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## **Objection to Proposed Development**

The technology is simply unsafe and BESS facilities have been proven to be unsafe. It's unsafe to build it anywhere near residential areas. This is near homes within 1/8 of a mile or closer. Lithium batteries are not safe and frequently overheat and ignite.

I very concerned about safety and pollution when there is a fire- not IF but when. This proposed facility is within the most extreme fire danger zone possible in California. It is also located directly adjacent to the Santa Clara River watershed upon which Acton and many other communities rely upon as their sole water source.

We had a fire about 20 years ago at the nearby Edison facility which spewed toxic PCBs and other chemicals into the air. The plume remained low and traveled east onto the homes but no evacuations were ordered, no remedies offered and no testing was done. It took the fire department several DaYS to extinguish the fire. Edison made no effort to contact residents or offer any testing.

Edison and other energy companies simply cannot be trusted to do the right thing.

Acton residents were forced to sue a prior BES proposal company to stop LA County from allowing the project. Clearly the community doesn't want this facility and clearly the COLA supervisors don't either.

We will again sue (and win) in court to stop this hazardous project.

Build BESS facilities in areas where there are no homes. Safety should be everyone's first priority.