

**From:** Evan Coughenour

**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2017 10:33 PM

**To:** Baylands

**Subject:** Please approve (a significant amount of) housing in Brisbane

Dear Brisbane city council members,

I write with a simple request: please approve the proposal for 4400 new housing units in the Brisbane Baylands.

My wife and I, both current/former educators, have been looking to buy a home in the Bay Area for nearly three years. We continue to look and save, but unfortunately house prices continue to go up and up (and out of reach). These price increases are due largely to a lack of housing supply -- those with the most money buy up the limited supply of existing homes (at ever-increasing prices) -- leaving the rest of us stuck.

The Baylands project is important not because it will solve the housing shortage (it won't), but it does set a precedent. I urge you to show leadership in the region and step up to the challenge rather than perpetuate the (unaffordable, exclusionary) status quo.

Respectfully,  
Evan Coughenour