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Brisbane City Council

RE: Design Permit DP-1-13 for 8 Thomas Ave.

Dear City Council Members,

I've been living and working with San Bruno Mountain and Brisbane for approaching 45 years.

In the 60's and 70's, the people and city government of Brisbane were leaning toward major growth. After the rise of concern for San Bruno Mountain, the attitude of the town began to change. People became more aware of the importance of a small town within a wild mountain. Efforts began to slow down that pro-growth energy and even to contest the growth game within the original HCP.

It feels like we are facing another push for growth. I hope that the city will be able to stay true to its past stance for the small town.

Throughout the Bay Area, in fact around the world, there is now more awareness of damage done to the earth by mankind, and therefore to ourselves. Along with Brisbane, another Bay Area town has set example of resistance to growth. Port Costa on the Carquinez Strait, a smaller town than Brisbane, has set limits to growth to protect its small town feel.

The City of Brisbane has been leaning towards carefulness for some time. The 1994 General Plan reflects this in its policies that protect the Ridge lines. I hope this careful effort and care will continue, and even increase. Too easy expansion could damage this careful well-knit community and its beloved mountain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Schooley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

David Schooley

Founder

San Bruno Mountain Watch