

Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County

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Mr. John Swiecki, AICP, Community Development Director City of Brisbane 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005 Attention: Mr. Swiecki and City Council

Dear Mr. Swiecki,

At our meeting on October 7, 2013, the HLC Board of Directors unanimously supported the proposed revised Baylands Specific Plan from February 2011 for a Planned Development that includes 4,434 housing units.

Housing Leadership Council's 70 membership organizations include nonprofits, business groups, real estate firms, labor unions, educators, environmentalists, and other concerned community members. HLC endorsed the Universal Paragon Specific Plan because it will result in a planned transit hub, commercial and office development, the inclusion of a mix of market-rate and affordable housing units, quality design at efficient densities, as well as other benefits it will provide to the community, such as jobs for local construction workers and a home for many permanent jobs.

HLC believes this plan will result in a high-quality development that will truly serve the residents of Brisbane. The plan will help Brisbane to grow in ways that enhance and support the existing community, while creating a positive future. With regard to the residential component, HLC desires to see homes created at all affordability levels. We hope the City of Brisbane will be able to provide for a range of income levels in the BMR units. Housing costs have outstripped income growth in San Mateo County. This proposed residential development is greatly needed to help meet the existing need as well as projected future need based on population and job growth. Providing a significant component of housing to accommodate people who will work nearby, have grown up here or who want to stay and/or retire in Brisbane, is good for the community.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Moulton
Executive Director

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