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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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## Greetings Councilmembers,

I reside in Shoreline 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, and I also support the city prohibiting public parking on 27th Avenue NW. "Acquiring shoreline and beach access" is a top priority in the city's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS Plan). It is what Shoreline residents have consistently said that they want. We all love going to the beach, especially at low tides. Our beaches should be public spaces open to all.

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.

Thank you. Sheri Ashleman