## Exhibit X Arborist Memo dated 06/19/2024



## **Greenforest Incorporated**



## Consulting Arborist

MEMORANDUM TO: Jason Carey, Senior Civil Project Manager

Barghausen Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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REFERENCE: Street Trees at Chick-Fil-A #05529; BCE #22779

SITE ADDRESS: Cordata Pkwy & Bakerview - Bellingham, WA

> DATE: June 19, 2024

PREPARED BY: Favero Greenforest, ISA Certified Arborist # PN -0143A

> ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist #379

ASCA Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualified

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Digitally signed by Favero Greenforest

You provided me photographs, site plans and a topographic survey for the above referenced project. You propose to redevelop this site to include soil excavation for a new retaining wall near existing street trees. The proposed wall will be 6.5 to 7 feet away from the trees. Opposite the wall from the trees, the new grade will drop down 4 to 5 feet below the existing grade.

Based on what I reviewed, the street trees appear to be relatively small in height, width and trunk diameter. The proposed soil excavation will have no negative effect on their stability. I anticipate zero to negligible root disturbance given the distance from the trees to the proposed soil cut, and given the current use is a paved parking lot.

It is my opinion that both objectives can be achieved; preserve the health and stability of the trees and build the retaining wall. A large soil cut past these trees will change soil-water movement and availability. Water (or a lack of it) will be the biggest impact to the trees and this can be mitigated by supplemental summer irrigation if construction occurs during dry summer months, and should continue until irrigation is installed and activated for the new landscape, including these trees.