



May 4, 2017

City Manager and City Council, City of Brisbane
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place
Brisbane, Ca 94005

Dear Mr. Holstine and the Brisbane City Council,

On behalf of Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, I am writing to urge you to build housing at the Brisbane Baylands site in order to avoid exacerbating the Bay Area's housing crisis.

For over 35 years TNDC has been preserving and developing affording housing in the Tenderloin, SOMA, and surrounding neighborhoods of San Francisco, which have historically served low-income and working-class communities. In addition to operating affordable housing, we provide social services and work with community stakeholders to understand their concerns and raise public awareness on issues that impact their quality of life. You can find more information about our work at www.TNDC.org.

The rising housing costs and subsequent displacement of our low-income residents, our immigrant residents, and our residents of color is at the forefront of our minds.

Although TNDC's work is focused exclusively in San Francisco, the causes of and solutions to the current housing and displacement crisis are regional. We believe that it is a regional responsibility, and a federally sanctioned duty, to build housing affordable to households at a range of income levels. We also believe that this current housing and displacement crisis is largely caused by a jobs-housing imbalance: if we add jobs anywhere in the region without building more housing to accommodate those workers, then all residents suffer, including those who live in the Tenderloin and other low income San Francisco neighborhoods. If all Bay Area cities do not take responsibility for creating housing across the socio-economic spectrum, we will become a socially and environmentally unstable region with room for only the very wealthy.

Your decision impacts our residents. We urge you to consider the impact of your decision on the entire Bay Area, as well as the well-being of the more than a third of Brisbane residents who are renters. Please approve and support a project that will not exacerbate the housing crisis and instead will create more places for people to live.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald S. Falk".

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Chief Executive Officer

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