From: Meryl Redisch
To: Planning Commission

Cc: Parks - Urban Forestry Commission

**Subject:** Title 11 amendments

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Dear members of the Portland Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my interest for extending the Large Tree Amendment policy which is scheduled to sunset later this year.

Large trees matter. Trees that are 20 inches dbh and greater provide some of the greatest climate mitigating benefits along with a myriad of other environmental assets. These large form trees are often more resilient to weather and other harsh urban conditions. They belong in our city and should be protected through the Large Tree Amendment by requiring developers to pay for their removal if necessary.

This Amendment has proven its success since its adoption in 2015.

I strongly encourage you to extend the scheduled sunset beyond 2024 and help lead Portland towards a climate resilient future.

Thank you for your public service.

Respectfully,

Meryl A. Redisch,

Past Chair of the Urban Forestry Commission

Retired Executive Director of The Bird Alliance of Oregon

Sent from my iPhone