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In Opposition of the Compass Energy Storage Project

I oppose the Compass Energy Storage Project because of its inappropriate location and the significant risks it poses to nearby residents—including my own family. I grew up in the neighborhood on the hill above the proposed site, where my parents still live today. This facility would place a massive lithium-ion battery installation just 1,500 feet from our homes. While lithium iron phosphate batteries are considered safer than older chemistries, fire incidents at other facilities—such as the Moss Landing event in 2025—demonstrate that large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) still carry serious risks of thermal runaway, toxic gas release, and explosions.

These risks could make properties in the area harder to insure or even uninsurable, directly impacting home values and long-term financial stability for families like mine. Furthermore, by opting into state-level approval through the California Energy Commission and bypassing local zoning decisions, the project sidelines the city's authority and the concerns of residents.

I fully support the transition to clean energy, but not at the expense of community safety, property security, and responsible planning. This project should be relocated to a more suitable industrial location, well away from homes, schools, and fire-prone terrain.