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

Dear California Energy Commissioners,

As a resident of Laguna Niguel, I am strongly opposed to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) proposed for San Juan Capistrano which is very close to homes and businesses in Laguna Niguel.

I am particularly concerned since recently there was a two-week-long fire at a battery energy storage facility not far away in Otay Mesa near San Diego that proves how dangerous such facilities can be.

While I support clean energy and realize that battery energy storage will be crucial to a clean energy transition, BESS facilities should not be located near homes and businesses. There are many parcels of land in isolated areas further inland that would be a better choice for this facility.

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to carefully and fully consider the adverse fire, economic, environmental, and public safety risks as they evaluate Compass Energy Storage's proposed project. The health and safety of California residents should always take precedence over any potential benefits proposed by this project.

Please reject this project application and prioritize public safety and community quality of life.