



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

August 25, 2015

Honorable Tim Burgess
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to acquire by negotiation or condemnation the land and other necessary property rights commonly known as portions of 12754 and 13002 NE Riviera Place for open space, park, and recreation purposes. The legislation also authorizes the City Attorney to begin condemnation proceedings in the event the property cannot be purchased by voluntary agreement.

The purpose of the proposed Council Bill is to reopen the NE 130th Street End for public use. Despite 82 years of continuous use as a street-end public access community beach, the adjoining property owners prevailed in a quiet title action which resulted in the two halves of the street end becoming part of the adjoining properties. The City seeks to acquire the property to restore public access to Lake Washington.

Approval of the proposed Bill will begin the process to restore public access to a community treasure: public access to the Lake Washington shoreline. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Donald Harris at 684-8018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward B. Murray".

Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council