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Objection to Orange County BESS Project

We live at 2 Thornapple, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 for the last 38 years. Our property is approximately 1/2 mile immediately due south of the proposed OC BESS project site. The battery storage unit will definitely be an imminent danger to our health and property since we are the first house on the slope facing the project site. Any fire and toxic gases from the facility will definitely impact us immediately. We have experienced, over the last 38 years, at least two wildfires racing southwardly on the slopes to our property which came within feet of threatening our home and property. Hence, any fire at the proposed facility will ignite and cause a fire storm to easily reach our property.

The proposed battery storage facility will pose an even bigger danger. Numerous reports, in California and other parts of the nation, demonstrate accidental fires at lithium battery storage facilities, damage and/or threatens properties and cause required evacuation of local residents. There are too many lithium battery storage facility fires and they are happening too often. Also, there are cases were the lithium battery storage facility fire reignited several days after the fire department declared the fire was extinguished.

We are not against energy storage, but we are opposed to the proposed location of such facility so close to our home and surrounding residential and business communities. We request the California Energy Commission vigorously oppose and reject the proposed energy storage facility location in the Laguna Niguel residential areas.

Thank you. delo and sandra chun