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**To:** Parks - Urban Forestry Commission  
**Subject:** Title 11 Amendment Extension

Hello Urban Forestry Commission

I am writing today in support of extending the amendment to continue to protect the large trees in our city.

This initiative has led to increased preservation of significant trees during private development, with little impact to housing production. The Amendment has made possible the planting of more than 42,000 trees in priority neighborhoods citywide, since 2015, via mitigation payments into the City's Tree Planting & Preservation Fund.

Large trees are essential to Portland's efforts to combat climate change and improve public health. This amendment has been instrumental in protecting these valuable natural resources. Replacing large- canopy trees with young trees is not an equal trade -we need to preserve the large trees!

The NY Times again recently featured an article about how lack of tree canopy dramatically affects the heat index of a city. We have a unique opportunity to make sure on our own home front that Portland continues to keep the city's heat index down -just one way climate change affects our city.

Please extend the Large Tree Amendment.

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