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To the Brisbane City Council Members,
I cringe when I see immense building going unfettered around us in SSF, San Francisco on our end and Daly City. If we build nothing in Brisbane, we will still be crushed by traffic, noise and congestion from the many projects under way and already planned.

After reading the projections for Traffic and Circulation in the Draft EIR, and doing the math, my subcommittee realized that even if we build nothing in the Baylands we are going to be victims to so much traffic, it could conceivably take us 15 minutes to get out of Brisbane by car and onto Bayshore Highway!

I sat on my deck this morning, as I often do, and I admired the quiet, appreciated the fact that we live on a spectacular mountain that doesn't begin and end at our lot lines, but we actually live on it, and that it is possibly going to be a way of life that is changed. Changed because, gridlock, pollution, noise (airport vectors are now closer to Brisbane) and the ability to get to and from anywhere we want around us will be unrecognizable.

Knowing our City Council all agreed as part of their campaigns, that they represent the majority of the Citizens, why there is even a shadow over us, fearing our way of life will change is a very big question! I hope you are asking yourself the same one.

Life in Brisbane was slowly crafted by thoughtful predecessors who set a patient, pace of growth, keeping in mind height limitations, views, ecology, toxins in the Baylands, not spoiling the ridge line of the mountain, and a vision of our small town continuing, with values that have attracted so many to want to be a part of this.

Our 1994 General Plan, while argued by some as outdated, was crafted with futuristic views of maintaining a beautiful place to live. No housing on the Baylands was instituted and I for one agree that it is not safe unless remediated in its entirety, meaning removal of the toxins completely. Covering up the toxins with a cap, is well, kind of like what cats do with kitty litter. It still needs to be dealt with. If you are not convinced, see Dr. G Fred Lee's report on the toxins...

<http://www.gfredlee.com/Landfills/BrisbaneBaylands.pdf>

The Draft response to the Final EIR, created by the Planning Commission rejects the developer's plan for the Baylands. It also rejects changing the General Plan to allow housing. The last meeting was packed with unknown people representing outside interests, by my estimation they out numbered our town people 2-1 and spoke about our selfish interest and how adding huge numbers of housing, as much as possible, is our responsibility.

To them I say, "No it is not." period. We cannot fix the problems of the Peninsula and we are not responsible for them. We are dealing with a much bigger problem of disturbing pollutants underground that can harm, even kill people. Current solutions to dealing with these pollutants are not good enough! Stop and think.

I publicly ask our esteemed City Council to stop and think. What do your constituents want? How can you reach that goal? We don't want to sell out for any "benefits" proffered by a developer. Listen to the recommendations of the Planning Commission that took over a year to reach. If your constituency is important to you, listen to them and act accordingly.

I ask the constituency to get informed. We have a demand to build an additional 200+ homes in Brisbane that we must zone for. The council has created Son of Godzilla, called Parkside. Please get informed. Many of us do not want this? This is rezoning around our entrance to Brisbane with buildings that will tower over anything now existing and will create another huge impact. But that is another story.

There is so much on our plate. Let's go back to the values of a patient, pace of growth, including thoughtful growth, as mandated. It does not need to be in your face, and can be done with the courage to say no, and a mindset of conserving the beautiful life we now enjoy.

Thank you.
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