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Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 4:42 PM
To: Padilla, Ingrid
Subject: Proposed Educational Study

Dear Brisbane City Council,

I would like to express my support for the proposed educational study that was brought up at the June city council meeting. After learning more information about the current school district boundaries, I feel this study is very important for the future of Brisbane.

I do not have children. However, I feel that this study may have a significant impact on the current families that reside Brisbane.

As the proposed Baylands development includes up to 2200 housing units, the population of this town will likely double, thus requiring building a new school to absorb the estimated increase in children. However, despite "doubling" the population, this city will still be considered small by bay area standards. It does not make sense to have two separate school districts in a town with such small total square footage and such a relatively small population. The idea of changing the school district scenarios ought to be explored for several reasons.

First of all, the new taxes that the Baylands will generate for education should not be 100% allotted to a different school district. The schools within the Brisbane school district should also receive a portion of these new taxes. Secondly, having a single school district would create a better bridge between the new development and the existing areas of Brisbane. This community is currently small and united. Two separate school districts may hinder the ability to remain that way. The benefits of a single school district vastly outweigh that of having two.

If this new school includes a high school, it will also be a tremendous benefit to the area. One of the biggest complaints from neighbors around town is that most have to send their children to private high schools in order to obtain an above average education or send them to an outside school district. The cost of private school is astronomical in this already expensive area. Many families have both parents working to make ends meet. The city council should keep in mind the struggles that former and current families endure in attempts to give their children a quality high school education in this very competitive area. This study may be the first step in ending that struggle for the future families of Brisbane.

Please consider moving forward with the educational study. Although we do not yet know what the Baylands project will bring, we need to explore what it could bring, especially for the residents that currently live in Brisbane.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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