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Hello Councilmembers,

On Monday night, you'll be discussing the Parks Bond Projects, and assessing how to locate \$6.3 million to cover the budget shortfall for the Parks Bond's eight priority projects.

Please ensure that adequate funding remains to acquire the beach parcel at the southern end of 27th Ave NW, pursuant to Ordinance 967 that you passed unanimously on June 6, 2022.

Thank you.

Tom McCormick

"Safe beach access for everyone, forever."

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ORDINANCE NO. 967

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE RICHMOND BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE SOUTH END OF 27th AVENUE NW, TAX PARCEL 727810-0905, BY NEGOTIATED VOLUNTARY PURCHASE, UNDER THREAT OF CONDEMNATION, BY CONDEMNATION, OR BY SETTLING CONDEMNATION LITIGATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARK LAND; FINDING PUBLIC USE AND NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING JUST COMPENSATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 8.12 RCW, the City has the authority to condemn property for public parks; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, approved by the City Council on July 31, 2017, recognized that Richmond Beach Saltwater Park provides the City's only public water access to Puget Sound and, in the response to a survey on how the City could improve or expand parks, 34% responded that the City should acquire shoreline and beach access; and

WHEREAS, since 1971, the sale of state-owned tidelands has been prohibited but that was not before approximately 60 percent of Washington's tideland becoming privately owned; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that acquisition of the property generally depicted and described in Exhibit A, attached hereto (the "Acquired Property"), is necessary for the public use of park lands to meet the recreation and natural open spaces needs of the community and ensure continued access to these vital natural areas; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Acquired Property will provide additional public access to the Puget Sound shoreline and increase the amount of shoreline within the City's public park system; and

WHEREAS, just compensation for the Acquired Property can be funded through the City's General Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, there have been, and will continue to be, sustained efforts to negotiate with the owner of the Acquired Property, and eminent domain action will be taken judiciously after reasonable efforts to reach a negotiated settlement with the owner; and

WHEREAS, in the event that negotiated acquisition of the Acquired Property is not successful, it is essential that the City be prepared to initiate condemnation proceedings; and