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Docket Number:	24-OPT-02
Project Title:	Compass Energy Storage Project
TN #:	266265
Document Title:	CPRA Request Email Compass Energy Project Conversation Stern, Barnes, Gabel Before leave on vacation
Description:	RE: Before You Leave-Need for action-slow walking not working-ENGIE hard deadline CEC. Stern to Julianna "...deadline with the Energy Commission to prove they have a community benefit agreement with us. We can walk away now, and forsake the \$750,000 for student apprenticeship pay, or sign it, subject to Board approval. // Clarification about bottom line from Stern sharing...don't want politics to dictate our ability to gain monetary support...correct? Julianna to Stern "...Sorry, I had reached out to Tim [Jema] for a conversation since he was the first one to reach out to me about the company but haven't heard back...My only concern is damaging our relationship with CUSD since they wrote a letter against the agency. VC Gabel-Acknowledge Barnes has it right. Stern to Julianna "...You have it right. Yes, I can reach out to Chris, but I can't imagine that he would be offended by our taking a grant from Compass while remaining silent about their site placement. I don't think his heart is really in his written opposition..."
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RE: Before you leave ...Fw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

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Sent time: 04/04/2025 01:52:59 AM

To: [Ann-Marie Gabel <agabel@socccd.edu>](#); [Elliot Stern <estern@saddleback.edu>](#)

Thanks you both. As shared with Elliot, I'll bring the Board Officers up to speed when I review the docket with them... all good.

Thanks, Julie



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Subject: RE: Before you leave ...Fw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

Perfect, thank you!



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Subject: RE: Before you leaveFw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

Our emails crossed but I just told him the same thing. He's gonna work with Priya. e

From: Ann-Marie Gabel <agabel@socccd.edu>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:09 PM

To: Elliot Stern <estern@saddleback.edu>; [Julianna Barnes <jbarnes@socccd.edu>](#)

Thanks,

Ann-Marie



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From: Elliot Stern <estern@saddleback.edu>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:54 PM

To: Ann-Marie Gabel<; Julianna Barnes<

Subject: RE: Before you leave.....Fw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College

I reviewed the final document once again. There is no acknowledgement of any community benefit from Compass's plan. It's merely the acceptance of a grant contingent on Compass being approved to do what it wants to do in San Juan. It's basically a letter of acceptance from Connie Cavanaugh. I've suggested adding the line "Re: Acceptance of Grant" above the recitations.

No one who reviews this document could ever interpret it as an endorsement or acknowledgement of community benefit, let alone endorsement of their site selection. We are clearly neutral in the controversy.

Let me know what you think, Julie.

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From: Elliot Stern

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:38 PM

To: Ann-Marie Gabel ; Julianna Barnes

Subject: RE: Before you leave.....Fw:Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College

Just talked to Chris. He's fine and he believes his Board would be fine. As he put it, he understands the need for grants and not rejecting the largesse of a potential industry partner. He said he would have a different opinion, and his Board would definitely have a problem if we had written a letter of support for Compass. I explained that not only are we changed he title of their proposed Benefit to our students. It's a grant, and that's what we're they' danger of fumes from the battery fire getting to CVSD even if the fire can't jump the freeway. As a side note, he is overwhelmed with stuff coming down since inauguration and dealing with his Board and community. I am reminded of how lucky we are that we to be supported by our Board and not facing the wrath of some in our community for staying the course with respect to our DEIA work and support of undocumented students. He's walking through a minefield.

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From: Ann-Marie Gabel <agabel@socccd.edu>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:28 PM

To: Elliot Stern<; Julianna Barnes

Subject: RE: Before you leave ...Fw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

If you want this on the April Board agenda, you need to get the agreement to Priya asap. Let me know if that's what you want so I can give her a heads-up that it's coming.

Thanks,
Ann-Marie



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You have it right. Yes, I can reach out to Chris, but I can't imagine that he would be offended by our taking a grant from Compass while remaining completely silent about their site placement. I don't think his heart is really in his written opposition anyway, as a fire would need to cross about 16 lanes of traffic to endanger his closest school.

Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 3:42:20 PM

To: Elliot Stern <estern@saddleback.edu>

Cc: Ann-Marie Gabel <agabel@socccd.edu>

Subject: RE: Before you leave ...Fw: Donation/Community Benefits Agreement for Saddleback College Foundation

Sorry. I had reached out to Tim for a conversation since he was the first one to reach out to me about the company but haven't heard back. Let me make a call to Caroly today... I'll write to you later today.

So... bottom line from what you shared... you don't want the politics to dictate our ability to gain monetary support from the organization that could support our students... correct? My only concern is damaging our relationship with CUSD since they wrote a letter against the agency. You want to call Chris?



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To: Julianna Barnes <jbarnes@socccd.edu>

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Julie: looks like Compass is coming up against their deadline with the Energy Commission to prove they have a community benefit agreement with us. We can walk away now, and forsake the \$750,000 for student apprenticeship pay, or sign it, subject to Board approval . But it doesn't look like slow-walking (my instruction to Israel) will work. What say you?

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