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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 8:21 AM  
To: Padilla, Ingrid  
Subject: Letter to the City Council regarding Brisbane Baylands Development

Hi City Clerk,

Could you please ensure that the City Council receives this communication in time for this evening's meeting and also include it on the webpage with the other letters?

Dear Honorable Mayor Lentz and Honorable Council Members,

I'm a Brisbane resident, and one of the 50% community survey respondents that agree some of housing on the Baylands is appropriate. I want the City to proactively work with UPC to negotiate an acceptable number, as well as ensure that development is consistent with Brisbane's character, values, and sustainability framework, and will provide benefits, such as containment and remediation of the site, open space for habitat, trails, sports fields and parks, grocery store, drug store, renewable energy, and restoration of the Round house.

The proposed housing location is about 2 miles away, so will not impact our small town feel in Central Brisbane and the Ridge. The Baylands can be made safe for housing, as it would be subject to all State, Regional, and Local regulations. There are many examples across the US demonstrating former rail yards can be made safe for housing. Two local examples are Mission Bay and Bridgecourt Emeryville. To safeguard the public's health and safety, which is a high priority to many survey respondents, the city should require independent oversight. This is the most important recommendation made by G. Fred Lee & Associates in their November 2010 report on the Adequacy of the Investigation/Remediation of the Brisbane Baylands.

Locating housing near transit and jobs lowers greenhouse gas emissions, which is a requirement of SB375. Housing will also help correct our existing jobs/housing imbalance that's put local housing out of reach for working families. Since 2010, San Mateo County has created 54,000 new jobs, and 3000 new homes. Brisbane has twice as many jobs as houses. This imbalance is driving working families and our adult children to places like the Central Valley, where they can afford a home. This in turn, encourages more paving over farmland for housing and roads, and increases driving emissions and sprawl. As of 2003, 80% of the workforce living in Tracy works in the SF Bay Area.

The Planning Commission's refusal to approve a sustainable Baylands plan by including housing has caught the attention of the Bay Area, and the State. I am concerned that if we don't approve a sustainable development that by definition includes housing, we may lose control of the Baylands that our city fathers fought so hard to control.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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