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We need this battery storage project

Honorable commissioners,

I am writing as a business representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 104 (the HVAC union). I am writing on behalf of the members I represent who commute out of town and out of the county to earn a living wage. Many skilled crafts people call Solano County home and would be eager to bring their skills, training, and experience to this project right in our own backyard.

I am also writing as a homeowner in Vacaville. I live about 4 miles "as the crow flies" from the intended site of the project and fully support the BESS project. As we are trying to diminish our carbon footprint, newly built single family homes require solar power.

We are being encouraged to switch to electric stoves, water heaters, and cars.

Unfortunately, we do not have the storage capacity for the power we are generating through solar and wind. The first year I moved into my house I had a black-out for three days. The power still goes out for hours at least once in summer when everyone is using their air conditioners. If we really intend to electrify and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, let's work on our power grid and give ourselves the flexibility of stored energy for the times when windmills and solar panels are not generating power. Many changes and improvements have been made to negate danger from fire, Many people will probably say that BESS's are a danger to the community but I am willing to bet they have not done much research aside from listening to bad or outdated information. Please approve this project. Let's not make a half hearted effort at electrifying. Let's make electrification functional, stop the rolling blackouts, and reduce our dependence on natural gas and fossil fuel.