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No on Corby Project

As a resident of Solano County, a member of the Vacaville City Council, and a former member of the Solano County Inter-Agency Hazardous Material Team, I am deeply concerned about the risks posed by Lithium-Ion Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). While I recognize the need to stabilize the electrical grid, it is crucial that we exercise caution regarding the technologies employed in these projects, particularly those situated near existing neighborhoods. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support the temporary moratoriums on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) facilities enacted by the City of Vacaville and Solano County. This pause allows us to collaborate with experts to establish safety guidelines that will protect our community and its residents.Â

I believe that a careful and deliberate assessment is essential for ensuring the safety of our community while also creating clear regulations for the safe construction of these facilities in our city and county. It would be a serious misuse of authority and an injustice to our community to bypass the processes currently being put in place. The existing moratoriums are not permanent; they are designed to give our local jurisdictions the necessary time to determine how these facilities can be developed responsibly, what battery technologies should be used, their proximity to residential areas, and the public safety measures and training required for our first responders to effectively manage potential thermal incidents.Â

I respectfully urge you to vote against the approval of this project and any similar projects specific to Solano County or the City of Vacaville until the local regulations currently being developed are finalized.

Roy Stockton Vacaville City Council, District 1