

# **Brisbane March 21, 2019 Community Conversation Individual Participant Input Sheets**

66 participant input sheets were collected (out of about 100 attendees); not everyone answered every question.

## Before the conversation – How people described their prior experience

Some respondents knew a lot and some less about who lives and works in Brisbane, although over half of respondents new a lot or a fair amount. People tended toward having more exposure to conversations about land use and the future of Brisbane. There was a fair mix of people in terms of their exposure to efforts in the Brisbane community to address shared challenges.

Before today, how much exposure or experience have you had with the following?	5 – A lot	4 – A fair amount	3 - Some	2 – A little	1 – None at all
Information about who lives and works in the Brisbane community	14	5	8	7	0
Conversations about the future of Brisbane and land use issues	13	9	8	4	1
Information about how the Brisbane community is working together to address shared challenges	11	6	7	9	1

#### Feedback after the conversation

Most attendees gained valuable information from the meeting and walked away with a better understanding of community shared values and the perspectives of others. The format of the meeting worked well for most attendees.

How much do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I learned information that is useful to me	17	30	12	4	1
I gained new perspectives about other people who live or work in Brisbane	20	32	9	2	1
I have a better understanding of our community's shared values and beliefs	20	27	14	1	2
The format of the meeting worked well for me	24	25	12	2	1

#### Table #1

#### **Discussion 1:**

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Great location: proximity to cities such as San Francisco and South San Francisco (+1)
- Proximity to work
- Small town feel (+1)
- Availability of community events
- Open space, such as the San Bruno mountains
- Beautiful neighborhood (+1)
- Good weather
- Walkable
- Great, trustworthy people and community

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Increase in crime, such as cars being broken into (+1)
- Increase in traffic, even in previously low traffic areas like The Ridge and Valley and Hill Roads (+1)
- Increase in the cost of living
- Difficulty in finding parking

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

 Information on how liability is addressed if remediation efforts on the land are inadequate

#### Discussion 2:

## As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

- Hopes: availability of additional services, such as shopping, health services, professional
  offices, movie theaters, and more
- Hopes: no additional traffic jams due to construction
- Hopes: new roads
- Concerns: increase in traffic on Bayshore Road

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Provide a shuttle service
- Provide more and better schools
- Have more events similar to this one

- More parking
- More street lights on Kings Road

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- Address safety issues: Monitor late evening racing, especially on Saturdays, and alert residents to safety issues (advise people not to leave their home unlocked)
- Increase resources: High school, supermarket, pharmacy, gas station, a bar (+1)
- Preserve existing community as much as possible

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

• Will connect with neighbors on the Ridge and in yoga class

#### Other feedback:

Event was fun, motivating, and awesome

#### Table #2

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Quiet and safe
- Good weather: sunny, clean air
- Small town feel
- Great library services
- Open space and yards
- Beautiful neighborhood

#### What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

• New to town, so don't know many people

Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

• Maintain a safe, quiet, friendly neighborhood

 See Brisbane as a refuge, as someone who left San Francisco because it was too overwhelming to live there

#### Concerns

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

More meeting's similar to this meeting

What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

#### Table #3

#### **Discussion 1:**

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Low density / seclusion
- Open space and outdoor recreation (+2)
- Clean air
- Natural beauty of the area (+1)
- Good neighbors and feeling of community
- Access to urban areas while feeling far from them (+1)
- Education for children
- Sense of community (+1)
- Community involvement
- Safety

#### What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Small town feel translates into lack of openness to change, including with things, people, and houses that are not considered the norm
- Lack of representation to accurately reflect the city's demographics
- Lack of small, entry level housing (+1)
- Limited public transportation options (+2)
- Limited parking
- Increased traffic
- Dependence on cars (+1)
- Limited access to grocery stores, cafes, and other amenities
- Encroachment from buildup in neighboring cities

- Demand on utilities
- Increasing in housing costs for both rentals and home ownership

Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

## Hopes

- Safe connectivity, such as biking and walking, to public transit (+1); this can lead to
  embracing the community that we connect to and minimize the "us" versus "them"
  mindset
- People working in the Baylands will be able to live in the Baylands
- That the Baylands project can improve the housing mix and affordability, rather than making it worse (+1)
- That commercial building in the Baylands will correlate to the needs of the community, not just be a giant office park that further crunches housing
- That the Baylands are safe and non-toxic
- That the Baylands remains open feeling and that tall buildings will not obliterate the shoreline
- Achieve a 3.5:1 or lower jobs/housing ratio
- Recreation trails
- Educational access for children to grow up in Brisbane for the long term
- Extended public transit access

#### Concerns

- Toxic land, sea level rise, liquefaction, and health risks (such as cancer risks)
- That the maintenance and remediation for the Baylands project does not outweigh Brisbane's ability to pay for it. Risks include earthquake, land slippage/movement of the earth, and sea level rise.

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Do not assume negative intent from each other
- Brisbane's sense of community is so strong; need to not actively destroy it
- Utilize positivity. What can we do to make and keep Brisbane great? Don't fall into the skepticism loop.
- Stay involved, discuss with neighbors, and stay knowledgeable

#### What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- Renewable energy
- Increase recreation
- Increase public transit

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

#### Table #4

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Small town feel
- Good location (+1)
- Trust
- Good people
- Sense of community, knowing your neighbors
- Nature and hiking the mountains, topography (+1)
- Events

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Growth in traffic
- Population increase watering down my voice
- Lack of parking
- Cost of housing
- Lack of mobility and accessibility, such as on the 101 interchange
- Lack of retail, especially grocery stores
- Growth of the Bay Area is collapsing onto Brisbane

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

- More information about the great residents
- Average value of taxes

## Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

- Increase in transparency
- Have a parking garage
- Healthy people
- Walkable, accessible projects with interconnected community centers

#### Concerns

That the General Plan won't be followed

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Have more meetings
- Opportunities for public speaking
- Have new people join community organizations
- Hold politicians accountable and ensure developers do not buy them out

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- More transportation options
- Continue the format of this meeting

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

Transportation agencies

#### Table #5

#### **Discussion 1:**

What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Small
- Quiet
- Good neighbors
- Friendly

What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

Hopes

• That the "new" Brisbane will mesh well with the "old" Brisbane

#### Concerns

Hope that the community will get behind whatever the final plan is

How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

 Community depends on people who want to be part of a community; providing places and events for this to be possible is essential

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

• It's difficult to reach people because they are busy. Forums about environmental and social issues that are non-political should be included; if these exist, the city should tap into them and get more participation

## Table #6

#### **Discussion 1:**

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Peaceful community close to nature/the mountains and San Francisco (+2)
- Sense of community / small town feel (+1)
- Arts
- Walkability
- Safety (+2)
- Friendly neighbors (+3)
- The MOB
- City services such as Parks and Recreation
- City Hall
- Concerts and events in the park (+1)
- Clean-ups
- Quirky, creative spirit (+1)
- Sense of freedom
- Elementary school's size and proximity to our home
- I value the quietness of the town. I also don't believe these things necessarily go away even if the town triples in size. We will still be a small town even with 12,000 people.

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Affordability / housing affordability (+6)
- Growing sustainably
- Lack of a high school (+2)
- Lack of public transit (+1)
- Increased traffic (+2)
- Lack of parking
- Fire safety
- How will folks continue to live here?
- Basic such as groceries and gas are hard to access (+2)
- Lack of places for seniors to go when they can no longer live in their hill homes

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

- I'm worried about the environmental questions about the ground contamination in the Baylands and whether the people will be safe and healthy. I grew up in New York state and remember hearing about Love Canal.
- The challenges that have been reported at Hunter's Point worry me
- Keep small town feel!

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

## Hopes

- That we still have a heart for each other
- Stay quirky! Artists! Stars! Events!
- That the quirky, creative, environmentally conscious, and community-oriented feel will be sustained and extended as we live into the next chapter of the city's life.
- I hope we can build a high school, and that the changes coming will become opportunities to bring in some basic things like public transportation.
- I hope we build affordable, creative, neighborhood-oriented housing!
- That we retain our small town feel
- That any new population comes with appropriate upgrades to city infrastructure (roads, policy, fire station, schools, etc.)
- Be able to keep a small town feel while integrating the expansion of new community members

#### Concerns

• How will the newcomers be welcomed and integrated? Will they be truly Brisbane? Our table didn't report out this concern accurately – not the current folks, but the new folks.

