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Hi Councilmember Robertson,

This e-mail is in support of Proposed Ordinance 967 which would allow the City to acquire property at the end of 27th Avenue NW and connect said property to the existing property at Saltwater Park. This in essence creates another access point to Saltwater Park and allows residents who walk in this area to freely walk the beach without driving to Saltwater Park and adding to the congestion there.

This acquisition would add to the safety of residents in that people will go to the beach in an unsafe manner if no safe manner is available. Allowing access here would give people less reason to cross the railroad tracks at Kayu Kayu Park or near the Point Wells terminal. As a frequent walker I see people doing this continually on nice days and this practice, both dangerous and unlawful, could be reduced with access in other areas.

It is great news that the Proposition 1 Parks Bond passed recently. The \$38,000,000 is supposed to be used not only for improving eight specifically named parks and facilities, but also for "acquiring and improving other park and recreational facilities in the city park system." The property in question is assessed at \$107,000 which is surely a bargain to acquire and preserve beach access for our current residents and for residents in the years to come.

I completely support the Homeowners on 27th Ave NW in that there should obviously not be parking allowed on this narrow road and that people will have to park elsewhere, walk over the bridge and down the road to access the beach. However, the beach is for everyone and having people simply walk down the road is not a huge constraint on the Homeowners. I currently walk to the beach down that road at least weekly and find that most homeowners are welcoming, even chatty as I walk by.

In summary, we are a family that frequently walks and uses this access point and I respectfully request that the city make a permanent acquisition of this property to preserve this unique beachfront access in perpetuity.

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