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Hello,

I am writing to you in support of the Brisbane Baylands planning. My family has been residents in the Visitacion Valley area of San Francisco for over 40 years and we are also landowners in Brisbane.

As the surrounding communities grow and flourish, we feel that Brisbane should adjust to these positive changes as well. The need for commercial and retail space, as well as residential, to serve our nearby neighbors is great. I work at Genentech which is a stone's throw away from Brisbane and I can already see how companies like Genentech would bring big business to a hidden gem like Brisbane. The much needed development in the Baylands would only enhance the charm of Brisbane. There is so much potential to build upon the sitting land area which has so much to offer. The City of Brisbane could and *should* become leaders to the changing infrastructure in the immediate area with the redevelopments of Schlage Lock and Candlestick Park.

Growing up near Brisbane 30 years ago, we do know first hand that this town really hasn't changed much. We are huge proponents to implement new schools in the area especially a high school. We are fully supportive of this. Living in the area, my siblings and I went to Lowell High School which was a 1-1.5 hour bus ride on MUNI from Visitacion Valley every day. A good alternative school in the area was not available. I would want to have this option for my 2 year old son as he becomes of age. Brisbane should invest in the families and residents in the area -- a good educational base is so important in areas especially if the area is surrounded by tech and biotech juggernauts whose employees constantly search for good schools for their children living nearby.

We hope you will consider our support for the Brisbane Baylands. The Brisbane Baylands staff remains passionate about how Brisbane can exceed its potential and we are beyond enthusiastic with their plans for the area. We need it!

Best regards,

-Christine & Piers Ouano-Dodd
-The Ouano Family