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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Beach Access at North and south Ends of 27th NW
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Ordinance 967, agenda item 9(c). Please vote for the ordinance and acquire the beach parcel that abuts the south end of 27th NW. **This is a rare opportunity.** Please Please guarantee that the public may walk on this road to reach both the south beach and the north beach. Failure to do so may result in a serious liability issue for the city (because you have the opportunity to provide safe access now) and because if you neglect to provide safe access, the public will resort to unsafe ways to access the beach (climb over 2 sets of railroad tracks and down shifting rocks). The city should work with the railroad and it's right-of-way to provide a safe, dedicated foot pathway to the beach at both the south and north ends of 27th NW.

Thank you,

Sandra Gillette

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I have lived in Richmond Beach since 1971 and enjoyed walking the beaches, parks, streets, and neighborhoods. 27th NW (fondly known as "Apple Tree Lane" for many years) is a favorite walk to get to the beach. My family, children, friends, neighbors, have all used this access to the beach, both north and south, for years. Most of the street is actually the BNSF Railroad right of way. Then the north end of the street was blocked off when the house was built at the end of the road. Why were they allowed to do this? That road is NOT their property. As a result, people climb over two sets of railroad tracks (a very dangerous thing to do!) and down the rocks to reach the beach instead of walking safely on the road like we always did. Now there is the opportunity for the city of Shoreline to acquire the beach parcel immediately to the south of the end of 27th. This parcel would abut Saltwater Park's boundary and complete the south beach access for all residents of Shoreline.

This is an opportunity that the city of Shoreline must not pass up. Please purchase this parcel and complete the south beach parcel. Please guarantee that the public may **walk** on 27th Ave NW both north and south to reach the beach. (We are not asking to park on 27th). Please remove the sign on the bridge that

says “No Public Beach Access”. Please remove the barrier at the north end. That road belongs to the public as much as any other road in Shoreline. Any claim that it is only a private road is not valid. Did the homeowners build the new bridge to 27th? No. Public money built that because it is for public access and safety.

Thank you,

Sandra Gillette