

THE WORKSHOP

The first City Council meeting on the Baylands was on [Thursday, September 29th](#). [See the City's website for the staff report](#) and the City's [Notice of Public Hearing](#). The first hearing was a workshop providing an overview of the Council's review process, the project components, EIR, and the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The Council also heard from 42 speakers, which ranged from local residents - many who spoke in support of the Commission's recommendations - to regional leaders and organizations, such as the [San Francisco Housing Action Coalition](#), [Greenbelt Alliance](#) and [Bay Area Council](#). All appealed to the City Council to include residential as part of their recommendations. Although not present, San Mateo County Board of Supervisor Adrienne Tissier submitted a [written comment](#) urging the council to include housing units in their recommendation. She explained that with the Planning Commission's recommendation, "we would lose this irreplaceable opportunity for a mixed use, transit oriented community....we all have a responsibility to our future and current residents to make the best use of the land that is available to us." [Read more written comments](#) at the City's Correspondence page for the Baylands.

Early in the workshop, Councilmember Liu asked the consultant when the Council reaches the Planning review (the Land Use public hearing in April 2017, exact date TBD), what "community" are they being asked to consider when weighing commercial versus residential uses: the local Brisbane community or the larger Bay Area community? The consultant responded, "there is a regional need for housing, and the Brisbane community is

being asked to take on some of that burden. You have been asked to balance those two, what the larger regional community needs and some of the considerations of your local community. As a Council, you will decide what is best for you and that also sometimes means taking on a regional need."

The meeting concluded with Mayor Lentz announcing that there will be presentation by one of the [co-founders of Bioregional, who created One Planet Living](#), the basis of the "Sustainability Framework for the Baylands". The presentation is scheduled for sometime in January at Brisbane City Hall, visit the City's website for updated information.