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Hi, my name is Lisa Douglass and I live in Shoreline, Washington. I specifically live in a delightful neighborhood called Richmond Beach. I have lived here for 30 years, and I adore our community and the true sense of community.....neighbors helping neighbors. I am addressing agenda item 9 (c), discussion of ordinance 967.

We enjoyed all the parks that our little community has to offer while raising our kids. But the most frequented one we enjoyed was the beach down the hill from our house. We would load up a wagon and take a walk with picnic items, pails and shovels and walk across the small bridge down the street we call Apple Tree Lane and spend hours at the beach. The memories are so special and now as an empty nester, I thoroughly enjoy seeing new young families making their memories on this beach while I stroll the stretch of beach regularly and breathe in the fresh sea air.

I support the City buying the beach parcel, and I also support the City prohibiting public parking on 27th Ave NW.

I'm sure there will be some people who express concern about a possible increase in the number of walkers or the number of cars parking by the bridge. I doubt very much that anything will change merely because the City owns the beach parcel, other than we walkers will feel more comfortable knowing that we have the right to walk across the bridge to the beach.

As long as Saltwater Park is open and has ample parking, that's where residents who live outside of Richmond Beach will go to access the beach, as they do now.

My family and friends enjoy walking a loop from Saltwater Park to the bulkhead at the southern end of 27th then across the bridge, then returning by City streets to Saltwater Park. I support the City buying the beach parcel. Next time that I walk my loop, I'll know that I am not walking over private property.

The City and BNSF should be doing everything possible to provide safe ways to cross the railroad.

The city needs to be protecting the neighborly feel that Richmond Beach has always had for its residents.

Thank you,

Lisa Douglass