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Planning Commissioners,

As a homeowner and resident of “North Brisbane,” I often shop in your city and appreciate its charms.

As a committed and lifelong Bay Area urbanist and supporter of transit-oriented development, I urge you to include a substantial housing component in the Brisbane Baylands project. As you’re aware, this project has been designed to complement the Schlage Lock project a few blocks from my home in Little Hollywood. My neighbors and I believe that the Baylands and Schlage Lock developments must together include sufficient housing to encourage and enable those with jobs in the Baylands to live nearby.

We believe this is essential to the health of our neighborhood for two reasons:

- 1) The area within a one-mile radius of Geneva Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard is a food and retail desert. We need a critical mass of residents to attract the kinds of food stores, restaurants, and service businesses other communities have. If Brisbane Baylands is all commercial and office space, that won’t happen. Schlage Lock alone will not be enough.
- 2) Building more office buildings with no housing is only going to exacerbate the traffic on 101 and Bayshore Boulevard and the crowding on Caltrain. Even the Geneva Avenue cut-through and Caltrain electrification and new trainsets will not be enough to handle the demand on.

It is essential we balance business and residential needs in our region as a whole, and that requires every city to do its part.

Thank you for your consideration.

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