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## **Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)**

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To California Energy Commissioners,

I am a concerned resident of the City of Laguna Niguel, writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage LLC, is proposing to construct, own, and operate an approximately 250-megawatt BESS facility on a 13-acre project site along the northern portion of the City of San Juan Capistrano immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel. I live on the Golden Lantern bluff area in Laguna Niguel, which is less than 1 mile from the BESS project site. The close proximity to my community, increases potential exposure to hazardous fire and Lithium battery toxic gases, and will decrease property values.

After attending the May 29, Information meeting it is very apparent that Compass Energy has bypassed the political process of putting the request for a project permit to the people of Laguna Niguel, and San Juan Capistrano. The State of California is obviously pushing the entire climate change agenda by supporting the stored battery agenda throughout the State. In addition the \$750,000 paid to Saddleback Church by Compass to buy the land for the project, and the payment of \$750,000 to SOCCCD, with the subsequent sale of the BESS facility to San Diego Gas and Electric should be fully investigated. I am confident CEC/BESS will continue to see much stronger public resistance to the project as more facts are released. The message is clear, DENY to the project permit!