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As a current property owner and former resident of Tukwila, I'm writing to comment on the work ahead of the Tree Commission. I am very supportive of policy development that preserves existing trees in Tukwila and encourages the cultivation of new trees through city sponsored education and planting programs. It is my belief, and many residents of Tukwila, that a more progressive and enforceable tree plan needs to be put in place to maintain and preserve tree canopy and green space. This in turn will enhance the environment and increase property values.

This issue is especially important concerning the few remaining undeveloped lots in Tukwila. These are a treasure store of mature trees that have taken generations to grow and could not be duplicated in our lifetime. If there is any doubt as to the financial and aesthetic value of mature trees in a neighborhood, please envision Seattle's E. Capitol Hill, Montlake or The Highlands neighborhoods.

I would hope that the Tree Committee, the Planning Commission and eventually the City Council will consider the voices of the Tukwila citizens over transient developers and outside agitators in developing new tree ordinances that will guide the direction of a modern, enlightened Tukwila.

Thank you,  
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