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Dr Elliot Stern - President of Saddleback College Statement

Good Afternoon CEC,

Per my presentation made yesterday (June 3rd, 2025) at the online Public Hearing, I am attaching the recorded statement from the President of Saddleback College, Dr. Elliot Stern, that the college REFUSED to sign a community benefit agreement with Compass Energy and removed ALL legal language surrounding such. Furthermore, Dr. Elliot made explicitly clear, "we did NOT sign a community benefit agreement." Noting such, Compass Energy has not met the Community Benefit agreement requirement for application and this application therefore must be deemed incomplete. Please see attachment for transcript of Dr. Elliot Stern's statement that I presented information from during yesterday's hearing for public record.

Link to the video recording of Dr. Stern's live statement can be found here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rz8zenEUIkOmG8MX7i3h8yHd4HYdQSEI/view?usp=sharing>

We have received full consent from Dr. Elliot Stern to record and publish his statement on video.

Thank you.

Kindest Regards,
Sarah Eileen Mehta

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dr. Elliot Stern (June 3rd, 2025): “Now the grant question - so we accepted a \$750,000 grant from Compass Energy that goes directly to our students, it pays for internships our students including students who live in the community impacted by this proposed site. We took that grant as a grant, and NOTHING more. When Compass Energy first proposed this grant to us, it was part of what they called a “Community Benefit Agreement” that we were being asked to sign. We DID NOT sign a community benefit agreement. We took out ALL LANGUAGE from the grant that implied ANY endorsement or embrace of community benefit or let alone of this particular project site.”