

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation of Richmond Beach Community Association as a Century Corporation
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	CMO
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager Nora Smith, Neighborhood and Public Outreach Coordinator

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

One hundred years ago representatives of Richmond Beach Community Council incorporated in the State of Washington to formalize the local improvement club. In 1908 Richmond Beach was a bustling vibrant suburb, located only 14 miles by rail from the King Street station in downtown Seattle.

Secretary of State Sam Reed has recognized Richmond Beach Community Association as a Century Corporation in honor of achieving this milestone. Out of 3400 corporations formed in 1908, Richmond Beach Community Association is one of 65 which are still active.

The Richmond Beach Community has a long history of an active community organization which connects residents, provides a strong social fabric and improves the quality of life, all through the efforts of volunteers.

Representatives of the Richmond Beach Community Association Board of Directors will be present to accept the proclamation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1908 representatives of Richmond Beach Community Council made a trip to Olympia to file incorporation papers with Secretary of State Sam Nichols; and

WHEREAS, publishers of the Polk Directory in the early 1900's touted Richmond Beach as one of the most promising communities outside of Seattle, a place for families, one of the handsomest school buildings in the county, a public library and an improvement club; and

WHEREAS, of the nearly 3400 incorporations filed in 1908 only 65 exist today and Richmond Beach Community Association is part of that small number; and

WHEREAS, the organization has undergone a variety of name changes but the purpose remains the same to have social meetings for the residents of Richmond Beach that inform residents and foster community building;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Ryu, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on

behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim that Richmond Beach Community Association has been designated by the State of Washington as a

## **Century Corporation**

in recognition of its dedication and perseverance in maintaining corporate status for one hundred years. We honor the tireless dedication of numerous individuals to one hundred years of community building.

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Cindy Ryu  
Mayor of Shoreline

**SECRETARY  
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*Sam Reed*



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January 16, 2008

Starla M. Hohbach  
Richmond Beach Community Council  
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Dear Ms. Hohbach:

It is my pleasure and honor to present to your organization the enclosed certificate recognizing Richmond Beach Community Council as having been incorporated since December 29, 1908.

It was on that day in 1908 in which members of your organization appeared before Secretary of State Sam Nichols to formally incorporate. Although your organization may have existed long before, it was then that they sought the protections that come with incorporating.

Although I do not know the individual circumstances of your particular group, incorporations were at that time primarily delivered by horseback. Because few owned cars, and the roads outside of Olympia were virtually impassible, incorporating a business was quite an adventure. Of the nearly 3400 incorporations filed in 1908, only 65 exist today and you are part of that small group. I have attached a list of the other Century Corporations for your information.

If you would like a copy of your original incorporation papers, please contact Rob Thompson at the Corporations Division of my office and he can send them to you for a small fee. His number is (360) 586-6782.

My best to all of you on this important day. I wish you great success as you carry out your work for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

SAM REED  
Secretary of State

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