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Hello,

I have lived in Laguna Niguel since the birth of my son in 1997. I have seen many changes in our community some for the better some for the worse during the past 28 years.

This proposal has to be one of the worst due its proposed storage location.

In lieu of the DEVASTATING fires that hit the Palisades and Alta Dena this past year I find it hard to believe this would even be up for discussion or agreement to put a Battery Storage plant smack dab in between two cities of San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Niguel!

These are densely packed communities of homes, stores, schools, churches , medical offices, and much more.

We have fire risk ALL THE TIME NOW. With changes in weather and the environment we no longer have a fire season, our fire season is now 365 days a year.

Structure fires are more dangerous than wildfires due to the amount of highly flammable and toxic chemicals and materials inside those Structures. Watching structure fires jump from one to another like a dried out Christmas tree in minutes is an all to known reality.

The Coastal fire in Laguna Niguel 2022 started by accident managed to burn 20 homes in a matter hours, there was no wind and we were lucky thatâ€™s all we lost and that it was able to be contained.

The Airport fire, The Saddleback fire, the list goes on and on

The Laguna Beach Fire of 1993 burned 400 homes, 400 homes! 400 hundred families displaced with a complete loss.

There are also many health risks to consider here

Lithium's fine particles can penetrate deep into the lungs, potentially causing respiratory issues. With a low density of 0.534 g/cm³, lightweight lithium particles easily become airborne, increasing the risk of inhalation. Mar 10, 2025.

I can continue to list articles and data however Iâ€™m sure you already know this. I am asking you to reconsider and find another alternative, Iâ€™m aware of the need for storage but I think it needs to be far away from communityâ€™s like ours, in a place

that can be controlled, contained and not affect the health of those of us that live here.

In closing I will ask you this, would you want to take the chance with your family, your children, your parents to be living in such close proximity to something like this which will prove to be disastrous?

Thank you for your time,
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