



April 10, 2019

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 672 (Hill) – Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: City of Brisbane. As Amended on April 3, 2019 - SPONSOR

Dear Senator Wiener:

The City of Brisbane respectfully requests that the Senate Housing Committee support SB 672 (Hill). SB 672 will provide a consistent regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) during the current and subsequent planning periods, permitting the city to focus on implementing a voter approved plan that could more than double the housing in the city.

Predevelopment and development of the 660 acre Baylands will be challenging. The site includes an uncapped former municipal landfill, a derelict railyard and hundreds of acres of land marred by soil and groundwater contamination. These hazards have existed for decades and not been addressed by successive landowners, leaving the land unsafe for residential development.

In 2017-2018, due in large measure to the state's housing crisis, state and city officials spent months reviewing the site and working through what would be required to remediate a significant portion of the site to make it safe for residential and other development. An agreement was reached to seek voter support to amend Brisbane's General Plan to permit housing development on the Baylands that could more than double the number of homes in the city provided the site is remediated to a residential standard and other protections are met.

The plan was put to a vote as Measure JJ on the November 2018 ballot. It passed with a 218 vote margin after a divisive campaign.

SB 672 recognizes the extraordinary vote of the people of Brisbane to potentially more than double the size of the city's housing in response to the state's housing crisis, provided essential protections are met. SB 672 also recognizes that the promise of Measure JJ will only be realized if the city can prioritize implementing the voter approved plan and avoid distractions from or confusion about the plan. The bill would therefore continue current levels, provided Brisbane rezones the property during the remaining two years of the current housing cycle, maintains the zoning levels at or above 350 percent of the current RHNA levels during the next housing cycle,

and annually reports on its progress with oversight by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

On behalf of the people of Brisbane, I respectfully request that you support SB 672 and urge others to join you in supporting this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madison Davis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Madison Davis
Mayor, City of Brisbane

cc: The Honorable Jerry Hill, California State Senate
The Honorable Scott Weiner, Chair, Senate Housing Committee
Members, Senate Housing Committee
Erin Riches, Chief Consultant, Senate Housing Committee
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