• I'm concerned that the No on JJ members are being given more voice than the majority who voted yes and they will attempt to delay or kill the project and drive UPC to the state, and the state will take over. I'm also concerned that some residents are being promised a high school, which is very unlikely to be feasible. While UPC might pay for the high school facility, there will not likely be enough students. I'm concerned that we will end up trading feasible benefits for something that will ultimately fail.

### How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Build something with the housing that will bring people together, like Mission Blue, the Brisbane community pool, and the Mission Blue baseball field
- This meeting helps a lot. I loved pulling ivy in the canyons with City Hall folks, for example.
- A quirky high school to integrate our kids
- Keep having these events and work hard to get newer residents here in greater numbers
   I noticed there are more long time (20+ years) folks here than people who've been here for fewer than five years
- Community events (+1); we bring people together, either for fun (Day in the Park, Concerts in the Part), or to work for the better good (habitat restorations, clean-ups, community discussions)
- City Council needs to better take into account the voices of the 55% who voted yes.
   They are still accommodating the No on JJ members. The same minority is still allowed to speak multiple times at city council meetings.

#### What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- A high school like SOTA or D Tech that will bring families together, like a sports complex. A mayor will bring people together as well.
- Keep up the community events, both to work and play together
- Public transit would be helpful
- Figure out ways to connect Ridge folks with the rest of the town
- Would like these events to only discuss issues at hand, not upcoming events

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

- More of the parents of kids under five; they can't be supervised by recreation staff
- This crowd seems to be 60 years and older; would be great to see younger folks
- Post the Home for All information or Baylands Development information on the Residents of Brisbane Facebook page. The posts should be directly from the city, not posted by a resident or on behalf of the city.

#### Table #7

#### **Discussion 1:**

#### What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- The people
- Safe, small, and personal (+3)
- Quiet
- Small town in large urban region, close to San Francisco and other Bay Area destinations (+1)
- The Marina
- Wonderful place to live
- Know your neighbors; there are great people (+1)

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Challenge with understanding the chemistry involved in the Baylands
- Affordability / cost of living (+2)
- Traffic (+1)
- No close high school
- Lack of parking
- No retail (+1)
- No local watering holes
- Poor public transportation (+1)

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

## Hopes

- That we all get along, a reunited community (+1)
- Better businesses grocery store, entertainment, and restaurants
- Brisbane remains proactive

## Concerns

- That opportunities may be missed
- Environmental clean-up comes first, before any development
- Concerned about a detached community in the Baylands too few affordable homes

- Concerned that the city council is not listening to all the people, just as city council ignored the results of the city survey regarding the Baylands. City council is still under the spell of the haters. This leads to bad public policy.
- Voting and city council representation by Baylands residents and its effect on the Brisbane town
- Traffic congestion

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- I don't think so
- Continue meetings like this one
- Greater involvement
- Combine community meetings with music and food regularly

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- Super cool development use the fantastic views of high rise structures
- A new and better recreation center, with more programs for kids and adults
- Closer high school campus; we should work with Jefferson District and Bayshore

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

- The future residents of the Baylands find residents of existing projects
- Bayshore parents' school district

#### Table #8

#### **Discussion 1:**

#### What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Access to open space and hiking trails; fresh air, wildlife, and ethos of environmental sustainability (+2)
- Urban oasis
- Caring community, including neighbors and others
- Civic engagement (+1); in Brisbane, your voice matters. It's easy to get involved, and people care for the greater good of the community; it's not just a bedroom community.
- Community activities such as festivals and special events (+1)
- Great place to raise a family; community is safe and walkable
- good weather
- The community culture small, tight knit, safe, trusting, caring, welcoming
- Peace and quiet

Leadership who share my values

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Lack of public transit connections to SF and other areas (+1)
- Dependence on cars
- No high school
- Lack of amenities such as retail, supermarket, pharmacy, gas station (+1)
- Increase in traffic
- Challenges with infrastructure such as road design, food and car traffic, building up tax base with commercial development
- Noise, smoke, and threat of fire; is PG&E in check?

