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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Baylands
Subject: Baylands letter to the City Council

Dear Mayor Conway and Brisbane City Council,
In 2012 the San Mateo County Superintendent undertook a Brisbane and Bayshore Elementary School Districts consolidation study.

In response to this thorough examination of elementary school district merger, Brisbane resident Jennifer Bousquet started an on-line petition opposed to the merger. Among the petition signatories were Madison Davis, Karen Cunningham and Cliff Lentz.

Clarke Conway publicly spoke against the elementary school district merger at a Bayshore Elementary School District board meeting. 4/5 of the current Brisbane city council killed the Brisbane and Bayshore districts merger in 2012, when merger, which I supported, was possible. You won, and Brisbane lost.

Bayshore recently told you that they are no longer interested in a school district merger or giving up their Baylands territory. Education code section 35700-35787 makes clear that without Bayshore's willingness to merge, redrawing Brisbane's school district boundary to include the Baylands is not feasible. Trying to grab the Baylands revenue now for only Brisbane schools is just selfish.

Misled Brisbane parents have sent the council 5 letters in the last three weeks asking for a Baylands school redistricting study. I urge you to tell the parents who want to redistrict the Baylands to talk to the proper government body, the Brisbane Elementary School District Board of Trustees.

Your job as the city council is not to administer the schools, but to approve the overdue Baylands EIR and General Plan amendment. I support the current proposal of up to 2200 housing units and 7 million square feet of commercial development. This will serve Brisbane, unlike High Speed Rail, to which I am opposed. It is very generous of Brisbane to offer doubling both its residential population and its commercial development. I know of no other Bay Area city doing this.

Comments on the General Plan Amendment:

Item 3. – suggest "...incorporate all applicable EIR mitigation, monitoring and reporting measures..."

Item 3.B. – "proposes" should be "proposed."

Regarding the "mixed use" designation for East Baylands – Title 17, Chapter 17.02.540 of the Brisbane municipal code reads: "mixed use means a combination of residential and non-residential uses that are located within the same structure or on the same site." If residential is prohibited, then by definition the area is not mixed use. Please use another zoning designation for the East Baylands. Redefining "mixed use" without residential will have repercussions throughout the code.

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References:

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