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DENY Unsafe Compass Energy Storage Project Application

As a concerned 31-year resident of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Compass Energy Storage proposed facility.

With the growing number of fire incidents involving battery storage—such as the ones at Moss Landing and Otay Mesa—the risks associated with these facilities are increasingly clear. In response to these concerns, the Office of the California State Fire Marshal is hosting a Battery Energy Storage Systems Symposium in July 2025 to strengthen safety measures and improve emergency response protocols as battery storage deployment expands across the state.

Until these safety improvements are fully developed, implemented, and proven effective over time, BESS facilities should only be sited in remote, less populated areas. The proposed location is especially concerning—it is in a dense, urban setting and lies adjacent to both the I-5 freeway and an active railroad line, compounding the potential risks.

I urge you to prioritize public safety and deny this application.

Thank you,
Susan Dowty