Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure T

Brisbane can't afford to lose another business.

In the last three years, two large companies have left our community, taking their jobs and tax revenue with them. Now, city leaders want to increase taxes on Kinder Morgan and force them to pay 400 times more. This is just bad economic planning.

If this unfair tax passes, Kinder Morgan may be the next business forced out of our city. Without them we will be left with an empty, blighted tank site and a huge hole in our city budget. And we may face more cuts to city services – like public safety, road repair, and parks – without the taxes and fees Kinder Morgan currently pays.

Kinder Morgan is willing to pay their fair share and tried to work with the city on a reasonable plan. Instead of working together, city officials are steamrolling them and going straight to the ballot. This is not the way we should do business if we want companies to stay and keep contributing to our economy.

Brisbane needs a plan to attract and retain businesses that will increase our revenue base. City officials say they want to diversity our tax base, but all they are doing is taxing one company and making it harder to do business here.

Instead of pushing out businesses, Brisbane politicians need to do a better job of managing our finances.

I urge you to vote "no" on Measure T and protect Brisbane.

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