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## **Opposed to BESS Project in Vacaville, CA**

Good morning,

My name is Rosie. I have lived in Vacaville for 20 years. I am writing to request that you please deny NextEra/Colby's request for a permit to build a Battery Energy Storage Site in Vacaville, CA.

Every city/county is unique and has its own set of circumstances. We have a military base, a state prison and one trauma center (Kaiser Hospital). Travis Airforce Base has about 7,600 active-duty military personnel and Solano State Prison houses about 3,300 inmates.

No one can deny or dispute the fact that these lithium-ion batteries/storage facilities ignite, catch fire and create very toxic volatile fluoride gas chemicals which are extremely harmful to the human body causing various types of cancer, respiratory illness, birth defects, learning disabilities, etc. These fires are so extreme that they require evacuations.

How do you evacuate over 3,000 inmates? Where would we house them? This would provide opportunity for inmates to escape and put all of the residents of Vacaville in danger.

With the constant threat of war lurking, having to evacuate Travis Airforce Base and leave our military equipment unattended would be a breach of national security.

The current proposed site is slightly over one mile away from our only trauma hospital and less than quarter mile away from the nearest home. How do you evacuate patients who are on life support? Where would the people that require treatment from inhaling these toxic chemicals go?

The proposed site is also on prime agricultural land. If this site is approved, this land will become contaminated, and we will never be able to use this land again to grow fruits and vegetables. Our agricultural land is disappearing and with the rise in the costs of food in our State, it is important that we do what we can to preserve our agricultural land.

The City of Vacaville and Solano County have active moratoriums on battery energy storage and are doing research to ensure and protect the safety and well-being of its residents and the preservation of its agricultural land.

The energy that will be created by the proposed site is being sold to San Francisco. It is not fair for the residents of Solano County to inherit all of the above risks as well as the costs that will be associated with the storage site. These costs will be passed on/forced on to the taxpayers in Solano County. There are a lot of empty buildings in the Presidio which is located in San Francisco. Why doesn't San Francisco build their own site in their city and assume all of the risks and costs as San Francisco, PG&E and the energy company will be the only ones benefitting from this proposal.

These energy companies are attempting to circumvent Vacaville/Solano County's moratorium by applying directly with the State. The local government of each City and County knows what is best for its residents as they are familiar with its own unique

circumstances. Please do not allow these big money energy companies to bypass our local government. The California Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission should not allow anyone the opportunity to violate our basic human right to health and safety. Allowing these companies the opportunity to use the State application process as a loophole will take that human right away from the people of the State of California and provide full control to these energy companies. Please do not let this happen. Please deny NextEra/Colby's application and allow each City to make a determination as to what is best for its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.