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To: Padilla, Ingrid

Subject: RE: Educational Survey and Community Workshop, please distribute to all council members

Dear Brisbane City Council members,

We are writing this letter to request that the council move forward with the educational study to evaluate possible school district configurations. We appreciate the fact that the council has put the issue on July's agenda; however, we will be out of town and are unable to attend the meeting on July 19th to speak on behalf of this topic.

We have been residents of Brisbane for 13 years. Although we love this town, we have frequently struggled with the idea of staying here long term due to the current choices of public high school which we feel are less than ideal. From speaking to others in the community, we are aware that many families in Brisbane have already endured the burden of giving their children an optimal high school education.

The prospect of a new school built in the Baylands is promising news; however, it is disappointing to know that it will belong to a different school district and our children may not be able to attend. We feel there is a significant need for the study to take place in order to explore ideas to create more choices for the children of Brisbane in the future.

It is equally frustrating and disappointing to learn that the Baylands will be generating a significant amount of money for education, none of which will be received by the Brisbane School District. All of the school children in Brisbane should benefit from any tax dollars generated within this town.

There is no question that developing the Baylands will create significant changes in Brisbane; however, it is important for the city as a whole to stay connected in the midst of these changes. Schools are an integral part of communities. Two different school districts within such a small town will make it difficult for this community to stay united on every front.

We are well aware that this study may not result in a change in the current school district lines. We are also well aware that our own children may not benefit from any changes as they may be full grown by the time the Baylands development is completed. Our hope is that our children (and their children) will want to remain in Brisbane and that future generations will have better educational opportunities available.

The choice that the council makes at this point in time on this issue could significantly impact the education choices of all future residents. You owe it to the present and future children of Brisbane to explore whether it may be possible to make these changes now so upcoming generations can reap the most benefits and have the best opportunities that will arise from the new development. We implore you to approve this study.

In addition, we would also like to speak in support of the proposed Community Workshop. Please keep in mind that not all Brisbane residents are opposed to the

development. Being that Brisbane has many long term residents who have extremely strong opinions, it would be wonderful to have a calm, welcoming environment where everyone could share their ideas of what they envision for the future of our town. There are many of us in this town with softer voices and we would appreciate a safe and comfortable atmosphere to express our views.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your service.

Sincerely,

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