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**Sent:** August 12, 2017

**Subject:** Up/Down Vote to allow paying for RHA greenbelt trees

To: Hello ALL RHA Board Members  
Fm: George Carr, RHA President  
Subj: Up/Down VOTE on authorizing \$1100.00 to remove 2 trees in RHA Greenbelt threatening two homes

This authorization is needed to remove two trees identified by Archon Tree Service arborist several months ago as dead and ready to fall. Al Aosved and myself checked their locations and they are definitely in the greenbelt but are tall enough to caused damage to the homes on lot 21 and lot 1 if they should fall.

All trees located in the greenbelt/common area are the responsibility of the Ridgecrest Homeowners Association and we as a group are responsible to the Kitsap Community Development office to ensure we manage it correctly. We already have permission to take out these two trees as we went through a professional arborist and all reports have followed this regimen.

We had one good bid from Archon Tree Service and two other bids not so good. Northwest Tree Service came out, used my bathroom, did not look at the trees, said he would be back but never returned. Another bidder whose name escapes me said \$1300-\$1500 over the phone, said they would be out but never showed and did not call back. My vote is for the \$1100 submitted by Archon Tree Service. Archon has been consistent and did inspect the plat.

After approval, I will send out a postcard to the membership giving the dates for removal (tentatively around the week of 5 September). Archon indicated that since they will already be in the neighborhood doing work, they would give members a good price for any trees on their own property that need removal. The service does know and are aware that they cannot cut down any greenbelt trees without RHA and county approval.

This is a managerial decision and I have held off to ensure we had all lots paid up to date to allocate this funding for this very necessary job. The good news is that have a healthy forest with a total of 11 trees that are dead or dying but only the two that we need to address. Now that we, the board of directors, have been informed we need to do this. BTW: This is one of the reasons why we have a treasury with some extra money so we don't have to scare everyone with a surprise "special assessment".

Request an up/down – yes/no vote.

When you vote via return email please SELECT - **REPLY TO ALL**.

This will ensure that we all see what the final vote is. I will send out a final vote count to all upon conclusion. Please reply ASAP and thank you very much for your participation.

v/r

George Carr

George Carr votes Yes.

Mark Johnston – Yes.

Yes, Al Aosved.

Bob Blue, Yes. The week of Sept is a bad week for me. Could we do it another week?

Yes - Nichole Sofa - The week of Sept is a bad week for me. Could we do it another week?

Kaecee Coates – Yes.

My Vote is Yes. Have a great day everyone!!!! V/r Joe Swatek

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14 Aug 17 - **The authorization passes with 7 votes YES and 0 votes No.**

George Carr, RHA President

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