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I'm a renter and a small business owner in San Francisco. Over the past two years, we've seen rent prices fall by 5-9% as we've seen new housing supply come online.

We need to continue to build more housing, especially close to transit, as this Brisbane development is. More housing will continue to lower rents (or keep them from rising further) which will put money back in renters pockets, and help keep the economy dynamic. Lower rents mean our teachers, police officers, transit workers, and firefighters can live in the communities where they work, which is harder than ever nowadays. It also means our kids can afford to live where they grew up.

As a small business owner, the cheaper it is to live here, the easier it is to recruit and hire employees and grow my business.

Tens of thousands of people commute to San Francisco every day. Many of them commute from Antioch, Pleasanton or Stockton, which is bad for congestion and bad for our environment. Long commutes are also shown to cause unhappiness. If we build housing in Brisbane closer to where people work, lots of people will have shorter commutes to San Francisco, which are great for the environment and great for people's happiness.

Thanks,
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