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Lithium ion battery plant opposition

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Dear City Officials,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Vacaville regarding the proposed lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant planned to be built directly behind my neighborhood. While I fully support the advancement of renewable energy and sustainable technologies, placing a facility of this nature so close to residential homes presents significant public health and safety risks that cannot be ignored.

Lithium-ion plants pose serious hazards when battery cells are damaged or overheated, leading to potential thermal runaway, explosions, and fires that release toxic gases difficult to control or extinguish. These incidents endanger nearby families, first responders, and the broader community. In addition, the production process involves materials such as lithium, cobalt, and nickel—substances known to cause respiratory and neurological issues with prolonged exposure. These risks are amplified in a residential area where children, elderly individuals, and those with respiratory conditions could be severely affected.

For these reasons, I strongly urge city leadership to reconsider the proposed location and instead require that such a facility be built in a properly zoned industrial area, safely distanced from neighborhoods and schools. Relocating the plant would demonstrate the City of Vacaville's commitment to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of its residents while still supporting responsible economic development.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Erin Blackstock