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To: Parks - Urban Forestry Commission
Subject: Title 11 Amendments

To the members of the Urban Forestry Commission and the Planning Commission,

I urge you to extend the Large Tree Amendment to Portland's Tree Code (Title 11).

Saving large trees is one of the most important issues to me as a Portland citizen. Large trees simply cannot be replaced by a quantity of short trees, especially those that are purely ornamental and provide limited or no value to wildlife.

I've watch massive trees fall to developers at such an astounding rate that it makes my heart sick to even walk through my neighborhood. I sorely miss the value those trees brought to my world.

They shaded the streets and homes in summer and provided the entire neighborhood with cleaner air, seasonal beauty, wildlife habitat and a sense of joy and connection with life.

Birds and insects are in peril and large trees are critical to their survival. Only large trees can provide appropriate habitat. Extend, or better yet, strengthen the Large Tree Amendment. The world is getting hotter at a shocking rate and we do not have decades of time to wait for newly planted large trees to mature if, indeed, any large species of trees are planted at all.

We can do our part by protecting large trees from home owners and developers who are unable or unwilling to see how important they are to our future.

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