

June 26, 2006

To: Schroeder, Sheri

Subject: Baylands Ideas

Dear City Council Members:

I am the New Mothers Coordinator for the Mothers of Brisbane group and a homeowner in Brisbane. I would like to briefly weigh in on some family-centered activities that I envision for the Baylands.

1. I support a nature-centered park with indoor/outdoor facilities. Perhaps with a petting zoo with hands-on activities for children and trails to walk on (we'd have to build them) - I am thinking of an amazing place I went to as a child - there were rescue hawks and other birds, fish, ducks, etc, and an indoor space with insects and reptiles - also frequent live presentations about animals with live animals present. I think all the animals were rescues. We could dedicate part of it to educating kids on the local butterflies. The name of the place I visited frequently as a child is the Little Red Schoolhouse

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2. I also support a science-based museum, like the Exploratorium in San Francisco. What makes the Exploratorium unique in my opinion is that there is a collaborative effort between scientists and artists, and there are residencies for artists to apply for. All the work is made in a workshop that is in view for all museum visitors.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Jill Miller