

Bonita Roznos

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To: Bonita Roznos
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Petition to Vacate portion of 25th Ave NW ROW

Attn: Bonita Roznos, deputy city clerk, city of Shoreline.

RE: Comments for the hearing examiner and council regarding discussion file No. PLN-0009.
The request to vacate a portion of 25th Ave., Northwest.

This email letter is in opposition to the proposed vacating of a portion of the 25th Avenue NW right of way. Our Richmond Beach community has managed and nurtured this right of way for over 15 years, receiving grants and other funding to eradicate invasive plants, replant with native species and maintain the green space it provides all members of our community. The right of way is adjacent to the Richmond Reserve, an oasis of native timber and undergrowth. Together they provide critical slope stabilization, wildlife corridors and terrific open space - a valuable public asset for the entire community, part of which will be lost if the city vacates it. To vacate a portion of this right of way runs counter to what the city itself established in its comprehensive plan - to "preserve, encourage and enhance open space" (CD 19). Ceding a significant portion of this right of way to a private developer does not do that.

The developer who is petitioning the city to vacate this portion has already undermined the site by encroaching on the right-of-way - removing vegetation and grading within the space without permits. In my view they are trying to achieve an unjust advantage. This is contrary to the due process we all value as honest and fair, and to which our community looks to the city of Shoreline to uphold.

I oppose the proposed vacation of this portion of right of way. In summary:

- 1) Vacation of the right of way for private use and construction is not in accordance to the City Council PROS plan, Resolution 412.
- 2) It's part of a steep critical slope.
- 2) The city's comprehensive plan specifically states (CD 19) to "preserve and enhance views from public places of water and mountains... As valuable civic assets."
Selling it to a private developer does not do that.
- 3) The parks PROS plan - approved by the Shoreline City Council, states that they want the right-of-way to add to the Richmond Reserve park space adjacent to it.

Respectfully, keep the right-of-way as open space.

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