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

- Want to retain Brisbane's "small town" feel even with new Baylands development
- Connect residents of new development with existing residents
- Instill values of new residents with same values of existing residents, so we don't
  eventually get outvoted in city council and just become another big city
- Retain economic diversity/integration and relative affordability of housing
- Adapt, not react, to change, such as climate change and growth (+1)
- To be able to age in peace
- Maintaining sustainability and safety in growth
- Not losing individuality and putting future generations at risk
- Betterment of quality of life
- Continuance of what works so well

#### Concerns

- Loss of city's identify as a result of growth
- Loss of unique wildlife and birds

#### How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Put politics and divisiveness aside and look at common interests. Find out how we can work together to create a vision for the future of Brisbane
- More proactive engagement
- Visioning exercises to manifest our intentions

 Improve marketing and communication to derive holistic participations, including the No votes on JJ

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- Need a high school
- Mass transit connections are essential
- Communication
- Continue regular and consistent, structured facilitated conversation series with food and music

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

#### Table #9

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Small community, small town feel (+3)
- Friendliness of people (+1)
- Knowing your neighbors (+1)
- San Bruno Mountains and SF Bay (+2)
- Proximity to SF
- Environment and green space
- Community
- Volunteer activity
- Safe environment (+1)
- City is very responsive
- New library
- Santa comes to your house on Christmas (Lion's Club)

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Being priced out of Brisbane / affordability (+2)
- Environmental challenges
- Sea level rise and toxins
- Development challenges
- Instability and fears for safety of the Baylands
- We are currently renting but want to move into a house. I am worried about the limited transportation and mass transportation development

- No high school
- No starter homes
- Traffic (+1)
- Lack of transportation options (+2)
- Airplane noise (+1)
- Too much construction of mansions
- Tree being cut down
- Noise from industrial park (Amazon fresh and trucking company)

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

- How many square feet of development will be allowed for the 1800 to 2200 units of housing in the Baylands?
- Complete transparency and fairness in information gathering and dissemination
- Not just sustainable but regenerative

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

## Hopes

- That Brisbane does not get bogged down in the current business cycle and will understand that much like this dotcom bust, when the tech bust arrives, housing availability will skyrocket.
- Ensure that Brisbane begins considering the future beyond the current business cycle and realize that climate change matters more, and the Baylands are better suited for electricity generation than housing.
- That Brisbane will stay liveable
- That people stay involved
- The sense of personal connection is retained
- That our children can free range safely as they do now.
- That the village doesn't become a city

#### Concerns

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Listen to feedback
- "Sustainability" is no longer sustainable. Any new development needs to be regenerative! "Baylands Sustainability Framework" is no longer enough. It needs to step up to Regenerative Framework.

- I am concerned that the state will lower standards for clean-up just to allow more housing.
- Transparency on remediation and meetings (+1)
- Respect for the involvement and opinions/concerns and knowledge of community members
- No financial conflicts of interest for public outreach
- Invite "outsiders" to participate, specifically reach out to Ridge residents and invite to community events

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- Want to keep Brisbane's small town feeling in the rising costs of homes in Brisbane
- Make sure to avoid conflicts of interest (UPC, Kevin Mullin's wife Jessica on Home for All, etc.) and allow the community to lead the way
- Better public transportation. In 20 years, I have seen a SamTrans bus on the northeast Ridge one time.
- If we want to have meetings, please do not have them paid for by any outside interests
- Workforce housing
- Reduce noise pollution from the industrial park

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

• I'd like to hear directly from Dr. Fred Lee on what we're facing. I'd like to hear more about regenerative ideas.

#### **Table #10**

#### **Discussion 1:**

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

• For living in Brisbane: Neighborliness, proximity to San Bruno Mountains, off the beaten track, opportunity to participate in city government, have a yard

#### What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

• I can't afford to stay here; will move when I retire (2 years)

#### Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

Even though I have to leave, I would not like to see Brisbane change too much. I dislike
what's happened to San Francisco as it's densified – concrete canyons, small business
forced out. I feel very resentful that big tech is forcing charges that a lot of people don't
want. Personally, I feel that the destiny of this whole region is driven by Google,
Facebook, et al.

