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Dear Members of City Council,

On behalf of **RISE Southeast**, I am writing to express our support for the proposed urban forestry code updates presented by **Matt Puckett**. These changes will strengthen the City's ability to address tree-related safety issues, modernize outdated code, and reinvest resources into planting and replacing trees throughout **Colorado Springs**. Expanding and maintaining our urban tree canopy is essential to creating healthier, more livable neighborhoods, and we appreciate the City's commitment to growing shade and improving community well-being.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Salazar, MSW
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