TERRY O'CONNELL

Occupation: Incumbent / Councilmember

Brisbane is a special community that I have been proud to serve as your Council Member since 2011.

While things have changed in that time, many of our issues are not resolved. Pressures from political, climate, housing, growth and economics are a constant companion to our day to day lives and decision making. The City has huge projects that are coming upon us in the Baylands, Sierra Point, Quarry, with additional pressure from High Speed Rail that could change Brisbane tremendously if not planned correctly.

Brisbane has potential that outside interests would like to exploit if given the chance, and having a representative that will weigh what is best for the community is vital to Brisbane staying a strong and vibrant place for all.

I strongly feel that Brisbane needs to plan for a future that includes global warming, sea level rise, and uncertain economic needs, while staying true to our goals to retain our small town feel and provide the services that we have all come to expect.

We will need to include resilience planning for not only our infrastructure, but for our long term economic success as well. Continued leadership in green building initiatives, open space retention, as well as reducing our greenhouse gas production is essential.

Representing you as a member of the City Council, I will continue to bring to the table my personal energy, goals, and values to help Brisbane plan for a future that we can all be proud of.

I would be honored to continue to serve Brisbane, and respectfully request your support and your vote.