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**Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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California Energy Commission  
Docket Number: 24-OPT-02  
Project Title: Compass Energy Storage Project

RE: Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)

Dear California Energy Commissioners,

We are writing to express our **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. The proposed 13-acre project site location along the northern portion of the City of San Juan Capistrano immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel is inappropriate for a number of reasons:

1. Significant and immediate wildfire risks;
2. Significant threat to the health and wellbeing of us residents nearby;
3. Further exacerbation to homeowners' insurance crisis;
4. Significant environmental and public health risks—lithium batteries emit toxic gases within seconds of igniting, leading to air pollution and public health risks.

For these reasons, and there are others, proposed site for a battery energy storage system facility within close proximity to heavily populated area is complete lunacy.

We respectfully request that the California Energy Commission **REJECT** this project application and unequivocally prioritize public safety and community quality of life.

Sincerely,

Reilly and Millie Rhodes  
Colinas de Capistrano Residents