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My name is Jonathan Light and I am a Laguna Niguel resident. I am a longtime renewable clean energy advocate, belonging to several environmental organizations. I have actively lobbied local and national elected officials for good climate legislation. I've had many letters to the editor published in various large news outlets reflecting those same climate-related opinions. Among them, I'm strongly in favor of local battery storage systems and achieving California's 100% clean energy goal.

Having said that, I'm against this particular battery storage project by Compass Energy Storage. It has nothing to do with NIMBY thinking. This particular project is located in a wind corridor, meaning if a fire breaks out, there's a high risk for the homes along the ridge above the site. Making matters worse, those homes are already designated to be in high fire zone by CAL FIRE. There appears to be only one way in or out of this site, making this an additional problem for fire fighters, should a fire breakout due to the storage facility or some other reason. Additionally, any toxins released in a fire would flow down to the creek below and then into the ocean, presenting dangers to our wildlife (and eventually us). A bad fire could also potentially also shut down a major traffic road and rail corridor, bringing financial losses to our area.

Although I truly believe we have local storage needs, the ultimate safety concerns that have to be addressed when choosing the appropriate location and storage design, make me believe the decision to locate this project where they have is misguided. So, my opposition reflects too many risks at this specific location and not with local battery storage in general. I say this understanding the Compass Energy Storage project will implement the latest design for safety in battery storage. Hopefully, they can find a better place to break ground in the near future.

Thank you.