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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Ordinance 967. Please acquire the beach property at the southern end of 27th Ave NW.
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Councilmembers,

I support the City of Shoreline buying the beach parcel at the south end of 27th Ave NW, adjacent to the bulkhead. I encourage you to do everything in your power to approve and facilitate this purchase.

I live in Richmond Beach. My family and I, as well as countless other Shoreline residents, have enjoyed walking on the beach, accessing it via the 27th Ave NW bridge and walking south, especially during low tide when we can walk all the way to Saltwater Park and up and back to city streets. There's historical evidence that city residents have enjoyed this for decades. The entirety of the beach between the park and 27th Ave NW is de-facto public space. The City should acquire this parcel to ensure formal public ownership and let all of us feel confident that it's our right to enjoy free, safe, and uninterrupted passage to this public space.

We've heard that some 27th Ave NW residents were entertaining the idea of putting up a gate at the south end of the street. This would be an adversary act of bad neighborly behavior. We understand their concern about increased traffic on their street, which stems from the 2020 pattern of more cars around the street and more foot traffic to the beach, due to the City's closure of the Saltwater park's parking lots for Covid 19 related safety reasons. This was a rare circumstantial event and should not occur during normal times. Regularly, there is very sparse foot traffic of people accessing the beach on 27th Ave NW, and public parking on the street is prohibited (which I totally support). The vast majority of people, in normal circumstances, prefer accessing the beach via Saltwater Park itself, not via 27th Ave NW. All of this has nothing to do with who owns that particular tideland parcel. Acquiring the parcel shouldn't change these behavior patterns, which have been the de-facto reality for decades anyway. And if an extreme event like Covid 19 happens again, we'll be guaranteed continued access to the beach.

Acquiring more beach park space is a voted-on high priority of City residents, is part of the City's written policy, and has allocated funds as part of the recently passed Proposition 1 Parks Bond. Please act on the public's priorities and make this purchase a reality.

Thank you,

-Dan Khen