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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Nov. 14, 2025

Att: Renee Longman and CEC Staff
California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS40
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Re: Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project

Dear Renee Longman and California Energy Commission Staff,

Please accept this statement Against the Proposed Location of the Corby Battery Storage Facility in Solano County, and more specifically on the corner of Kilkenny and Byrnes Rd. in Vacaville, Ca.

As a multigenerational family living three parcels away from the proposed site, we stand firmly against the installation of a battery storage facility at this location. While energy storage is often presented as a step toward clean energy, the choice of site raises serious concerns that cannot be ignored. Please allow me to briefly highlight some of our primary concerns.

Community Health Risks and Added Mental Health Burden

As I am sure you know, battery storage facilities carry risks of chemical leaks, toxic emissions, and fire hazards. Placing such a facility near homes, schools, hospitals or vulnerable populations (all of which are near the proposed site) exposes residents to unnecessary danger and undermines public health protections. Please make a special note of the fact that this side of town is home to a large number of 55+ community members (including both of my parents who are in their 70s, and three extended family members who are in their 70s and 80s). A quick google search about this area shows a Median Age of 55.3 years, reflecting our neighborhood's retirement-community character.¹ Furthermore, it is well documented that adults over 55 face compounded challenges, including declining health, financial insecurity, housing instability, and social isolation. These issues are not just personal—they reflect systemic gaps and inequities in healthcare, housing, and social support. Placing a high-risk facility like the Corby Project facility in this neighborhood will add an unnecessary mental health burden to individuals that already carry a heavy load of compounded challenges. They will be forced to worry daily about their safety and about developing a plan for evacuation should the facility catch fire.

¹ <https://www.weichert.com/search/community/neighborhood.aspx?hood=80662>

Environmental Justice Concerns

Adding a high-risk facility in our neighborhood perpetuates environmental inequities, disproportionately impacting seniors and a growing number of low-income, and Latino families who historically have had little say in these decisions. The number of low-income families in Vacaville has been rising modestly, even though the city overall has a relatively high median household income. Poverty rates have increased slightly in recent years, reflecting growing affordability challenges. Furthermore, Latinos currently represent one of the fastest-growing demographic groups in the region. Census data shows that the Hispanic/Latino population has steadily increased over the past two decades, making up a significant and expanding share of Vacaville and larger Solano County residents.² My family is one of the many Latino families that has recently moved to this area. Through hard work, we were finally able to fulfill a multigenerational dream of purchasing a small farm to raise goats, sheep, chickens, and horses! We urge you to reject this project and mandate its relocation. Please do not destroy our dream!

Land Use and Safety

The proposed location is not suited for industrial-scale energy infrastructure. It threatens nearby agricultural lands, family farms, and will disrupt the residential and ranch-style character, in addition to placing hazardous technology in close proximity to everyday life. Let's not forget that safer, more appropriate industrial zones exist elsewhere, which have been identified by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. Please allow Solano County to continue to bask in its historical legacy of being an agricultural county that helps feed the region, state, and the nation!

In conclusion, let us be clear in saying that we are not opposed to clean energy, but we are opposed to sacrificing community safety and justice for net profit and convenience. The proposed location is inappropriate, unsafe, and inequitable. We demand that you, as decision-makers, prioritize safety, community health, environmental justice, and democratic participation by rejecting this site and exploring alternatives that do not place vulnerable populations at risk and maintain the safety of my family and all of my neighbors!

Here at home with the proposed Corby Project, the risks are real. Fires, leaks, toxic chemicals—these are not abstract dangers. This project threatens our air, our water, our soil, and most importantly, our health (both physical and mental health). As previously noted, vulnerable populations, already denied adequate healthcare, are the ones who will

² <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US0681554-vacaville-ca/>

suffer most when accidents occur – and that is a historical fact that you – as state representatives – do not need to, and should not perpetuate!

Sincerely,

Carmen Martinez-Calderon, Ph.D. and
The Martinez, Calderon, and Ramirez Family
Vacaville/Byrnes Rd. Residents since 2023