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Dear Council Members of the City of Shoreline,

I live in Shoreline and have lived in the Richmond Beach neighborhood since 1990. We have raised our children in this neighborhood and value the special and unique area that we live in.

I am writing this letter to you today to offer my support for **Ordinance 967.** (Agenda Item 9 (c) I think the City of Shoreline should acquire this property at the end of 27<sup>th</sup> so community residents can continue to use this access point to the beach. Acquiring the beach parcel, with its 400 feet of shoreline, is in the public's best interest.

The southern end beach property on  $27^{th}$  Ave NW should be city owned open space for the public to enjoy. I support the City buying the beach parcel, and keeping that beach space open for us, and for generations to come. We have been walking down to the beach this way probably once a month for thirty years. When we go down there, occasionally we see one other person, but it is never crowded and is very peaceful. I have not witnessed any people parking on 27th and using this access point, so I think it would be a good idea to add this to the park area and provide guaranteed access to the beach via  $27^{th}$ . This is one of the benefits we most appreciate about Richmond Beach.

I would also like to recommend that the City restore the beach access we once had at the northern end of the road, before the gate there was put up.

The City should work with the railroad to provide a dedicated pathway to the beach that bypasses the gate, giving us safe passage to the tidelands in front of Kayu Kayu Ac park. This was probably the best spot for families to walk and spend quality time. It was a huge benefit to those in the community who can walk to the beach.

Thank you for your time.

Please email with any questions.

Sincerely,

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