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## **Support for Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)**

Dear California Energy Commissioners,

As a concerned resident of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to express my strong SUPPORT for the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage LLC, is proposing to construct, own, and operate an approximately 250-megawatt BESS facility on a 13-acre project site along the northern portion of the City of San Juan Capistrano immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel. The project site, which is less than 1,500 feet from several residential neighborhoods in Laguna Niguel, is confined within a designated general open space hillside surrounded by native plants and significant vegetation, brush, and two recreational nature trails.

While we wish the commission to take into consideration these environmental conditions into the design, we understand that with the future desalinization plant in Dana Point as well as increased demands on our energy infrastructure, without the BESS facility our community will be saddled with higher energy costs as well as an unreliable supply of power for our community.

I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission APPROVE this project application and our community's quality of life.