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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Compass Energy lithiumion battery storage

facility in San Juan Capistrano.

This project is simply the wrong fit for this community. It places a dangerous industrial facility directly next to

neighborhoods, schools, businesses, churches, transportation corridors and environmentally sensitive lands.

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 longlasting impacts on air quality and public health.

Even more concerning is the fact that local communities like San Juan Capistrano have little to no say in the matter. The voices of local leaders, residents, and first responders have been pushed aside in favor of state mandates and energy goals that ignore real-world risks.

I urge the California Energy Commission to reject the Compass Energy proposal. We must prioritize the safety and well-being of our residents over experimental energy infrastructure that has a proven record of failure and danger.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Andre Lubarsky