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Please keep my neighborhood safe

Thank you reading my concerns,

I have attended several open discussions and outside of a few jobs being created, the overwhelming consensus by my neighbors and other citizens is WE DO NOT WANT THIS IN VACAVILLE for the following reasons:

- 1. Fire & Thermal Runaway Battery fires burn extremely hot, spread fast, and are hard to extinguish in dense areas. We have proof of this in other cities.
- 2. Toxic Gas Release Damaged batteries can emit hazardous gases that pose health risks to nearby populations.
- 3. Explosion Risk Gas buildup or cell failure can lead to explosions. Country property will burn fast and we could lose our homes and animals.
- 4. High-Voltage Electrical Hazards Arc flashes, short circuits, and equipment faults can have wider impact on nearby buildings and infrastructure.
- 5. Noise & Heat Cooling systems and inverters generate noise and waste heat that are problematic in close quarters.
- 6. Hazardous Materials Spills, leaks, or improper disposal of battery chemicals pose environmental and public-safety concerns.
- 7. Emergency Response Challenges Battery fires require specialized techniques; access and evacuation are more complex in cities.
- 8. Grid Impact Malfunctions can cause power disturbances or outages in critical urban circuits.
- 9. Natural Disaster Vulnerability Floods, earthquakes, or heat waves can compromise the facility and raise failure risk.

- 10. Land-Use Conflicts Industrial energy equipment near homes, schools, and businesses raises zoning and safety concerns. Farming is a business.
- 11. Our property values will drop. Significantly.

We struggle in California on so many fronts. The cost of living is through the roof. Please do not add to our list.

Sincerely, Michael Kassis, Physical Therapist Local business owner 25 year high school football coach