

The Last 6000

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For immediate press release:

The Last 6000 is asking why SDCI is permitting building of two luxury estates in an Environmentally Critical Zone, that will endanger native wildlife and risk landslides along the bluff above the Admiral's House Historic Landmark. The removal of exceptional trees for project #3028072-LU, will result in the loss of at least 25 mature trees, including 3 exceptional trees and numerous trees measuring under 6" that have not be counted, though they are in protected groves. In addition to the 6000-7000sqft estates, a 13 car garage and a lap pool will also be developed.

We will be having a socially distant protest of the destruction of this section of Seattle's urban forest on Friday, June 4 & 9th, noon at Ursula Judkins Park. Located in the Magnolia neighborhood at the top of Magnolia Bridge.

We've had press coverage from Q13 and Queen Anne/Magnolia News. Ongoing news of this protest can be found on our Instagram account: @thelast6000.

The Last 6,000, an initiative created in memory of Plant Amnesty founder Cass Turnbull, is a collaborative citizen-led effort to locate, identify and map Seattle's remaining majestic trees. The name of the campaign comes from a 2016 report on Seattle's tree canopy, that stated there were only 6,338 trees of trunk diameter of 30" and greater left in the city.

Since the start of the campaign in April 2019, information and photos on nearly 1500 majestic trees have been submitted by volunteers. Most recently,

the month long Seattle Giant Sequoia Search that began on March 15, 2021 resulted in another 60 Giant Sequoias being added to our database on top of the 70 Giant Sequoias that had previously been submitted.

There is a Giant Sequoia next to Ursula Judkins Park that highlights the beauty of the forest beneath the park. On Earth Day this year various volunteers received a letter from the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections that part of that forest was approved to be destroyed for the construction of two large homes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Last 6000 volunteer team

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