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Measure: HB3414

Nobody questions that we need thoughtful and effective strategies to address the current housing crisis, but HB 3414 is neither. There are absolutely no guarantees that this policy would result in either lower housing costs or increased housing units and every reason to think it is wouldn't significantly. Among other things, as currently written HB 3414 would allow all housing developers to bypass tree protections entirely. Urban tree canopy is critical for human health and well-being, and we should not be passing legislation that will serve to increase our environmental justice issues and further exacerbate our urban heat islands.