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Agenda item (number and title): Services 2

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom
Comments in writing: It is ironic that city taxpayers are forced to reduce spending when they run out of money, but the city that they fund never run out of money. It is good to hear media telling us of reductions in city spending. Planting trees is not as essential as some folks say.
Most of us have nothing but fond memories of the million-tree promises from city hall a few years ago. Very few saw the evidence of taxpayer money being handed out with no actual live trees resulting. Anyone who used the FIPPA system was sent to the tree advocate website, which includes a warning that their records are not complete. This proves that the city now has no record of who got paid for trees that do not now exist. This also suggests that some of the folks, being handed our money in your item 2, were involved in previous programs. Have your staff done a comprehensive study of previous recipients and those applying in 2024? Your free money for trees system now seems to be well documented.
I love mature trees. Missing from all the pro tree rhetoric are the less wonderful aspects of mature trees. They damage infrastructure, sidewalks, curbs, sewers and basement walls. They damage lawns and gardens by dropping the water table and preventing life-giving sunlight. Those focused on greenhouse gases claim that more trees are the cure. They are not. Over the lifetime of a tree's biomass, it is a net producer of GHG. A tree borrows CO_2 and emits a mix of CH_4 and CO_2 which warm more than the CO_2 borrowed.

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Public engagement preference: Yes