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Deny (Please)

I am a neighbor. That's a crucial concept I want to emphasize. We've all heard and read the compelling reasons why this proposed location is simply a poor choice.

California faces significant risks. We feel it directly in our rising insurance rates. The federal government is clearly signaling that, in the future, states will bear more of the financial burden for disasters—disasters that stem from multiple risks currently beyond our control.

We're already dealing with fires, floods, mudslides, drought, intense wind events, and earthquakes. And let's not forget the added stress of living just a few miles from a non-working nuclear power plant. We choose to live here despite these challenges, but do we really need to add another layer of risk this close to our homes?

I saw the pictures shown at the meeting by Compass of other like projects, but what I didn't see were homes in the background. This project is in the middle of our community. It is geographically untenable due to creek and slope erosion. It has limited access for firefighters. . It has limited escape routes for those nearby. It is opposed by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of the neighbors.

Compass- it appears you either misrepresented local groups in your application- or downright lied.Â

Now, specifically to Saddleback Church: we are your neighbors.

While the Bible might not explicitly command you to protect your neighbor, Proverbs 3:29 states: "Do not plan evil against your neighbor who dwells trustingly beside you."

I trust, I pray, and I implore all who have the power to deny this project to please do so.