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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Brisbane Planning Commissioners,

There are so many reasons for housing to be built on the Baylands. I will list some of them in this letter. I respectfully ask for you to consider these reasons as you decide at the meeting on Thursday March 10th whether to advise the inclusion of housing along with the office and commercial uses proposed for the site.

First, the City of Brisbane needs more housing in order to grow. Like every peninsula city, by creating jobs locally and inviting businesses to town in order to provide tax income, the Planning Commission and Council will also be inviting in new employees. Our county's current ratio of job creation (30,000) to housing creation (under 3,000) is a recipe for displacement, gentrification and destruction of community, as we lose our seniors and graduating students barred by high rents. Our home prices and rents are distorted by the top job salaries that have been created by the thousands in the last ten years, leaving families with moderate incomes no local housing options and long commutes.

The Baylands site has been remediated at great expense. It can be made safe for housing wherever specific residential uses are planned. The Baylands site offers a Caltrain stop for potential out-commuters as well as in-commuters. The Baylands site EIR proves that housing provides better CO2 emissions outcomes results for the substantial amount of development proposed than a developed site with no housing. Brisbane can take a leading role in reimagining itself from the hidden valley of its beginnings to a vibrant new center/entry to the peninsula. By balancing a transit-oriented commercial development with substantial local housing development, the City of Brisbane can create opportunity for its children and their children to live, work and play near where they grew up.

I urge you to consider recommending housing as a use for some of the Baylands site.

Respectfully,

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