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Bess Project Docket 24-OPT-02 San Juan Capistrano

Dear Energy Commissioner,

We are writing to express our opposition to the Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano, CA (BESS Project Docket #: 24-OPT-02).

We have serious concerns about the potential threats this project poses to our community due to its proposed location near numerous homes, businesses, and schools that are vital to us. The risk of fire or explosion is deeply concerning, as it could result in harm or loss of life for both people and animals, as well as damage to structures.

Our specific concerns include:

* **Fire Hazards:** BESS systems have a documented history of intense fires that can spread quickly and are challenging to put out. This area was just rated a high fire zone according to Fire Authority

* **Toxic Fumes:** Battery fires can release dangerous chemicals, which could negatively impact air quality and public health.

* **Environmental Risks:** We are worried about potential contamination of groundwater from battery waste.

* **Proximity to Residents:** The project's location near schools, neighborhoods, and wildlife habitats could endanger families and local ecosystems.

* **Noise Pollution:** We anticipate significant noise from prolonged construction activities and the continuous operation of the equipment.

Given these significant risks, we respectfully request that this project not be allowed to proceed any further.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Dunlevie
Dana Point Resident