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June 6, 2025

Mr. Drew Bohan
Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
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Dear Mr. Bohan:

Since its announcement, I have been on the record in opposition to the Compass Lithium Battery Storage Project proposed for San Juan Capistrano. Its proximity is far too close to residential neighborhoods and vegetation sites.

I think you will find most of the residents in South Orange County are supportive of clean energy goals, and I for one, am not opposed to battery storage. However, I am deeply concerned with battery storage facilities that pose a threat to the well-being and safety of the community. While clean energy facilities will help us reach our conservation goals, this project will have a significant negative impact on our local community.

The Moss Landing fire is one of several damaging fires that have recently occurred from a battery storage facility. In 2024 alone, two fires occurred on freeways, causing the closure of Southern California thoroughfares. These incidents are in the back of everyone's mind and are difficult to overcome. Additionally, in San Diego several battery storage facilities have burned for weeks showing us the significant strain on our first responders.

While we await a final decision, I have introduced AB 615 which requires any proposed energy facility to develop an emergency response, action plan, and recommendations from first responders with the initial application. My colleagues have also introduced bills regarding BESS facilities and we will see how they fair through the legislature and what is signed into law.

I know the CEC's role is difficult and finding ideal sites is extremely challenging. However, this site is not an acceptable location. I join with the many residents, elected leaders, educators, and business owners – to respectfully ask for you to deny this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Davies". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'L' and 'D'.

Laurie Davies
Assemblywoman, District 74