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Opposition to CORBY BESS Vacaville

Dear commissioners of Vacaville,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Corby Project, battery energy storage system (BESS) facility in Vacaville. While I support renewable and clean energy goals, the proposed location for this industrial-scale facility presents significant unmitigated risks to the health, safety, and welfare of our community, especially given its close proximity to residential communities in and around Leisure Town and Medical facilities like Kaiser, Northbay.

My specific concerns regarding this project include the following:

• **Public Health and Safety Risks:**

Lithium-ion batteries pose fire and explosion hazards. In the event of a fire, the recommended containment method is often to let it burn out, which can release toxic gases and require the evacuation of surrounding residents for days. Toxic fumes may cause cancer. The potential for long-term environmental contamination from such an incident is an unacceptable risk.

• **Inadequate Emergency Response Planning:**

The application lacks clear, enforceable emergency response plans for fire containment and management. Most local fire jurisdictions may not have the specialized equipment or ability to address incidents at these types of facilities, which heightens the potential risk to the community.

• **Environmental Impact and Water Contamination:**

The proposed location is around agricultural farms and majority of them have farm animals. There is a significant risk that a fire or chemical leak could lead to soil and water contamination, posing a threat to our shared water sources and local ecosystem. Vacaville city residents get a major share of their water from ground water resources. Any contamination of our water resources has a potential of increase in the deadly cancer cases in our community as has been observed globally with chemical leakages led water contamination which may eventually put public health in risk.

• **Noise and Light Pollution:**

The facility's required cooling systems will likely generate substantial noise pollution, which would disturb the peace and tranquility of our residential neighborhood. This noise pollution can cause hearing loss also.

• **Impact on Property Values and Quality of Life:**

The presence of a large, industrial facility such as this would detract from the area's character and is likely to have a negative impact on local property values, affecting a

significant investment for many residents.

I request the CA EPA and City Of Vacaville, to prioritize the well-being and safety of the community over BESS at the proposed location. There are alternative locations, in less populated or industrial areas, that would be more suitable for this development, where potential risks could be better managed.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I trust that you will seriously consider our concerns and act in the community's best interest by rejecting the current planning application for the Corby project.

Sincerely,
Neetu Gupta