

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BRISBANE ESTABLISHING A POLICY
CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS BY MEMBERS
OF CITY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a policy concerning the authorization of individual Council Members to speak on behalf of the City; and

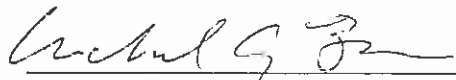
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be appropriate to adopt a similar policy for non-Council persons who are appointed by the City Council to serve on any commission or committee of the City; and

WHEREAS, a proposed "City Council Policy Regarding Communications by Persons Appointed to Commissions and Committees" ("Communications Policy") has been presented to the City Council, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Communications Policy was reviewed and considered by the City Council at its regular meeting on October 6, 2008, at which time any person interested in the matter was given an opportunity to be heard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brisbane as follows:

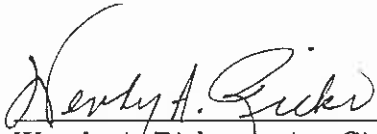
1. The Communications Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted.
2. A copy of the Communications Policy shall be furnished to each of the current non-Council members who have been appointed to serve on any commission or committee of the City .
3. The Communications Policy shall become effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution.



Michael G. Barnes, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2008-37 was duly and regularly adopted at the regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on October 6, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOES: 1
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: 0



Wendy A. Ricks, Acting City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL POLICY
REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS
APPOINTED TO COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Non-Council persons appointed by the City Council to serve on any City commission or committee, whether or not advisory in nature, are not authorized to speak on behalf of the City or the City Council with regard to City or Council policy or position on any matter unless:

- (a) The person has been designated by the City Council as a spokesperson for the City or the City Council with regard to a particular subject; or
- (b) The policy or position communicated by the person has been clearly established by the City Council; or
- (c) The statements regarding the policy or position are made by the person during the course of a meeting of the commission or committee of which the person is a member.

2. Non-Council persons appointed by the City Council to serve on any City commission or committee who initiate communications to any newspaper, magazine, television or radio station, website, or other form of mass media, shall not designate or identify himself or herself as a member of the City commission or committee unless such communication has been expressly authorized by the commission or committee of which the person is a member. Members of City commissions and committees may respond to inquiries for information or comment from the media or other persons, communicated to them in their official capacity as a member of the City commission or committee.

3. Violation of this policy shall constitute grounds for the City Council to remove the violator from the commission or committee to which he or she has been appointed.