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90 Minto Road, Watsonville.

Remember, January 17, 2025 the Coastal skies red with the smoke and fire from Moss landing, the largest battery fire in the USA and this was not the first fire there either.

Remember the toxic spewing plumes glowing.

This was not a surprise. Warnings were there in prior years, 9/20/21 a high temperature safety incident occurred, on 2/20/22 another occurred, and then again on 9/20/2022 a Tesla megapack incident, and then the BIG one 1/16/25.

We needed then, Safe shelters set up, our health officials coordinated to issue information on where to go concerning the health injuries, have hospitals and health clinics have tools for testing, how to help the injured and what health measures for the community to take.

We did not have that available to our community.

It is the outcome of lack of proper regulations upon new and emerging risky business opportunities.

Let us prevent this horror from happening again at 90 Minto Rd. Watsonville.

This proposed Lithium Battery Storage System is near our schools, our children, near dense neighborhoods, waterways, the ocean, and fertile farmland.

Our health is paramount to the vitality and sustainability of our country.

In light of the Moss Landing battery fire that spewed toxins onto the land, into the air, and ocean, poisoning all ages of our population. Then there is the wildlife and the rich farmlands. Causing economic hardships on the backbone of our community.

The soil is our sustainable lifeblood and it has been questionably contaminated, our food questionable to consume, our health affected. Toxicity without a plan to remedy. Research scientists at San José State University's Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (MLML) have detected unusually high concentrations of heavy-metal nanoparticles in marsh soils at Elkhorn Slough Reserve following the recent fire at the nearby Vistra Power Plant's lithium-ion battery storage facility, heavy metals nickel, manganese and cobalt.

In regard to the Moss Landing battery fire, testing of soil was flawed by digging down into the ground, instead of properly securing top soil. The surface soil where the heavy metals would likely contaminate. The industry studies are severely misleading.

Santa Cruz county voted for Measure J to preserve the rich farmland, do not override the Wisdom of foresight, to **protect** our agricultural land.

The community has clearly spoken.

There were public meetings where it seemed like the industries voice, including industry studies, had precedence over informed knowledgeable citizens.

Please listen to us now.

Protection for the future, using detailed environmental review, extensive dissemination of proper information and inclusive public participation.

Thank-you