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Honorable Mayor Terry O'Connell and City Council
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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am a resident of the City of Brisbane and am interested in being considered for appointment to the Planning Commission. I have lived in Brisbane for twelve years; I first applied to serve on the Planning Commission in 2012 because of the importance of the decisions and work that will need to be done in the next several years on the Baylands development project. Since that time, I served as the Vice-Chair of the Citizens' Committee to study the Draft EIR, where I planned the review schedule for the chapters, read every chapter of the report and much of the appendices, and collated the final report for the committee. The city has a real need for the participation of citizens who care deeply about the future and evolution of our little town, and if I can be of service on the Commission, I would be glad to do what I can to help out.

I have volunteered time for many different causes in the time that I have lived in Brisbane. I attended the Citizens Academy with my wife, and I have often spoken on various issues at Brisbane City Council meetings. I have also helped with the Lagoon clean up, helped out the schools with various projects, and built two community websites in Brisbane, one for the "Support Our Schools in the Brisbane School District" (<http://sosbsd.org> is no longer active), and the Brisbane Re-Use Co-op, which also houses our environmental blog (<http://greenknowe.org>).

I have a background in project management and engineering that I believe would be helpful for service on the Planning Commission. I graduated with Highest Honors from the University of California Santa Cruz in Computer Engineering in 1990. I am currently an Open Source Contribution Engineer at Pantheon Systems, a small technology startup in San Francisco. Before that, I worked for Ricoh Americas Corporation for sixteen years, where I occasionally served as a technical advisor to the Ricoh legal department, so I am accustomed to reviewing and comprehending long legal documents such as contracts and licenses.

I believe that the Brisbane Planning Commission has a particular need at this time for members with a balanced outlook on community development. I think that developing the Baylands is important to Brisbane, but it must be done in a way that does not sacrifice our town in favor of the developer's interests. In both residential and business development, sustainable and environmental practices should

be encouraged and supported. In these ways, I think that our town could grow in a healthy and vibrant way compatible with its existing character.

These things are important enough to me to commit time to. In addition to the regular Planning Commission meetings every other week, and some City Council meetings, I imagine that I will need to spend time some evenings in preparation, reading materials relevant to the next meeting. I also expect that the time commitment would likely be greater during times when UPC is submitting proposals on the Baylands, and if I am appointed, I also expect that additional time would be required in the beginning, as I become familiar with the procedures, rules and conventions of the Planning Commission. I have the full support of my family on this matter.

My existing obligations bring me out of town during the week only rarely. I travel on business maybe three times a year, a week at a time; my travel schedule is not as flexible as it previously was, but I do not expect to miss meetings very often.

I appreciate the time of the Honorable Mayor and City Council to consider my application, and hope that I can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Anderson