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Theresa Doherty and Kristine Kenney
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

RE: UW's Urban Forest Management Plan

Dear Theresa and Kristine,

The Urban Forestry Commission appreciated your briefing on the University of Washington's Draft 2018 Master Plan and the Draft Urban Forest Management Plan.

The Commission would like to commend the UW for going beyond the City's current canopy cover goal for institutional properties by setting a goal of 23 percent canopy cover by 2037. Also commendable, the UW is emphasizing the importance of their urban trees with the following actions:

- Adopting high urban forestry management standards
- Aligning the UW's tree policies with the City's
- Completing and maintaining a tree inventory
- Adopting a tree replacement policy
- Maintaining and restoring the Union Bay natural area, and
- Considering the impacts of climate change

The Commission urges the UW to address their invasive species challenges by exploring partnerships with groups such as the Green Seattle Partnership, which has been very successful in addressing similar issues in Seattle's forested parklands.

Sincerely,



Tom Early, Chair

cc: Mayor Edward B. Murray, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant, Jessica Finn Coven, Nathan Torgelson, Lindsay King, Michelle Caulfield, Maureen Sheehan, Dionne Foster, Aaron Blumenthal, Eric McConaghy.

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