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## **Resident opposed to BESS project**

As a concerned resident of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility.

The location of this prospective project site based on its proximity to densely populated residential areas, hillsides of brush, the freeway, and train rails makes absolutely no sense given the risks posed in housing a highly flammable energy source. Additionally there is a watershed adjacent that feeds into the ocean that would carry toxic materials into the ocean should an accident occur.

In addition to the fire hazard, the health risks to an even greater percentage of the area's population from the toxic fumes should there be a fire could be extremely high. It is baffling that this location has been considered in the first place given the risks, and from the online discussions I have attended it appears that Compass Energy Storage has at least in part misrepresented community benefits in its filing which is a red flag in itself.

Given the recent wildfires in LA earlier this year, I cannot imagine how this energy approach in a densely populated area could be entertained.

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to carefully and fully consider these risks as they evaluate Compass Energy Storage's proposed project. The health and safety of California residents should always take precedence over any potential benefits proposed by this project. I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission reject this project application and unequivocally prioritize public safety and community quality of life.