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Subject: [EXTERNAL] support for the City acquiring the beach parcel at the southern end of 27th Ave NW
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To City Council members,

I reside in Richmond Beach and enjoy walking the beach, as many do. My comments are in support of the proposed ordinance being discussed under Agenda Item 9(c).

I support the City buying the beach parcel, where my family has walked for years. I always thought it was wrong that a private person owns the beach. It certainly should be a public space. The City should acquire the beach parcel, to confirm our right to walk on the beach. Our beaches should be public spaces open to all.

Several years ago, some homeowners on 27th Ave NW entertained the possibility of constructing a gate at the southern end of the public road on 27th Ave NW, even exchanging some emails with the City. I was appalled when I heard this. I strongly support the City acquiring the beach parcel.

The City and BNSF should be doing everything possible to provide safe ways to cross the railroad tracks to get to the beach. Acquiring the beach property is a big step in the right direction. It is terrific that people can walk freely and safely across the Richmond Beach bridge and onto the beach. With the City owning the beach, the City is really looking out for our safety and recreation interests.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hillyer