

W. Clarke Conway

Occupation: Incumbent

Age: 62

I was born and raised in Brisbane. Both of my parents were actively involved in our community --- my father was elected to the original city council in 1961 when Brisbane became a city, my mother fought against the garbage burner and helped dozens of kids participate in sporting events. My wife Liz and I are raising our two youngest granddaughters who attend Brisbane schools.

I served on the council from 1993-2001, retired for four years and served again from 2005 to present. My goals included providing excellent recreation opportunities for our citizens, including a swimming pool, and preserving our Open Space. We have a good recreation program despite budget challenges and there is always room for improvement. The city's Open Space Program has permanently protected more than 50 acres of precious open space.

We are now winding up the process on the Baylands. This is the most important project we will see in Brisbane ever. The Baylands are highly contaminated with dangerous toxics that are being proposed to be left in place. Currently, housing on the Baylands is not allowed by our General Plan that was approved by the voters. Nevertheless, the corporate land owner submitted a plan that included over 4400 residential units, more than two times our current housing units. Now state-wide and regional interests are threatening to take away our local land use authority if we don't approve the massive housing and commercial project.

This is where strong and experienced leadership really counts. I pledge to do everything in my power to fight for our local right to self-determination.

As a baseline this development has to be sustainable, produce renewable energy, restore wetlands, recycle water, maintain Icehouse Hill as open space and accommodate the expansion of Recology.

Throughout my time in office, I have insisted that citizens be able to vote on major development projects, and I support your right to vote on any final Baylands plan.

Our budget is currently balanced. To keep it that way this ballot has a business license tax for Recology and Soils Processing. I support both. The soils processing business will go away in the near future as it is a temporary business and under a temporary use permit.

You have three votes on November 7th. I ask for one of them.