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Green New Deal

The Urban Forestry Commission would like to extend its gratitude to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for its efforts supporting the City of Seattle during the COVID-19 crisis, and specifically to Lylianna Allala, for taking the time to brief the UFC on the Green New Deal and the planned oversight board.

The UFC is a strong supporter and ally of this initiative and appreciates the background on the organizational progress to-date. The UFC also acknowledges the need to place this and other important work on hold as the City pivots to re-deploy staff and re-allocate resources to respond to this unprecedented crisis and serve Seattle's most vulnerable populations.

Seattle's urban trees play a key role helping clean the city's air, a relationship that has become more apparent given the link between air pollution and COVID-19 vulnerability.

The UFC will follow up with a more detailed letter with recommendations once the crisis has receded and the City can get re-focus on pre-crisis initiatives.

Sincerely,