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Subject: Opposition to Compass Battery Energy Storage Project (Docket Number 24-OPT-02)

Dear Ms. Longman:

I am writing as a representative on behalf of the Mission Preservation Foundation of Mission San Juan Capistrano, Orange County's most historic landmark, which is located in the heart of downtown San Juan Capistrano and just two miles south of the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project. As you know, the Project Applicant seeks to construct and operate an approximately 250-megawatt lithium battery storage facility on a 13-acre project located within the northern portion of San Juan Capistrano.

The poor safety history of these facilities raises serious public safety concerns, which are elevated by the siting of this facility near established residential neighborhoods, environmentally sensitive areas, several schools and major transportation routes. Most recently, a significant fire occurred in January 2025 at a battery storage facility in Monterey County, which resulted in the evacuation of nearby residents and closures of schools and offices. Less than a month later, the fire flared back up, creating smoke and flames that required nearby residents to keep windows and doors shut.

A similar event at the proposed facility would have catastrophic consequences for public safety, the environment, our historic downtown and the many residents and visitors served by Mission San Juan Capistrano. The risks posed by this project are far too great and, as such, denial of this application by the California Energy Commission is warranted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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