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Madame Mayor, Brisbane City Council, staff and members of the public:

I object to Universal Paragon making another presentation. You are in deliberations! Universal Paragon missed the boat of making changes by the deadlines the public and your consultants have adhered to. You have engaged the public and Planning Commission in countless hours of reading the plan(s) and as many of the attachments and studies that we could locate, now you are considering something different?

On July 13th, Jonathan Scharfman admitted that the “One Planet Living” concept is not part of the plan presented... that they are “warming up to the concept.” Have them bring this back after you have denied the current plan like your Planning Commission recommended. Make certain the wording in the plan we accept, if any, matches the words being spoken in public. Please read the documents. Read the parts of the UPC Plan which consider meeting environmental goals off site or not at all if not feasible.

You have an inadequate 2006 plan before you which has been reviewed critically in a DEIR. It says that to meet the developer’s objective (dense housing) you would need a higher LEED rating, but ultimately, the Environmentally superior alternative is the Citizen’s Renewable Energy Plan.

You have engaged the public in countless surveys, countless hours of testimony, paid EIR consultants, and you are still unable to make a decision?

Be aware of how you are intermingling or muddying language with uses that may not mix well. Please don’t mix a multi-modal concept up with railyard maintenance; yet there are two agencies (SFMTA for light rail and CaHSRA for high speed rail) that are parallel-planning such. Please don’t confuse mixed-uses with Any-and-All uses or glamorize living near a heavy traffic corridor. We need to keep the arteries free, not clog them down with 10 more reasons to gum up the flow.

I lived at the East Bay Bus Terminal at 1st and Mission, San Francisco. The noise, dirt, and vermin (pigeons and rats) at such crossroads are unbearable. Even Caltrans has setbacks and restrictions to protect residents, child care facilities, and sensitive receptors from the emissions around these transit corridors. This plan does not. It builds out to the edges.

I don't understand what Councilmember Lentz meant when he said "we can all agree about the Lagoon." We don't. There is no reason to change the current General Plan land-use designation from its Lagoon, Marsh Open Space status in order to add it into the Baylands Open Space total.

There have been no baseline benthic studies in the Lagoon. Yet, there is new information about a persistent airborne compound from the southern end of the lagoon which could emanate from LUSTS (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks) or storage in the old tunnels.

We don't all agree to add this Open Space resource into the open space of the Developer Sponsored Plan without further studies and commitment to improving the water quality. What we can agree to is engaging a non-profit environmental organization to oversee an integrated Lagoon and Wetlands Restoration from the Levison Marsh to the Bay and Crocker flow to the Bay as a primary goal, not a Sometime-Later goal.

Do not let UPC bully you about Land Use choices. They are asking you to double the population, take enormous risks, and look the other-way about hazards. They are asking you to wait for a cleanup. The Plans and maps presented have been all over the place. Now they are including Beatty Sub Area, Industrial Way, the entire Northeast Bayshore Sub Area, all the way to South San Francisco, not including Kinder Morgan. Does that make Kinder Morgan a new sub-region?

There is plenty of evidence that this is not an adequate plan, not an adequate DEIR and does not adequately meet the clean up goals which were ordered in 1988. The plan does not respond to the environmental challenges we face in the future. Deny it, as the Planning Commission recommends.

More hours-long testimony by the developer. No. Thirty years to let this developer not do a - cleanup as they are ordered to do is beyond being too patient. If you review the documents from Debra Hoern, it claims that DTSC and Water Board thought Universal Paragon has the money for cleanup... but they are claiming they don't without exposing a new residential population to the toxic melange.

One thing we all agree with is that Universal Paragon has allowed the Round House to deteriorate with no comment from the council. That is grounds for ALL council members to be recalled.

Respectfully,
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