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## **Opposing the BESS System**

As the current Mayor of Big Bear Lake, former chairman of the Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority and Big Bear Fire Authority, I have serious concerns regarding the public safety and environmental impact of the proposed BESS project. While the intention to boost the regions electric grid is commendable, but improvements are needed, the potential fire risks far outweigh the benefits.

This battery has a traceable history of causing large fires in areas with moderate temperature. In both fires, England and San Diego, attempts to contain it were prolonged and significant damage was caused by the blaze. Acton's arid climate renowned for its summertime heat only exacerbates this risk. Combined with the battery's proximity to an already limited highway infrastructure, the potential harm is too great.

As candidate for Assembly District 34 encompassing this area, I oppose this project. It is my understanding that newer heat-resistant technology is being developed, and believe that we should wait until that technology is certified to move forward with such a project.