

Anthony Walker

Candidate Statement

When my wife and I had our second daughter and began wanting to put down roots in the Bay Area, the first property we visited was in Brisbane. We were immediately enamored by the charming small-town atmosphere set against the stunning backdrop of the San Bruno Mountain, and the thought of our little family flourishing in this safe, welcoming community filled us with great joy.

As a parent, the issue facing our city that weighs heaviest on me is climate change. We're already seeing the early effects of the climate crisis all around us, in increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, rampant wildfires, ongoing drought and water issues, and rising sea levels to name just a few. I shudder to think of the future we'll be leaving every young person alive today to inherit if we fail to take decisive action now.

Brisbane has much to be proud of when it comes to its past progressive stances on environmental issues, but the climate crisis calls for increasingly bold, concrete action. We're at the beginning of an ambitious transition at the national level aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and getting to Net-Zero no later than 2050. Brisbane must stand ready as a proactive local partner in all solutions that will make this transition work for us.

The Baylands must be designed responsibly on Brisbane's terms: as a sustainable zero carbon development that provides for all its energy needs, and creates inclusive, affordable neighborhoods that still feel like they're a part of Brisbane's community.

As our community grows, we cannot waste a single drop of water, and need to build a water treatment facility that recycles gray water for irrigation and commercial use. And if elected, I will champion creative new programs and policies that reduce emissions, limit traffic congestion, encourage EV adoption and infrastructure, and improve bike routes and public transportation for all of Brisbane.

With the long-term habitability of the planet at stake, every problem large and small must be a part of the climate solution. If elected to our City Council, I will do my utmost to always view Brisbane's issues through this lens – and deliver on effective solutions that support a just, sustainable transition and a brighter future for every member of our community.