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Dear Elected Leaders and Fellow Community Members,

I'm writing to express urgent concern about the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility in San Juan Capistrano. This facility, which would house massive amounts of lithium-ion batteries near homes, open space, and historic sites, poses unacceptable risks to our health, safety, and environment. I strongly oppose the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (Docket 24-OPT-02) in San Juan Capistrano. This facility poses unacceptable fire and environmental risks to nearby neighborhoods and to Trabuco Creek, a critical natural habitat and waterway.

As residents of South Orange County—including San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and Laguna Niguel—we are united in opposition to this project.

The Dangers Are Real:

- Lithium-ion battery fires are notoriously difficult to extinguish and can release toxic gases (Moss Landing/Otay Mesa)
- Fire-prone areas like ours are especially vulnerable to a chain reaction catastrophe (Lahaina/Los Angeles)
- Similar facilities across the country have already experienced explosions and evacuations.

Our Communities Deserve Better:

- We value safety, clean air, open space, and smart development—not industrial hazards.
- There has been little to no meaningful community engagement or transparency around this project.
- We believe energy innovation should not come at the cost of public safety.

To Our Elected Officials:

We call on you—Mayor Troy Bourne (San Juan Capistrano), Mayor Ray Gennawey (Laguna Niguel), Mayor Jamey Federico (Dana Point), and our State and Federal Representatives—to stand with the people you serve. We ask that you:

- Halt this project immediately.
- Call for a full environmental review.
- Ensure proper public hearings and community input.

This is not just about one city—it's about the future of our entire region. We're not against progress, but we are against recklessness. Local fire fighters, public servants, Doctors, professionals, families, children are all in alignment. Please hear us, and please act. Our families, homes, and natural environment are counting on you.



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