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*Comment Received From: Supervisor Jim Desmond  
Submitted On: 6/2/2025  
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## **No to Battery Storage Project**

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Across California, we have seen the dangers these battery storage sites pose. Facilities in places like Escondido, East Otay Mesa, and Valley Center have caught fire and burned for days, releasing toxic smoke into the air and straining local emergency services. The fires are unpredictable, difficult to control, and create long-lasting impacts on air quality and public health.

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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



**JIM DESMOND**  
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 28, 2025

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Desmond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Desmond" clearly distinguishable.

JIM DESMOND  
Supervisor 5th District  
County of San Diego