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Councilmembers:

My name is Jerry Patterson and I reside at 20420 Richmond Beach Drive in Shoreline.

On Monday evening, you will begin deliberations on Ordinance 967.

A guiding principle in the deliberations is the sworn responsibility of the Council to make **clear, sound policy decisions, supported by data, that will serve the overall common good of the community for years to come.**

As you are acutely aware, for the entire stretch of Saltwater Park beach in Shoreline currently there is only **one** point of legal access for community members who want to enjoy the beach.

You are also aware that illegal beach access occurs when people trespass BNSF property across the tracks near Kayu Kayu Ac Park and at the north end of Shoreline on Richmond Beach Drive.

From my deck, I watch as people regularly try to negotiate the increasingly dangerous path leading to the tracks.

BNSF has even tried to discourage illegal trespassing by using a front end loader to create a cliff barrier of rocks to close off the illegal paths.

I've watched people stumble, fall, and get hurt as they attempt to get past the barrier cliff.

It doesn't have to be this way! By adopting Ordinance 967, the City Council can create a safe, legal access point at the south end of 27th Avenue that will serve all of our community for generations.

I urge you to pass Ordinance 967.

Jerry Patterson