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**Subject:** Our precious, irreplaceable, ancient trees

Hello,

as I'm sure you are all aware, Portland is losing many of its largest, oldest trees in the name of development. As a long-time Oregonian and Portland resident this really hurts. It's like ripping the heart out of our amazing city. People from out of state who have never spent a day here, who don't know how truly magical and special these trees are, these trees who have witnessed centuries of history, spend their money to hire the chainsaws, kill the trees and replace them with money-making luxury condos for more people who never saw those trees, never befriended the birds and squirrels and bees that lived in them, never smelled their pine fresh scent or heard the wind blowing through their leaves and needles. They won't miss the silent giants, they'll never know they were there. But we know. And we know what we've lost.

Portland is not Los Angeles. We are blessed with the richness of a green environment and we need to do EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT IT. Before it's gone and Portland really is just another LA.

Please... We must do what we can, NOW. First, we must support the Audubon Society's proposed Tree Code Reforms. And,

1. As a temporary stop-gap measure until Title 11 reforms can be developed and adopted, I specifically urge the City Council to:

- a. Require inch-for-inch mitigation for cutting large, healthy, non-dangerous and non-nuisance trees  $\geq 30$ " diameter at breast height "dbh" in development and non-development situations until Title 11 preservation standards can be reformed.

- b. Require posting and a 30-day delay before any tree  $\geq 30$ " dbh is permitted to be cut.

Thank you so very much,

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