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## **No Vaca Dixon Power Center**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned mother of three young children and a local real estate professional to formally oppose the proposed 157-megawatt lithium-ion battery energy storage facility planned for approximately 10 acres in Vacaville-Dixon, California.

While I understand the need for reliable energy infrastructure and support responsible innovation, I do not believe this project is appropriately located near a growing residential community such as Vacaville. The scale of this proposal—including two massive battery storage systems, electrical infrastructure, industrial fencing, high-intensity lighting, and grid interconnection equipment—would significantly expand the industrial footprint of the area and permanently alter the character of the surrounding community.

My greatest concern is public health and safety. Lithium-ion battery storage facilities have experienced thermal runaway incidents, fires, toxic gas releases, and explosions in communities across the country. These events can burn for days, are extremely difficult to extinguish, and can release dangerous chemicals into the air and groundwater. As a mother raising three young children in this community, I am deeply concerned about the long-term exposure risks, emergency evacuation preparedness, and the burden this would place on local first responders.

Vacaville is known for being a family-oriented community with neighborhoods, schools, parks, and open spaces that attract homeowners seeking safety and quality of life. Introducing a large-scale battery storage operation raises serious concerns about air quality, noise pollution, industrial lighting, visual impacts, and potential environmental hazards that could affect nearby residents for decades.

As a Realtor serving this market, I also believe this project poses a substantial threat to local property values and the long-term stability of the housing market. Homebuyers carefully evaluate environmental risks and surrounding land uses when deciding where to purchase a home. Many buyers—especially families and military personnel relocating to the area—may hesitate to purchase homes near a large lithium-ion battery facility due to safety concerns and uncertainty surrounding future impacts. This could reduce buyer demand, negatively impact surrounding neighborhoods, and create long-term stigma for nearby properties.

Homeowners in Vacaville have invested their life savings into this community. They should not bear the financial consequences of a project that introduces industrial risks into areas that were intended to support residential growth and community

development.

I respectfully urge the California Energy Commission to reconsider this proposal, conduct extensive independent environmental and safety reviews, and prioritize alternative locations farther from residential communities. The long-term health, environmental, economic, and quality-of-life impacts on Vacaville residents deserve far greater consideration before approving a project of this magnitude.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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