I've seen people do so many horrible things to trees over my lifetime, and I've done my best to educate them as to why they should leave them be. It's appalling to see so many magnificent trees mistreated and cut down without any thought for their innate worth as well as their usefulness and beauty. It especially galls me to see people move into an old home and cut down existing large trees that have been there for decades. What hubris!

It used to be that a large percentage of a city building lot had to be left as green space for trees and other plantings to grow. It seems like that rule has been ridiculously relaxed so much that I now see houses take up to 80% of a lot and leave no room for trees at all. This is a sure fire recipe for climate disaster, and for making our city less livable and beautiful. We should be planting smaller houses and bigger trees! Big houses are environmental disasters with their huge energy requirements, and the idea of conservation seems to have disappeared with Jimmy Carter. Why is this stupidity allowed?

Seattle is known for our great climate that allows a huge variety of trees to grow well here. Our Arboretum has hundreds of viable trees that could be growing in neighborhoods all over the city, especially in low income areas that usually don't have many big trees at all. I worked with the city on their tree inventory a few years ago in Rainier Beach and was shocked at how few big trees there were in some areas. These places need more trees in them for people's well being and good health, as well as their access to the beauty of the natural world.

Please upgrade our existing laws re: trees to give them a bigger voice in our planning decisions. They may not "talk" to you, but they do to me and to many others. They say leave us alone to grow and be wonderful and to help heal our wounded planet. Climate change is a real danger and trees are one sure way to alleviate some of the worst consequences of it, and to make our city more beautiful at the same time. We can, and we Must do better!

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**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save Our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

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An old tree was cut down outside of my apartment about a year ago. My apartment is now hotter and much less pleasant and so is my block. Notice is not enough if there is no way to stop threatened trees. We need a method to keep this from happening. Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to keeping our city healthy and livable. Trees and the urban forest comprise a vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 02, 2019 1:22 PM  
**To:** Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>  
**Subject:** Save our Trees!

**CAUTION: External Email**

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

I am writing this letter because I have seen the complete de-forestation of lots in our neighborhood (Pinehurst) upon which two houses are replacing one older one. I've seen many of these lots prior to clearing. It seems that developers want to make it easy for them at the expense of mature trees. And then they are routinely charging over a million dollars for these houses.

I'm not adverse to change, and the infill of city lots to accommodate more housing is reasonable and necessary. I would just like the mayor, city council, and other relevant persons and agencies to strengthen ordinances related to these critical issues.

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Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto\_de\_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Josh Morris  
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<Ben.Roberts@seattle.gov>  
Subject: Tree cut at 2103 Thorndyke Ave W Seattle

CAUTION: External Email

Urgent:

Yet Another reason why Seattle needs a stronger tree ordinance including tree removal permits and significant advanced notice with adequate notice distribution.

A very large tree bordering a house addition at 2103 Thorndyke Ave W and a right-of-way sidewalk is cut down with log fragments yet to be removed. Inspect for tree species and health immediately. There were no permits on the SDCI EDMS for this likely Exceptional tree to be removed.

There is no arborist report for this project.

If not authorized, please promptly issue fines per Director rule - tripled if intentional. No evident reasons for this contributor to the urban forest to be removed relative to the project - especially considering pruning options and that the tree largely fell on the ROW. Hazardous trees must meet specific qualified accompanied by an arborist report:

<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam331b.pdf>

SDCI project 6370748

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/customize/linktorecord.aspx?altId=6370748-CN>

SDCI EDMS-- <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/default.aspx?ref=3017317>

Complaint Record Number:  
008263-19CP

For TreePAC  
David Moehring  
Nearby resident

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