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Cc: agenda comments

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Dear Mayor Scully and City Council Members,

I have and continue to reside in Shoreline, WA for the last 43 years. My comments are in support of the proposed Ordinance 967 being discussed under Agenda Item 9(c) at the May 23, 2022 City Council Meeting.

A walk along Richmond Beach Saltwater Park beach is an amenity and pleasure that I am grateful for because it promotes general well being. I have been on nature walks on that beach and have seen school-led field trips to the 'beach' as an outdoor classroom. The area is a valuable asset to the City and should be available to all to enjoy.

I just learned that the City owns the tidelands north of Saltwater Park, right up to the southern boundary of the privately-owned beach parcel. I absolutely support the City's acquisition of the beach parcel. Instead of "a line in the sand" being the northern boundary of the Park, the recognizable bulkhead will become the northern boundary. Under the City's Comprehensive Plan, acquiring additional public access to Shoreline's natural features, including the Puget Sound shoreline, fulfills a top priority in the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) that was recently passed.

Thank you.

Susanne Tsoming, Resident of Hillwood neighborhood

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