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Subject: LUMA

Thank you for your exemplary leadership in service of the public. We are writing regarding the Western Red Cedar (nicknamed “Luma”), located in the Wedgwood neighborhood at 3849 NE 88th Street, Seattle, WA 98115. In a [letter](#) to the City of Seattle, dated July 19, 2023, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe documented the status of “Luma” as *“a culturally modified tree (CMT) that delineated an ancient indigenous trail system connecting Puget Sound to Lake Washington, and an archaeological site subject to special protections under Washington State law.”*

While we understand that avenues for action at this juncture on this site may be limited, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you, local Tribes, and community stakeholders in crafting a solution. We look forward to being creative for this specific instance within the abilities the City and State have, given the cultural significance of this CMT. We thank you for working to find a resolution to this specific CMT, and for joint work in the future to address this unique situation.

Sincerely,

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Alex Pedersen, Seattle City Councilmember (District 4)
Dan Strauss, Seattle City Councilmember (District 6)
Javier Valdez, State Senator, 46th Legislative District
Darya Farivar, State Representative, 46th Legislative District
Gerry Pollet, State Representative, 46th Legislative District

cc:

- Robert M. de los Angeles and Jaime Martin, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Gael Tarleton and Tim Reynon, City of Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)
- Marco Lowe, Office of Mayor Bruce Harrell
- Nathan Torgelson, Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI)
- Lance Wollwage, Manager of Archaeological Unit, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)
- Stephanie Jolivette, Local Government Archaeologist for Western Washington, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)