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To the CEC:

By now you have heard the pleas of the people including: the residents & businesses, fire authorities and city officials, from San Juan Capistrano and surrounding cities. They have stated that they are against the perspective lithium battery storage facility being considered by the CEC in San Juan Capistrano.

Please consider these points:

• The facility is not safe to be utilized as a commercial facility.

• It is dangerously close to the ocean, a creek, schools, businesses, residential areas, retirement homes, and horse stables including The Shea Center which teaches riding to handicap children.

• It is in a high fire zone with endangered wildlife, sea & plant life.

• The area will not sustain an efficient evacuation route needed when fire breaks out from the lithium batteries. This situation would cause panic to those in danger to flee in haste that could lead to deaths.

• The technology today is not advanced enough to have proven safe. Clean energy would be beneficial, but if, and ONLY if it can be PROVEN 100% safe or put in an unpopulated area. At this time, it is not.

• We have heard that the technology is safer than it was but safer isn't good enough, when lives, livelihood & long-term lung health issues are at stake from haphazard fire breakouts with resulting toxic waste escape from a faulty lithium system.

This decision matter, from what we understand, lies in the hands of the CEC. It is simply too soon for this experimental technology.

We ask the decision makers to weigh the benefits versus the impending dangers & chaos already experienced historically.

The previous fires at The Moss storage facility among others have proved over & over again "lithium is too dangerous of a fire hazard material to be near heavily populated communities".

• We ask you to do right in keeping all the above safe & vote a unanimous

• No, not in San Juan Capistrano!

A yes decision has too high of a price to pay regarding protecting human lives.

Are the board members, if a yes vote, willing to pay that price? We simply ask the CEC to do the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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