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Supervisor Kim Urges Responsible Land Use Project for Brisbane Baylands

Requests That the City Explore Annexation and All Other Legal Remedies If Housing Is Barred

San Francisco – In a region challenged by a dearth of affordable housing, the recent recommendation by the Brisbane Planning Commission to bar all residential housing on 684 acres of currently unuseable land known as the Brisbane Baylands, is irresponsible. This recommendation fails to take into account the environmental and other impacts of a development that would create millions of square feet of new office and industrial space with no provision for workforce housing.

The Planning Commission of the City of Brisbane recommended that the 2 million square feet of new development include office, industrial, retail, open space, and energy generation but no residential land use.

“This is a bad deal for San Francisco and a bad deal for our region. We need every local jurisdiction to carry their weight when it comes to building sufficient, affordable housing. Our entire Bay Area region needs a balance of residential and commercial development – the health and well-being of our economy, our environment, our residents and workers, businesses big and small all rely on this balance. To even think about creating thousands of new jobs in one city but inflicting all responsibility for housing the inevitable influx of workers on your surrounding neighbors is unacceptable,” said Supervisor Jane Kim, “San Francisco alone has built and entitled tens of thousands of new homes over the last few years and we are striving to provide affordable housing for the residents of the Bay Area who are desperately in need of it; no city should ask its neighbors to continue to do more while they refuse to lift a finger to help.”

Supervisor Kim’s resolution calls upon the City Council of Brisbane to work with its neighbors to consider the most responsible and sustainable land use developments possible for the Brisbane Baylands, directs San Francisco city departments to closely monitor any proposals and actions taken in regards to the Brisbane Baylands, including exploring a possible appeal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for an inadequate environmental impact review, potential annexation or other legal options to foreclose the possibility that a zero-housing project will become a reality at this site.