#### Concerns

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- More transparency about what is going on behind the scenes, so people can be adequately informed and come together better to help make decisions that affect us all, where we can have a say
- Have real issue conversations not feel good PR events like this one

#### What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- The quality of life is good, it's trying to keep it that way that is the issue, facing doubling our population with the Baylands development
- Public transportation improvements

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

## **Table #11**

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- No commuting (+1) and more time with family
- Safety = very low crime rate (+1)
- Great bay views
- Used to be very quiet before 2014 jet noise
- Very convenient location
- Peaceful country setting
- Small community
- Friendly town

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Traffic of cars and trucks
- Noise traffic from cars, motorcycles, jets

- Income
- High taxes and high rents = high cost of living
- High cost of utilities power and water in particular
- We are okay

## Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

- School district set-up? High school?
- How many are retired?
- How many are disabled?
- How many could work from home if their job facilitated?
- After 43 years, I am very familiar

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

## Hopes

- Many
- (About what kind of community you want to live in): small town opposite of SF
- We would like to be able to remain here
- Keep it the same

#### Concerns

- Traffic
- Seven departments for sure our own
- Fire department
- Rising costs
- Very little to no options for smaller homes or apartments at lower cost. Affordability is not real or honest.

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Meetings
- Show tell!
- Stop perpetuating the myth that we are all alike, all friends, know each other, and share the same goals. Brisbane is very diverse and very independent.

## What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

• Better bus service for all seniors

- Join with Daly City and Pacifica and sure the FAA, or if not just sue on our own. These meetings should be videotaped and broadcast through the city; that would greatly expand the reach.
- Would like all homeowners to keep their property looking well kept. Try to encourage more cleaning out of garages!

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

- Teens and seniors
- Visionary architects and someone who would build a great urban park
- Is there going to be discussion regarding the toxic issues?

#### **Table #12**

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Living in Brisbane is unlike any other city on the peninsula; you really know your neighbors!
- Sense of community
- Lovely people
- Natural beauty
- Country atmosphere/view of the Bay
- Rural feel
- Quiet
- I like the community, I like the small town and all the people

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Outside pressure!
- Lack of grocery store
- Traffic, too many cars on the street
- Affordability
- Lack of knowledge and identity crisis of Brisbane
- I would like to have a high school

#### Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

- None that I can think of!
- Environmentally friendly steps the town is taking

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

- I don't see any changes about our town in the future that are scary!
- I hope that we can address people's concerns and be socially and environmentally responsible
- That I can stay here
- Get on with the program and embrace change
- Stop being so resistant to change
- I hope to have high school at Baylands, otherwise I have to move to another town

#### Concerns

Aging in my two story house

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- We are, tonight was a good start
- More meetings like this
- Start with prioritizing how to enable change rather than just talking about it
- Make plans and move forward

#### What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

- A new high school, centered around the environment!
- More community outreach

## Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?

State senators!

## **Table #13**

#### Discussion 1:

## What do you value about living or working in Brisbane?

- Affordability
- Convenience
- Community involvement and awareness

## What challenges are affecting you and the people you know in Brisbane?

- Rent costs (housing)
- Transportation to get in or out of town
- High school
- Caltrain hours of service to Bayshore station
- The lack of a local high school is a major concern for our children. There is a lack of access to public transportation.

### Is there other information you would like to have about the Brisbane community?

• Who are the faces behind the Baylands project – transparency.

#### Discussion 2:

As we think about Brisbane's future, what kind of community do you want to live in? Why is that important to you? (What hopes do you have? What concerns are coming up for you?)

#### Hopes

- To continue living here
- Carbon neutral development is key!

#### Concerns

- Affordability / housing cost
- How can we offset the city's existing carbon footprint?
- Better food shopping options
- Need a local high school
- A community arts center where local people and kids can create

## How can we work together to enhance Brisbane's sense of community?

- Keep communication lines open
- Bridge the physical divide between downtown and developments

#### What other ideas do you have for how to improve our community's quality of life?

• School programs, transportation – public transit

Is there anyone you would like to include in a future meeting about Brisbane? Do you have suggestions for how to reach them?