ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

I've lived in Brisbane for over 50 years, and I'm urging you to vote NO on Measure T. Measure T is unfair. It will hurt our community and our local economy.

Kinder Morgan has been a part of our community for more than 40 years. They provide a vital service to the entire Bay Area – storing and supplying fuel, particularly for the San Francisco International Airport. They operate a safe business that contributes to our local economy by paying taxes and fees that support our city budget. Kinder Morgan also leases property to the city to use at a steep discount - $1 per year. They are exactly the kind of responsible, caring business that we want to keep in our community.

The plant has a good safety record and makes significant efforts to remediate any possible contamination. They continually outperform the industry average in virtually all safety categories.

But now city officials are proposing another new, huge tax that is aimed at hurting Kinder Morgan. It's not fair; especially given everything else Kinder Morgan pays to help run our city. Kinder Morgan has been good to our community and provides a vital service to the entire Bay Area. It's wrong to punish them for no reason.

If this unfair tax passes, we could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue. And if Kinder Morgan is forced to shut its doors, we could be left with an empty, blighted site and the airport will have to truck its fuel in, raising gas prices for everyone. We can't afford to lose another company. It doesn't make sense to pass a tax that will hurt us all in the end.

I urge you to vote NO on Measure T to stop this unfair tax and protect our community.

Signed: Walter Peters Date: 15 Aug 13

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