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## **Compass Lithium Battery Facility, San Juan Capistrano**

I strongly oppose the proposed location of this lithium battery facility. The proposed location is right next to multiple residential communities, and putting a battery facility there would create a significant fire hazard. The location is also in the middle of a busy freeway and railroad corridor. Cal Fire recently designated communities in the proposed area as subject to very severe fire risk. That risk would only be heightened if this facility is approved, which could exacerbate the home insurance affordability crisis in the area. There are many more remote locations in Orange County that are not near large residential communities where a facility like this would be more appropriate. There is strong bipartisan opposition to this facility in the local communities, and it would be a tragedy for the state to disregard the clear will of its constituents, particularly when other location options are plainly available.