W. CLARKE CONWAY Age: 58

Incumbent

I was born and raised in Brisbane. Both my parents served our community— when Brisbane became a city in 1961, the citizens elected my father to the city council; my mother fought against the dump and the garbage burner, and helped dozens of kids participate in sporting events.

I served on the council from 1993-2001, and from 2005 to present. My goals included providing better recreation opportunities for our children, and preserving our Open Space. We still have a good recreation program despite tighter budgets, and the Open Space Program has permanently protected close to 50 acres of precious Open Space.

As a council member, I have insisted that citizens should vote on major development projects. The Quarry housing project went to the people in 2006 and you soundly defeated it by a 73% to 27% vote.

We are now considering plans for development on the Baylands. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is currently available; I urge you to review it and comment.

My position is that Baylands development has to produce at least enough renewable energy to meet the Baylands' needs, and possibly go well beyond the project's needs. Most of all, Baylands development should be safe.

Housing on the Baylands is not allowed by our General Plan, which was approved by the voters who were concerned about toxic contamination in the Baylands. Nevertheless, the corporate land owner proposes building 4500 residential units, more than three times Brisbane's current housing units.

I support your right to vote on the final plan for the Baylands. I unequivocally support our current General Plan with "No Housing" on the Baylands, period. More high-end housing is not needed. There are plans for up to 15,000 housing units within ½ mile of the Baylands. Brisbane's contribution can be to provide a place where Green Jobs can balance those units.

Brisbane's budget is currently balanced, which is a significant accomplishment. Other cities and counties are facing major cutbacks, but the Brisbane City Council has worked very hard to preserve the programs that are most important to our residents and businesses. In part, we balanced the lost sales tax from VWR with a business license fee for Recology.

A business license fee for the Kinder-Morgan Tank Farm is also on the ballot in November. I support this business license fee and hope you will, too.

I ask for your vote on November 5th.

