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## **Docket 24 San Juan BESS Facility**

I was listening on may 29th and June 3rds public comments meetings. I have lived in San Juan Capistrano and Mission Viejo areas my whole life for 46 years.

My entire immediate family lives near the proposed facility. 2 parents, and 3 sisters and families all within 7 miles from the facility. In case of a fire, the facility, and the VERY harmful Toxins that would be expelled into the air, all of our 5 separate houses would be down wind from this facility. This is very concerning since we have 5 families, children and 2 parents in their 80s that the chemicals in the air would be extremely harmful!

After listening to other people's concerns that are closer to the proposed facility, it seems blatantly obvious that this location for this type of facility is not appropriate and would be negligent at this time. If public opinion counts for anything this project should be shut down immediately. If this goes through it is proving that public opinion has no say in what can happen in our own backyards.

I have worked in technology for over 20 years specifically with Lithium Ion batteries, and am highly aware of how unstable they can be. We haven't perfected these to a point where we consider them safe. For example, when shipping these types of batteries you can not ship them in a cargo compartment because of the risk of fire. Its a known issue. Also the majority of garage fires these days are due to battery storage in people's garages.

I also have friends who are firefighters and they all agree that we are not at the point yet where these batteries should be considered safe. They also agree these fires are very hard to contain even for a small battery in a garage, i can imagine what would happen if there was an accident at this facility.

I just heard about this project a week ago, and I consider myself pretty up to date on what is going on in this community. This makes me think whoever is trying to push this through is doing a good job at keeping this from the public.

CEC Please make the correct decision here, If this type of energy source is needed, put them in places that do not pose in immediate threat to citizens of California and the U.S.A.

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