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To the Mayor and city councillors of White Rock

Re: Tree growth(Cottonwoods)on the city boulevard on the south side of Semiahmoo at the intersection of Findlay

I live at 15618 Cliff Ave with my wife Gail and we have done so continuously since 1991. When we built this house and moved in 1991 we selected the lot and built the house specifically to take advantage of the south facing exposure to the sunshine and the then open ocean view.

In the last 30 years that view has been increasingly impaired by the tree growth the city has encouraged through its ridiculous tree bylaw program.

Now the city is leaving this subject boulevard to grow wild with invasive plant species, blackberry bushes and cottonwoods.

We have very little water view left and these cottonwoods are going to eliminate a chunk of that remainder in the next two years.

Worse than that the trees are growing on the lip of a precipice above houses below that back onto Semiahmoo

Sooner or later large chunks of branch material will break off these trees and cause property damage to the properties below and given the sharp drop off I expect that an entire tree could go down and crush a house below.

Your first duty is to keep your citizens and their homes safe. So get rid of these trees now. Your second duty should be to keep the citizens of White Rock happy in their chosen city of residence. This green wall view screening project that your array of bylaws are embarked upon do just the opposite.

You should take a serious second look at the whole program including what it costs the taxpayers to administer each year.

Repeal all the tree bylaws and eliminate the trouble and costs.

These cottonwoods are going to derogate and eliminate views for a number of houses in the neighborhood presently if not eliminated. To say nothing of the potential liability building for the city in this situation.

If these trees are not eliminated and a storm drops these trees on a house and it's occupants this proceeding will show as a record of the warning the city received and ignored.

I respectfully ask that you give your approval to Mr. Wiener's motion to remove subject trees from the boulevard on the south side of Semiahmoo at Findlay ASAP

I thank you for your consideration

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