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Based on the Project Summary handout, and project presentation by Compass Energy Storage personnel today, I find it difficult to understand that the city of San Juan Capistrano, in addition to Opting-Out of project rezoning, has not teamed with the City of Laguna Niguel to sue the CEC, and Compass for by-passing electoral approval of this highly sensitive project. This appears to be a veiled attempt for project certification, and while Compass states, they are analyzing and preparing a "Safety First" project, their presentations were not convincing. For example, the "Fire Safety" consultant explained that if battery fires occur, the procedure will be to let the fires burn out, and don't worry about toxic fumes! I live on the bluff in Laguna Niguel, which will be directly behind the construction site, and find the safety explanations to be very flimsy. Based on the overwhelming audience response today to DENY permit approval, I think public pressure to discontinue the project at the Camino Capistrano location will only increase.