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**RE: March 10, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting
Item G.1: Baylands Planning Applications and Staff Report for Brisbane Baylands Deliberations Meeting #3 - Appropriate Mix of Uses within the Baylands, Continued**

Dear Chairperson Do, Vice-Chair Reinhardt and Commissioners Anderson, Parker and Munir:

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the deliberations facing you at the Brisbane Baylands. SPUR is a leading civic planning organization promoting good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area through research, education and advocacy. We see the Brisbane Baylands as a pivotal opportunity for transit-oriented development in the region: the proposed 680-acre project is the largest undeveloped site between downtown San Francisco and SFO. It is imperative that housing be developed at this location in tandem with jobs and close to robust transit options.

Our region is in a housing crisis. Since the 2009 recession, our economy has expanded at twice the rate of other American metropolitan areas. Since 2010, the region has added around 600,000 jobs, bringing the Bay Area's total employment to a historic high of 4.1 million jobs. And yet we have not created the housing needed to serve these employees and their families. The region has only added 55,000 homes in that same time period, putting incredible pressure on the existing housing stock and driving home prices and rents through the roof. The State Legislative Analyst's Office recently concluded that a reluctance to add housing in our coastal urban areas has created the housing affordability crisis we face in the Bay Area and ultimately impacts our economy and quality of life when workers can no longer afford to live here.

We understand that the City of Brisbane already has four times as many jobs as employed residents. It is critical for housing to be a substantive component of the Brisbane Baylands in order to stop exacerbating the housing crisis that impacts residents of the Brisbane community as well as the rest of the region.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 415-644-4884 or kwang@spur.org if you have any questions.

Best,

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