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Public Comment in Support of the Compass Energy Storage Project – San Juan Capistrano

Dear California Energy Commission,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign, a nonprofit climate policy organization in Orange County, I am writing to express strong support for the Compass Energy Storage Project proposed in San Juan Capistrano.

This project is not only a smart investment in grid reliability—it's an urgent step forward in the face of a worsening climate crisis. Here in Orange County, we're already seeing the consequences of climate change: more intense heat waves, wildfire threats, and strain on our energy systems. These growing risks affect the health and safety of our families and put future generations at even greater risk if we fail to act now.

Projects like Compass are essential to building a more resilient, sustainable energy future. Battery storage is far more reliable than traditional gas plants, which are actually the least reliable and least sustainable part of our current energy system. Compass represents the next generation of clean energy infrastructure—flexible, dependable, and capable of supporting the growing needs of California communities without polluting our air or warming our planet.

We're proud that California is deploying world-class technology and advanced battery chemistry to lead the nation in this transition. Compass will be built to the strongest safety standards in the world, and we fully support the state's rigorous review process to ensure every detail is done right. The fact that the community is actively engaged and that the process is transparent is something we welcome and value deeply.

We also believe that building out this kind of project is not optional—it's essential. The future depends on it. The Compass Energy Storage Project is a crucial step toward protecting our families, securing our children's future, and ensuring energy reliability for decades to come.

Thank you for your leadership and your thoughtful consideration.