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**Subject:** Re: Signatures from Save the Acres- Follow Up

Hello. Attached is the letter to accompany the signatures I submitted on Thursday for the Jan. 27 meeting.

Thank you,

Sherry Goodwin

Dear members of the Brisbane Planning Commission:

On behalf of Save The Acres, a grassroots group of Brisbane residents, I am submitting 239 signatures we have collected from Brisbane residents. These signatures from registered voters were mostly signed in person – although some were submitted online via our website ([savetheacres.org](http://savetheacres.org)) due to residents sheltering in place.

Among those who have signed our petition are four former Brisbane mayors – Anja and Ray Miller, Sepi Wood and Jeanine Hodge. We also have support from the Sierra Club and David Schooley, the founder of Mountain Watch who successfully fought to preserve much of San Bruno Mountain from the developer's bulldozer.

The signatures were collected in the beginning of the pandemic in response to the Planning Commission's consideration of a plan to approve public right-of-way lines (roadways) to facilitate building multiple residences on the Lower Acres above Kings Road. The agenda item from November 2019 also proposed that the city exempt the proposed right-of-way lines from the California Environmental Quality Act. The proposal was tabled by the Planning Commission upon being greeted with vocal opposition from residents.

The signatures are being submitted now to coincide with the city's recent Balanced Brisbane survey, which asks residents where they think housing should be built. **We are respectfully asking city officials to consider that 239 registered voters are saying loud and clear that construction should NOT occur in the Lower Acres above Kings Road.**

Allowing construction on the Lower Acres would degrade our beautiful mountain by cutting down trees and plants. It would displace wildlife including owls, coyotes, raccoons, skunks and others, driving them down into our residential neighborhoods with their habitats destroyed.

Construction on the Lower Acres would create a traffic nightmare on our narrow, winding roads. It would increase fire danger in our windy mountain area by changing the wildland urban interface (WUI), where human-made structures are built adjacent to rural areas prone to wildfires. The homes below the Lower Acres have been evacuated more than once during hillside fires.

Building homes on the Lower Acres would also *increase the erosion of this mountain area*, which is crumbling in the vicinity of Beatrice Road and Kings Road – especially behind the retaining wall constructed by the city to manage the collapsing part of the hillside.

This petition is asking city officials to find a way for this beautiful section of the mountain to be preserved as public parkland for future generations to enjoy. We are asking the city to consider joining forces with agencies such as the California Coastal Conservancy (which purchased some of Brisbane's Upper Acres) the Trust for Public Lands, etc. to save this privately-held land from development. Our city has not pursued any of these options yet but we are asking them to do so going forward to preserve the Brisbane Mountain we know and love.

Thank you for your consideration and taking these signatures into your receipt.

Sincerely,

Members of Save the Acres