

Date: November 27, 2016  
To: Brisbane City Council  
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Subject: Baylands

We have owned a home in Brisbane for thirty years. Tracey Pomeroy and I raised two kids here, Drew and Carly. Brisbane has been a great community.

While stuck in traffic at the juncture of Tunnel Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard last week, I decided that I should weigh in on the Baylands situation.

My primary recommendation is that there should not be housing built in that area. The traffic congestion is currently unbearable -- a huge bottleneck -- and anyone who has driven through there knows this. Imagine the impact of more housing. Ridiculous on the face of it.

Second, any logic that supports the notion that Brisbane somehow has an obligation to build housing for San Francisco completely escapes me. Really? San Francisco Supervisors could not care less about the people of Brisbane, and it has seemed to me that they were never previously aware that our little hamlet even existed prior to their sudden discovery of the Baylands. Those obscene calls to annex Brisbane are revelatory of their attitude. Hundreds of young engineers now want to live in San Francisco and take Google buses to work in Mountain View, so we have to build houses for the people they've pushed out? I don't think so. There's plenty of open land for new housing in SF, like Golden Gate Park, Lafayette Park, Alta Plaza Park (in Pac Heights) and Alamo Square. *At some point soon all the available land will be gone.* Then what? Obviously, a line has to be drawn, so let's start drawing it thoughtfully now. Please don't let greed prevail. Just because there's money to be made (by developers who don't live here) doesn't mean it's a good idea. Think about the eyesores recently built on the northern border of SSF, near Sister Cities Blvd.

I'm in favor of the **Renewable Energy Alternative**. Let's think in new ways about land use. We cannot continue to behave like it's the 1950s anymore.

Thank you.