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Members of the PSC:

I am sick and tired of seeing the unabated destruction of valuable trees here in Portland—the worst I've seen in over 65 years of living in and visiting the city. Healthy, mature trees are being destroyed every day now because of huge loopholes in the Code, which favor profit-hungry developers over a livable city environment for us all.

Please do not delay in recommending urgent stop-gap and long-term reform measures to the Tree Code, Title 11. For starters, please seriously consider these six recommendations:

- 1) Remove the Title 11 exemptions for lots smaller than 5000 sq. ft.; also for commercial and industrial lands;
- 2) Avoid destruction of ANY mature trees (and existing landscaping) by requiring design alternatives to cutting and demolition;
- 3) Consider tree species, giving special attention to the Willamette Valley natives, regardless of their size;
- 4) Require a formal 30-day site review process WITH PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT for trees greater than 20 inches in diam. that the developers want to remove;
- 5) Use mitigation as a last resort, adding an inch-for-inch protocol: at least \$300/inch for healthy trees greater than 20 inches in diameter;
- 6) Change the 1/3 preservation rule to preservation of caliper-inches of trees on site.

Thank you!

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