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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Eric R. Shields, AICP, Planning Director

Date: March 20, 2008

Subject: INTRODUCING NEW URBAN FORESTER, DEB POWERS

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Deborah (Deb) Powers, our new Urban Forester, be introduced to the City Council. She will attend the Council's April 1st meeting for this purpose.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Deb's most recent work experience is in the private sector performing urban forestry services; she worked with two firms that perform all aspects of tree evaluation and on-site services. While with the firms she also gained experience working for agencies and municipalities reviewing development plans and preparing Vegetation Management Plans.

Prior to the consulting firms, Deb worked for six years with the City of Seattle Parks Department and Department of Transportation where she evaluated, pruned and removed trees in parks and right-of-ways.

Deb is a Certified Arborist and is certified in Tree Risk Assessment. She also received a Certificate in Environmental Horticulture from Lake Washington Technical College.

Deb started on March 3rd and has already met scores of staff members from all of the City departments, undergone intensive training sessions and started performing her duties. I am very pleased to have her as the newest member of the Planning staff.