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Re: Bay Area Council Statement on Brisbane Baylands Proposal

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My name is Rachele Trigueros, Policy Manager at the Bay Area Council. We are a regional organization that works on issues related to jobs, housing, transportation and how they intersect.

Looking at Brisbane's proposal of over 8 million square feet of commercial development and zero housing units, we believe that the city is in violation of the California regional welfare doctrine that states local development decisions must be evaluated against the regional welfare.

The Bay Area is experiencing an unprecedented housing crisis. In 2015, the Bay Area added 133,000 jobs but only 16,000 units of housing. San Mateo County specifically, has created 50,000 jobs since 2011, but only 3,000 new housing units. This jobs-housing imbalance is driving up costs, displacing low income residents, and forcing our workforce to the outskirts of the region, where they face extreme commutes that threaten to derail our greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Baylands is a regionally significant site; not only is it at the heart of our region, it is right next to regionally funded transportation infrastructure. You cannot create 8 million square feet of commercial development and not share the housing obligation.

Brisbane needs to step up and be a part of the solution not a part of the problem.