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County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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Subject: Draft Board Resolution Pertaining to Brisbane Baylands File #161044

Dear County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

We, the City Council of the City of Brisbane, hereby go on record in opposition to Resolution 161044. Utilizing misinformation in recent news article the authors of this resolution are pressing the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to do the unthinkable – demand veto power over another city’s planning process by threatening the annexation of the entire City of Brisbane.

The Brisbane City Council fully understands the significance of the Baylands project to both the City of Brisbane and the larger region, and takes its decision-making obligations seriously. Our duty has driven the City to engage in a thorough, deliberate and transparent review process, which includes receiving input from neighboring cities.

During the Baylands draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process, numerous agencies in San Francisco including the Mayor’s Office, Planning Department, Public Utilities and the Municipal Transportation Authority reviewed the draft EIR and offered substantive comments within the legally prescribed time limits. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors provided no comments.



The letter from the San Francisco Office of the Mayor (letter attached) recommends a land use alternative consisting of a solar farm, Recology expansion, limited commercial/office, and a high speed rail maintenance yard. This letter and Resolution 161044 are not consistent.

The draft resolution before the Board of Supervisors demonstrates little or no understanding of the actual EIR content. The Brisbane City Council will conduct its first public hearing regarding the EIR on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with an expected closing of the hearings in Spring 2017. Because of State law, regional significance, and remediation complexities of the site, the Brisbane City Council will conduct a thorough review of the environmental impacts to make an informed decision regarding the certification of the EIR. In addition to remediation concerns, the Council will take into account regional issues such as traffic, safety, building on unstable soils, municipal services, and other critical components.

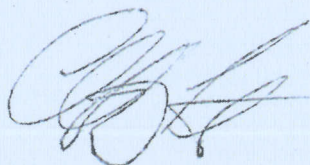
Last year the City of Brisbane became the first local government in the State of California to receive a gold level Beacon Award from the Institute for Local Government for its comprehensive approach to addressing climate change and measurable reductions in energy and greenhouse emissions. This week we will be receiving a Platinum Level Spotlight Award at the annual League of CA Cities Conference for Sustainability Best Practices – we are the only city in the State to ever receive this award at the Platinum Level. We would also like to note that over the past 20 years, Brisbane's residential growth has been 50%.

The Baylands will no doubt be a proud product of our vision and values. We hope the larger community of the Bay Area will share in our enthusiasm and commitment towards responsible planning and allow for proper process to determine the best possible outcome for the site.

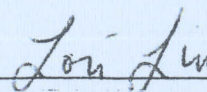
We strongly urge you, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to support Brisbane's move toward creating a vibrant and regionally appropriate development on the Baylands site. Threats to dissolve our City and annex it into San Francisco are tactics of bullying and intimidation and not what we would expect from the Board.

We strongly urge you to reject this divisive and harmful resolution, and instead work constructively with Brisbane in addressing regional issues.

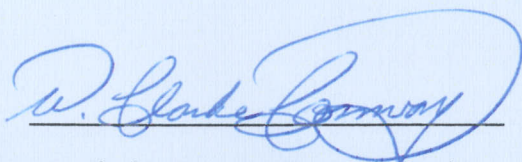
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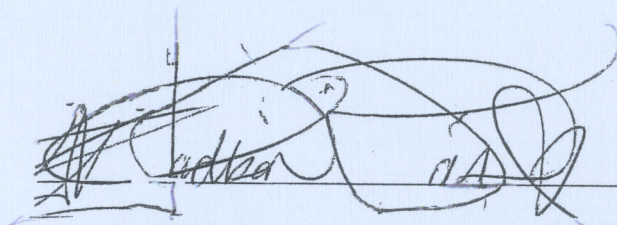
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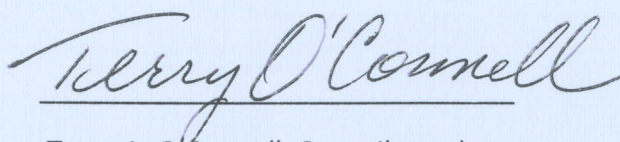
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Enclosure

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**Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Brisbane Baylands**  
Dear Mr. Swiecki:

Enclosed are comments from San Francisco Agencies and Departments on the above-referenced Draft EIR. Included are comments from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), and the San Francisco Planning Department. It is our understanding that you will also be receiving a separate comment letter from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

In addition to the enclosed comment letters, we would like to highlight several issues of local and regional importance:

San Francisco strongly supports Recology's desire to modernize and consolidate its existing facilities to meet San Francisco's goal of achieving zero waste by 2020. Recology's plan to expand its operations on 21.3 acres of the Brisbane Baylands project area, as reflected in the CPP-V variant, is critical to achieving this goal. We applaud Recology's thoughtful expansion plan and would not support alternative uses at the proposed Recology expansion location.

San Francisco does not support moving the Caltrain Bayshore Station farther south from its current location. With the coming electrification of Caltrain and more frequent service, tens of thousands of future San Francisco households and workers in Visitation Valley, Executive Park, Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point will increasingly depend on a convenient and accessible Caltrain Bayshore Station. The attached letter from SFMTA expands upon this concern and related technical issues.

San Francisco appreciates acknowledgement in the Baylands DEIR that the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) has identified the Baylands as the recommended location for an approximately 100-acre High Speed Rail Terminal Storage and Maintenance Facility (TSMF), as the HSR service will be a blended service, with facilities jointly used by California High Speed Rail and Caltrain (Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Rail EIR – Supplemental Alternatives Analysis, 2010). We suggest a more in-depth analysis of the implications of the Baylands proposals upon the CHSRA project. We suggest that you combine the future storage facility with the Renewable

Energy Alternative already analyzed in the DEIR (Chapter 5) into a new Variant on that Alternative.

We disagree with the statement in the Draft EIR that the CHSRA project is premature and speculative. Construction contracts for the first 29 miles of rail have already been signed and requests for qualifications for construction of the next 60 mile segment of rail have been released by the CHSRA. Summary of Requirements for Operations and Maintenance Facilities for that project has also been prepared in April of 2013. That document identifies the need for and conceptual design of an approximately 100 acre railyard facility in the vicinity of San Francisco. The Baylands was the recommended location for such a railyard in the CHSRA EIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important and transformative project. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

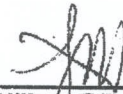
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