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Let's talk common sense! I am a 41-year resident of one of the Laguna Niguel neighborhoods that make up the Colinas de Capistrano association area. My house is situated behind the ridge line where the three crosses of Saddleback Church stand.

I am a product of parents who survived the Depression in Oklahoma, and common sense ruled the day in my upbringing . Both of my parents earned advanced college degrees, but they never lost the ability to reason matters out in a common-sense fashion. So naturally, the rules of a school or a government have always been followed. Yet I find myself unable to understand or accept the installation of a lithium battery storage facility in this area. The proposed location of this facility violates the rules of common sense.

The positioning of the Compass Energy Storage Project within a stone's throw of I-5, the proximity to a major trauma center hospital, a college, a high school, an intermediate school, living apartments for senior citizens and memory care patients — it's unbelievably poor planning for this type of facility!

In our 41 years here, we have witnessed fire come up the hill from the east at least four times that I can recall. Statistically, there WILL be another fire in the future. The risk of sustained and toxic fire from this facility is much greater than if it were positioned away from suburban areas and critical infrastructure. The resulting fire would cause an evacuation of thousands of homes and a catastrophic loss of life to both humans and animals.

Please! I appeal to the CEC to apply the rules of logical reasoning and DENY the application for the Compass Energy Storage Project at this location.

Sincerely,

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