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John Swiecki
Community Development Director
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50 Park Place
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Dear Mr. Swiecki:

My name is Brad Block. I am a Brisbane resident and speaking on behalf of the San Francisco Boardsailing Association, as the designated Site Steward for Candlestick Point (also known as Windsurfer Circle) for that organization.

I'm representing thousands of boardsailors who have used and continue to use Candlestick Point as one of the premier sailing venues in the United States for the past 20 years.

We appreciate that the Draft EIR already recognizes this sensitive recreational resource. However the public documents fall well short of explaining or considering critical details regarding methodology, assumptions, derivations, standards, and conclusions.

Though we already have many questions, it is impossible to provide substantive comments without additional information from the City and the engineers who prepared the study.

The Baylands project and the recently proposed separate Recology expansion project are complex and intense. There are few universal standards for significance of impact to this sort of recreation, and there is a vast range of options for studying such impacts. There is also a precedent of higher scrutiny and cooperation for projects affecting this sort of recreational resource in the Bay Area.

For these reasons, we strongly insist the City and their engineers meet with us as soon as possible.

There has been a steady degradation of this resource through continued development along the adjacent 101 corridor contributing not only diminished and turbulent wind but also toxic industrial inflows into the Bay.

By embracing this resource rather than perpetuating its demise, Brisbane has the opportunity to foster an incredibly unique and attractive amenity similar to world-class sites such as Crissy Field or the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon.

We look forward to working together with the City to strive to uphold the highest standards for preserving and cultivating this valuable and irreplaceable resource.

Sincerely,

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