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## **Safety and Site Concerns**

In my previous comment, I expressed general support for the Compass Energy project as part of California's broader effort to meet its energy needs. However, after hearing from stakeholders in San Juan Capistrano, I now believe several critical concerns must be fully addressed before any approval of this application or project can proceed. These include:

Emergency access – The lack of a secondary access road could compromise firefighter response in the event of a fire.

Evacuation risks – The designated evacuation route for the nearby high school requires vehicles to move toward the proposed facility, not away from it, raising serious safety concerns.

Parental access and student safety – In a crisis, it is unclear whether parents would be able to reach their children or whether the school could evacuate students safely.

Site history – Previous proposals for this location were rejected or abandoned for safety or logistical reasons; these evaluations should be part of the public record.

Transparency issues – Saddleback Church, as the property owner, appears to have failed to disclose prior unfavorable site assessments.

Environmental hazards – The site is affected by erosion, a migrating creek, and known landslide risks—all of which may endanger the proposed facility.

Alternative sites – There are other potential locations that could meet project goals without these compounded risks.

CBA concerns – Community Benefit Agreements tied to this project raise questions. Even the appearance of impropriety undermines public trust.

Congressional opposition – Congressman Mike Levin has submitted a letter opposing the project due to safety and public welfare concerns, which should be given serious weight.

Given the above, I respectfully urge the Commission to pause and conduct a thorough, transparent review of these outstanding concerns before granting approval. Community safety, environmental integrity, and public trust must come first.