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**From:** Kim Davis <kimmardav@gmail.com>  
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**To:** CityRecorder; citycouncil  
**Subject:** Comment re 25-312, 25-316

I am writing to express my significant concerns that both of these development plans include Tree Regulation Variances. This is becoming a clear trend and dangerous threat throughout the City. Tree Regulations are in place to protect our communities from the numerous environmental impacts of a diminished urban forest canopy, including soil and water degradation and the creation of urban heat islands. As a resident in the 97306 area, I am witnessing development after development razing all and/or nearly all trees, including our precious few mature trees. As our global temperatures climb and environmental disasters accelerate, disregarding the importance of encouraging tree preservation is foolhardy at best.

I request that our Mayor and Councilors give serious consideration of current and future impacts of any and all Tree Regulation Variance requests, and to err on the side of caution and preservation. Trees provide our citizens innumerable health and mental health benefits. Additionally, trees, most importantly native trees, provide critical habitat to threatened and endangered urban and migratory wildlife. Promises to plant young trees to replace the mature trees lost are false and insufficient remedies.

Thank you in advance for considering future generations in your deliberations on these and forthcoming development related agenda items.

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