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Subject: I Want Housing at Brisbane Baylands

Dear Mayor Liu and Members of the City Council,

I've heard that the City of Brisbane is considering a proposal for the Baylands site that would include up to two million square feet of office and commercial space, yet include NO housing. I strongly urge you to support an alternative mixed-use proposal that includes over 4,400 homes.

A thoughtful balance of housing, commercial, retail, open space and community amenities make desirable neighborhoods. The Baylands site is located within walking distance from the Caltrain Bayshore Station, an enormous opportunity for transit-oriented development. Successful communities across the country are already moving in this direction. Given the enormous challenges California faces, we can no longer plan communities the way we did in the 1970s. Land use decisions cannot be made in isolation without regard to the effects they will have on others.

Don't take the region backwards - please support the environmentally superior alternative proposal that includes housing!

Sincerely,

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