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Opposition to BESS Corby Project

I submit this comment in opposition to the Corby Project being located anywhere in or near the City of Vacaville. The proposed BESS sites are within 1 mile of residential areas and our local hospital. These battery storage facilities are extremely high risk and pose public health and safety concerns that cannot be ignored. The numerous lithium-ion BESS fires caused by thermal runaway are documented throughout our state. The question isn't IF they catch fire, it's WHEN. I'm sure you are aware of the toxicity concerns these fires pose, along with the long-lasting impact on the land and water. The loud humming and high frequency fan noise generated by the equipment can affect both physical and mental health negatively. The proposed sites would also violate voter approved "Measure T" by building on prime agricultural land. These facilities significantly raise the cost of homeowners insurance, in some cases doubling premiums or cause them to deny coverage altogether. Lowering property value and financially trapping people in these areas when disaster strikes. BESS projects should be located in or near the cities they are supplying power to and those cities should take the risks involved. The Vacaville Firefighters Union is also opposed to this project. After witnessing the tragic fires that devastated Los Angeles County we need to protect our beloved cities more than ever. I am a lifelong resident of Vacaville for 47 years. Please help us protect the city we love and do not turn a blind eye to the serious concerns the people of Vacaville have with this project. Like you we just want a safe environment to raise our families.

Sincerely, Renae Kazen