DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	24-OPT-02
Project Title:	Compass Energy Storage Project
TN #:	266264
Document Title:	Natalie A Simmons Comments - Safety Hazards and Insufficient Benefits to community
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	Natalie A Simmons
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	10/1/2025 11:57:35 AM
Docketed Date:	10/1/2025

Comment Received From: Natalie A Simmons

Submitted On: 10/1/2025 Docket Number: 24-OPT-02

Safety Hazards and Insufficient Benefits to community

I am a concerned resident of SJC living less than 1 mile from the proposed site.

This project poses a huge dilemma for all of us, but not for Engie. We will all have to live with the consequence of this decision for decades, while Engie makes money off us. This process has created turmoil in our community pitting us against our wonderful college board, this is just wrong.

The SOCCCD Board of Trustees accepted a grant from Engie that will probably only benefit 0.16% of students. An average internship at \$20 per hr for 6 weeks is around \$5000. Subsidized 50% by the grant \$2500 x 32 = \$80,000 a year. The rest of the 150k is consumed by admin salaries.

Subsidizing internships 0.16% of students does not compensate for the substantial costs in increased insurance premiums and decreased property values, which impacts a hundred thousand community members. We are already dealing with an insurance crisis and this will only make things worse.

Benefiting 30 students a year out of 18,000 students does not make a significant community benefit. If the requirement is to substantially benefit the student body this grant is not it. I spoke about this at the SOCCCD board meeting on Sept 29th, Engies attorney was unable to refute my statements. The welfare of the thousands of students that live in the surrounding communities must be considered above the employment prospects benefit to 32 students a year.

There are many issues with the location of this site that have unknown consequences for safety; proximity to the railway line and freeway, geology, access for emergency services, to name a few. This is too much unknown risk to our community that cannot not be reversed. Please consider the evacuation routes are so limited for 1000's of residents living in the communities accessed from Rancho Viejo Road, this road will quickly become gridlocked and we may be forced to abandon our cars to escape.

There were 17 other potential locations, this is just the best site for Engies profits, and the worst site for community. Engie will generate 100's of millions of revenue \$ yearly from this project. There is no guarantee it will lower our consumption costs. We stand to loose a lot while this company stands to gain the most.

You are being asked to balance the interest of our community with the profits of a corporation. Engie chose the most profitable location for Engie. If you deny this project Engie will have to choose somewhere else safely away from communities.