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## **Compass Energy Storage Project**

As a concerned resident of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to express my strong opposition to 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 fire this week at an SDGE battery storage facility in Escondido and the evacuation of nearby schools shows the dangers of building these type of facilities near populations. A fireman stated on the news that the smoke from the fire is sending toxic fumes into the community.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2024/09/05/fire-at-sdge-battery-storage-facility-in-escondido-prompts-evacuations/>

Please do not approve the building of the battery energy storage facility in San Juan Capistrano as it is too close to homes and populations. The health and safety of California residents should always take precedence over any potential benefits proposed by this project. I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission reject this project application and unequivocally prioritize public safety and community quality of life.

-Gayle Grimes