

## Jaclyn Norton

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Members of the Programs&Services Committee,

I am a Newton resident and I support the strongest protections for the most trees in Newton. I support the temporary moratorium while the ordinance changes are discussed and finalized. I also support the City-Council-proposed ordinance because it will strengthen protections for all trees 6-inches DBH (in diameter at breast height) and larger across all properties in Newton and it will also include an environmental mitigation payment for cutting healthy, mature trees that are not dangerous.

Cutting healthy, mature trees negatively impacts the local neighborhood, the city, and the region, as well as the global climate emergency.

These effects cost the City of Newton money and thus the City's taxpayers—not just property owners but also people who rent, work, shop, dine, and do business in Newton.

I urge you to vote to enact a temporary moratorium and then to vote in favor the City-Council-proposed ordinance changes to require an environmental mitigation payment for cutting healthy, not-dangerous trees; to protect trees 6-inch-DBH and larger on all lots; and to give voice to the local people most impacted by tree cutting.

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