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California Energy Commission Docket Number: 24-OPT-02 Project Title:
Compass Energy Storage Project
RE: Opposition to the Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed siting of the Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano, on land currently owned by Saddleback Church and very close to my home.

I have several serious concerns regarding this project:

1. Proximity to Community Assets: The proposed facility is dangerously close to residential neighborhoods including my home, schools, senior living facilities, businesses, and a medical center. In the event of a fire, explosion, evacuation or toxic fume release, the impact on local residents and emergency services would be catastrophic.
2. Transportation Risks: Its location near Interstate 5 and several railway lines poses a significant risk. A disaster, such as experienced with the recent fire at Moss Landing, could lead to closures of these essential transportation routes, severely disrupting regional mobility and commerce, as well as the ability of local resources to combat such a disaster.
3. Environmental Impacts: This area is home to diverse flora and fauna, including endangered species. Moreover, it serves as a popular recreational space, featuring trails enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, and nature enthusiasts. The Oso creek drains to the ocean and cannot handle

construction debris nor fire debris. This facility could irreversibly harm the local ecosystem and compromise its community value.

4. Demand on Community Resources: The facility would also create an unsustainable demand on local resources, including water needed in the event of a fire. Previous fires that have erupted in this valley, spread and threatened neighborhoods were successfully extinguished by firefighters using water. Lithium fires cannot be extinguished by water and can burn for days. This is a risk we should not have to endure.

I urge the Commission to prioritize the safety and well-being of Californian local residents above any financial incentives or cost-saving measures that benefit the developer and SDG&E. The proposed site was likely chosen due to its proximity to the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Trabuco to Capistrano 138-kilovolt transmission line; however, this convenience should not come at the expense of community welfare.

I respectfully ask you to consider the serious risks outlined above and reject this OPT-IN application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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