



De'Sean Quinn

**TTEAC: note to the committee**

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To: De'Sean Quinn

Councilmember Quinn,

I would like to submit some comments to the TTEAC for consideration. I was disconcerted to hear that a delegation from another municipality (SeaTac) attended the Tukwila committee's meeting to give comment and attempt to sway policy in our city. It is by choice that I live in this community and serve as a community advocate here. So, as a resident and landowner in Tukwila I will be very dismayed if this delegation from another city serves to sway policy in this one, or take up this committee's precious time.

**Pertaining to tree regulation on undeveloped property:** During the urban forestry research I conducted in review of other municipality programs and policies, all of the municipalities sampled regulated the removal of trees on undeveloped property. It was my impression from discussion with staff from some of these municipalities that this policy was necessitated by the continued actions on undeveloped properties whereby these properties were clearcut prior to submission for development permits, thereby avoiding any kind of tree preservation requirements. These kinds of actions serve to undermine any canopy retention goals the City might craft.

**Other comments.** Upon reviewing the minutes from last months meeting, I would like to submit a few more comments.

1. I agree with the committee members who felt the canopy targets too low, particularly in the areas of office, commercial, the Urban Center and Tukwila South.
2. I commend the committee in their focuses on education and incentivization. And I value highly words such as "encourage" and "collaborate." However, I also strongly urge the committee and staff to use thoughtful caution in the overuse of such terms in the policy, as it could ultimately render the policy ineffective.

I want to thank you, Chair, the Committee and staff for all of the hard work on this policy. I think sound urban forestry management is crucial to a healthy community and look forward to a strong product from your efforts.

Sincerely,

Brooke Alford