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Get your Affairs In Order, You Don't Have Much Time.
Or, Think Outside The Box
UPC and the State of California vs Town of Brisbane

We don't have much time, and although any housing considered by our City Council will go to a vote (which I personally appreciate), is our vote just a formality and if voted down, do we get housing anyway?

Money doesn't talk, it swears. A billionaire developer viewed a large piece of land from a helicopter over Brisbane, and said I want it, and he acquired it. I add, with full disclosure that the property, a former unregulated dump site needed significant remediation and that Brisbane's General Plan, bans housing on this former dump and Superfund site.

This developer amassed crowds of people (of whom many, by the way, would benefit financially by building said houses,) to effect his bidding, by congesting City Council meetings with his alliances for housing, offering every reason imaginable to build on this site, never mentioning the fact that this land is dangerous to people and other living things, added to the absolute possibility of liquefaction during a major earthquake and of course sea level rise. In fact citing other places where brown fields have been turned into enterprise. I maintain that enough time has not passed to see if the remediated brown fields will be safe long term.

The alleged housing shortage will not be helped by adding 4000 houses to a polluted area.

Considering the vast amounts of housing that is already approved in close surrounding areas, conversely, the blight of traffic, noise, crowding, air pollution, major stress and even illness because of the land itself will be an everyday ordeal. Over crowded roads will become clogged and commute times become life times.

With the issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, the Citizens Committee, convened to study it, found it difficult to read with material needing to be searched, and found scattered throughout the document and literally researched in other on line areas to find answers to our questions, in order to ask questions needing to be asked. The final Environmental Impact Report, did not answer very many of the situations and questions brought to its Preparer since in Preparer's opinion items were not in their scope. Again, information was difficult to cull and much was left to guess.

Very importantly, there is no water agreement in place with Modesto Irrigation District or anyone else to supply water to the site.

Now enter the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, where Supervisor Jane Kim lead-authored a bill to annex Brisbane, in October of 2016, thus giving SF the authority to build any and everything on the contaminated land. It didn't work and according to an article in Curbed San Francisco from July of 2017, over 30,000 homes are vacant in the City. San Francisco could go a long way in remedying the shortfall of housing by fixing their own broken system. <https://sf.curbed.com/.../sf-tax-landlord-homes-apartments-va...> or from 2012, <https://www.bizjournals.com/.../san-francisco-bay-area-vacant...>

Kim, narrowly lost her bid for a senate seat to her then colleague Scott Weiner, who brings the State of California into the picture. Weiner co-authoring Senate Bill SB-827, which allows the State to seize control of the Baylands and build as much of anything it, wants. The full text of the Bill is at <https://www.scottwiener-seizecontrol.org> .

Our General Plan for the Baylands will not be worth the paper it was conceived and written on if SB-827 succeeds.

What, can we do? What out of the box solutions can we bring to the table? Former Mayor and City Council member, Ray Miller has suggested granting the northern half of the Baylands to San Francisco, and getting out of this game. This is the kind of out of the box thinking I like to hear. What else is possible?

I feel like the doctor just told us to get our affairs in order, there is no more we can do, but I will not accept that and I hope you will take a hard look and see just what else is possible.

Respectfully,
Linda M. Dettmer