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The Discovery Park 50th Anniversary Committee kindly extends an invitation for you to attend the commemoration and celebration of the park's 50th anniversary on October 1, 2022, a day of activities and a formal celebration. The event is an opportunity to celebrate a rich history as well as its Master Plan's prime mission as "an open space of quiet and tranquility." Further, it highlights our future role in maintaining Seattle's commitment to public places with natural, open and peaceful spaces. People come to this park to connect with nature and restore balance in their busy lives.

Discovery Park, over 500 acres, is the City of Seattle's largest and most unique park. It includes Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, a 20-acre land base and community center/ceremonial center for Native Americans in the Seattle area. The park includes hiking trails, beaches, historic fort buildings, a historic lighthouse, native flora and fauna, and spectacular views as well as over 270 species of birds. This park is a huge asset to our city as well as our region and state.

Native peoples have cared for this land since time immemorial. Dating back at least 4,000 years, ancestral Duwamish people lived, hunted and gathered on the shores of Discovery Park's West Point Beach. In 1898, the U.S. Army occupied it as Fort Lawton. This ended in 1972, when the Army transferred most of the land to the City of Seattle. Due to the work of indigenous people, city leaders, activist citizens and landscape architects, Discovery Park and Daybreak Star were secured and have been maintained over the past 50 years. This was accomplished through City, County and State investments and hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer labor. The park has welcomed generations of visitors.

Further updates, activities and details at our website: www.discopark50.org

We would welcome your participation in the celebration of this exceptional place — Discovery Park!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garrett Esperum".

Garrett Esperum
Chair, Discovery Park 50th Anniversary Planning Committee/Discovery Park Advisory Council

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