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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Please support Audubon Society of Portland's proposed Tree Code Reform

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to support the Audubon Society of Portland's proposed Tree Code Reform.

My neighborhood is one that has experienced demolitions and tree-cutting. At one address, the previously treed lot that included 50+-year-old Douglas firs and other mature native trees was so extensively razed, that a common complaint by neighbors is that the formerly rural character of the entire street has been lost. Also, we are privileged to have multiple creeks in our area, and maintaining the tree canopy is especially important for shading the riparian lands and providing habitat for wildlife. Other potential development threatening more tree loss is in the offing.

As a stop-gap measure until Title 11 reforms can be developed and adopted, please require inch-for-inch mitigation for cutting large, healthy, non-dangerous and non-nuisance trees greater than or equal to 30" diameter at breast height ("dbh") in development and non-development situations until Title 11 preservation standards can be reformed.

Also, please require posting and a 30-day delay before any tree greater than or equal to 30" dbh is permitted to be cut. This is especially important in demolition situations where the usual development permits and notices may not apply.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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