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Subject: [EXTERNAL] regarding the ordinance to acquire beach access property along 27th Ave NW

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing as community members of the Richmond Beach/Shoreline area to support the ordinance authorizing the acquisition of the vacant beach property at the southern end of 27th Ave NW and opening access to beach goers along both ends of 27th.

As it stands, the community can only access the beach through Richmond Beach Saltwater State Park. However, many people are currently accessing the beach along unsafe points along 27th and across the railroad down by Kayu Kayu Ac Park. As To McCormick has written, and we concur:

Please do everything possible to:

- 1. Make official the current informal beach access at the southern end of 27th Ave NW. Acquire a lease or license from BNSF authorizing us to walk on their part of 27th Ave NW; and acquire the vacant beach property that is privately owned.
- 2. Restore the beach access we once had at the northern end of 27th Ave NW. Acquire a lease or license from BNSF to provide a dedicated pathway to the beach, then block the unsafe crossing spot by Kayu Kayu Ac park.

With the recent passage of the parks levy, please use the funds for:

- "Acquiring shoreline and beach access" a top priority in the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS Plan).AND
- Providing "additional public access to Shoreline's natural features, including the Puget Sound shoreline"— a Natural Environment Policy in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for your support of this wise ordinance.

Best regards, Karen & Gabriel Sanchez