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I am writing as a resident of Brighton Landing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a lithium-ion battery facility near our homes. While I understand the importance of clean energy and economic development, placing this type of industrial facility so close to a residential area poses serious safety, health, and quality-of-life concerns that I urge you to consider.

Lithium-ion battery facilities are uniquely vulnerable to thermal runaway events, fires, and explosions that are extremely difficult to extinguish and can release toxic fumes. Locating such a facility near homes, schools, and local businesses could put thousands of residents at risk in the event of an accident or natural disaster. Our local fire department would also need specialized training, equipment, and resources, which have not yet been clearly addressed.

Manufacturing and storing batteries can involve hazardous materials and emissions. Even low-level, chronic exposure can affect vulnerable populations such as children, older adults, and people with respiratory conditions. Many of us chose this neighborhood for its relatively clean and quiet environment; the introduction of a heavy industrial operation nearby undermines that.

The perception of risk around a lithium-ion facility will likely depress nearby property values and discourage future investment in our neighborhood. Residents should not bear the financial burden of a land-use decision that prioritizes industrial interests over community well-being.

Our city can and should support green technology and economic development, but not at the expense of resident safety and livability. I respectfully urge you to oppose siting this lithium-ion battery plant in or near our residential neighborhood and to direct staff to pursue safer, more appropriate locations.