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Opposition to Proposed BESS Project

The proposed BESS facility utilizes lithium-iron batteries, which can pose a severe fire threat due to the site's approximated 1,500-foot distance from Laguna Niguel and other local cities. This is a highly dense area of homes, schools, and local businesses that are already dealing with fire risk. Not only is the BESS facility a safety risk, it's also an economic risk to the community. Many homeowners in So. OC, are already unable to get, keep, and maintain homeowners insurance due to alleged fire risk. We've all seen the increased fire hazard lithium batteries wrought on the Pacific Palisades during the recent fires and this facility would amplify that risk exponentially. There's also a very real possibility that insurers will further deny homeowners insurance specifically because this type of facility increases the danger, damage and expense of fires. There are other options in more open and non-residential areas that are better suited to this kind of facility, and I encourage California officials and the public to fight against this high-risk facility being thrust upon our community.