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I support the Planning Commissions findings that this development is inappropriate to Brisbane and would require a change in our General Plan, which prohibits housing in the Baylands . Our General Plan was designed to protect the delicate nature of our community that has become desirable to so many. I am delighted and thankful that the Commissioners recognize the value of staying within the guidelines of that Plan.

In addition, I am not in favor of building any homes on the Baylands due to toxicity which has the potential to sicken so many, unless there is complete remediation by removal of all toxic material that has been dumped on this land. There are many remedies, some take much longer and all are very expensive to the developer. However, this developer purchased this land with eyes wide open and disclosure of the toxicity, agreeing to accept the land as is. We owe the developer nothing and particularly because this developer takes no other interest in the community.

Housing in this area would only benefit a those that do not live in, nor care about Brisbane, and line the pockets of the developers while bringing very little benefit to our City, and would not be low income housing that would ease the housing crunch for lower income people.

*this is not NIMBY!*

I have called Brisbane home for 48 years.

*This was a place that was not popular to live.*

Years ago, Brisbane was a small town of affordable housing with dumping around it, at the edges of our Bay. We suffered the stigma of being the "dump town". People who moved here then did so because of the affordability. The treasures we found were in the beautiful mountain ~~we climbed and picnicked on~~, the phenomenal views, very short commutes <sup>45-50 min</sup> to downtown San Francisco, the sense of community and so much more. We have claimed our City and protected it from further interference by other cities or developers.

Prior to that, and since then, we have incorporated into a City, created a City Council, written a General Plan, maintained the ridge-line, saved San Bruno Mountain, closed the

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*Preserved open space*

dumps, built a Marina and a beautiful park.

We have now become attractive to buyers who are looking for a better way of life, the way of life carefully created by the town fathers and supported by as some call it "the old guard".

The values that have been set by those people, are the values that still continue. We have avoided being invaded by developers who wanted to take over and build enormous projects, however, nothing so daunting and large and the Baylands which if built will be the end of this close knit and important community as we know and have created it.

We may be mandated to zone for some 248 or so new homes, however we can absorb that with creativity and thoughtfulness that will maintain our culture as it has evolved.

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I ~~applaud~~ commend the Planning Commission for their thoughtful deliberations that will ensure we keep the treasure we now enjoy and pray the the City Council will take to heart your recommendation.