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## **Bess Facility**

I was at the meeting for the proposed Bess facility in SJC yesterday. I hope your representatives really listened to all of the people who oppose this site. I live in the neighborhood directly above the area and am terrified about what will happen to this beautiful place we have lived in for over 30 years when a fire breaks out. Not to mention that our insurance company will drop us and our house value which we are counting on for retirement will plummet. I am not opposed to these facilities, but as you heard yesterday, this is not the place for one. I have always felt proud of California being on the forefront of environmental protection and green energy, but I feel our leadership has failed us in this instance with the rush to build these facilities that have little to no regulation or oversight. I listened to two people yesterday, one who worked at San Onofre and one at a refinery. It seems that with the disasters at Moss Point and Otay Mesa that these need to be built within a fireproof concrete or steel housing that also have fire mitigation equipment as well as a way to trap the toxic particles should a fire erupt. They also need to be fully manned and secured for both immediate response should something happen as well as to guard against anyone with malicious intent. As was said yesterday, please think about this on a human level. How would you feel if you were in our shoes and a company wanted to develop this right next to your house in a high fire area, next to a major freeway, railroad track, creek, schools, neighborhoods and families where your main means of escape would be cut off and the toxic remains would be there for years to come.