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Quarry Innovation Center

Community Update: Setting the Record Straight

Dear Brisbane Residents, Business Owners, Council Members and City Staff:

Over the past several years, we have heard many thoughtful views about the future of the Guadalupe Quarry. We appreciate everyone who has attended a meeting, submitted a comment, asked a difficult question or taken the time to learn more about the Quarry Innovation Center (QIC). We also appreciate those who provided input during the recent comment period for the Notice of Preparation of the updated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

As a result of this process, we have heard very clearly that Brisbane residents and businesses expect any proposal for this important site to respect the community's character, protect San Bruno Mountain and respond meaningfully to legitimate concerns.

We agree.

As you know, community comments, City and agency input, and continuing environmental analysis have led to substantial project improvements. The former warehouse and logistics concept is no more. The City of Brisbane's proposed zoning will put clear, enforceable parameters on what uses are allowed, and prohibited, on the site.

Today, the project is focused 100% on advanced manufacturing, which is the making of high-value products using modern technology, precision equipment, automation and a highly skilled workforce.

Advanced manufacturing facilities are not warehouses, nor are they data centers. Instead, think semiconductors, medical devices, robotics, aerospace, clean-energy technology, biotechnology equipment and other precision products. Advanced manufacturing companies combine engineering, technology and hands-on manufacturing - and they need specialized facilities, including substantially more electrical power than a traditional warehouse.

Advanced manufacturing facilities are places where highly skilled people and sophisticated equipment actually make things. Today, advanced manufacturing is happening all over the Bay Area, which is the top ranked location for modern manufacturing in the United States.

Our goal with this QIC advanced manufacturing facility is balance: permanently ending mining, restoring and protecting habitat, contributing to the long-term health of San Bruno Mountain, and creating a place where innovative companies can make high-value products and provide skilled, well-paying jobs.

Further, we stand ready and welcome the opportunity to formulate a Development Agreement with the City, which will detail binding commitments for community benefits, including dedication of conservation areas.

We will continue meeting with residents, community organizations, environmental interests, local businesses and public agencies as the City's DEIR process proceeds. The project has changed because people participated. We are open to suggestions, comments and further project improvements.

Thank you for being part of the conversation.

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Sincerely,

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P.S. Additional project information, technical materials and updates are available at BrisbaneQuarry.com.