

November 17, 2017

Mayor Tim Burgess
Seattle City Hall
600 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98124

RE: Executive Order 2017-11 Tree Protection and the SDCI/OSE Tree Regulations Research Project's Recommendations Option 1, 2 & 3

Mayor Burgess,

The Seattle Nature Alliance would like to express our gratitude for your taking a significant step toward implementing better protection for Seattle's urban trees by signing Executive Order 2017-11 Tree Protection.

We would like to commend the efforts by the Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections (SDCI) and Office of Sustainability & Environment (OSE), who were able to compile a list of recommendations, based on the findings of the Tree Regulations Research project, that could be enacted quickly through an Executive Order. We would like to thank them for acting as sponsors for the research project that additionally proposed further action by enacting more aggressive tree protection policies to take to Council.

The Seattle Nature Alliance hopes you will encourage the recently elected Mayor Durkan to continue these efforts by not only encouraging her to maintain your Executive Order, but also by quickly implementing Option 2 and 3 of the recommendations to further support Seattle's tree preservation efforts. We would also strongly encourage the City to include the Urban Forestry Commission in any further discussions regarding tree policy. With their expert guidance, perhaps Seattle will finally live up to its reputation as the Emerald City and protect its tree canopy, for the benefit of both its citizens and the planet.

Sincerely,

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