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Re: Discussion of Ordinance No. 967 – Authorizing the Use of Eminent Domain for Acquisition of Certain Real Property identified as King County Tax Parcel No. 727810-0905 for Public Park Land.

Dear Councilmembers

For at least 35 years my family and I have walked across the Richmond Beach Drive bridge and accessed the beach by walking south on 27th Avenue, NW. It is a safe way to get to the beach without having to cross the railroad tracks, and it is an easier route for someone who is disabled or has physical limitations. We have been respectful of the residents of the houses that line 27th Avenue NW whenever we use that road.

Now that the Council knows the true boundaries of Saltwater Park, which ends one parcel away from 27th Avenue, the decision to acquire the remaining parcel is a no brainer. I believe that the City's acquisition of the parcel to close the gap will clarify the public's right to use this access to the beach, especially for those living within walking distance of the Richmond Beach Drive bridge. I wholeheartedly support the acquisition of the beach parcel between Saltwater park land and 27th Avenue.

Thank you for considering my comments

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