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North Village - NextEra

As a resident of Vacaville near the Dixon/Vacaville PG&E substation, I am deeply concerned by the ongoing attempts of large corporations to impose hazardous projects on our community, with complete disregard for our safety and well-being. I want to make it clear that our opposition is not to green energy, but to the dangerous and irresponsible use of Lithium-Ion battery storage.

Our county and city have rightfully imposed a moratorium on such facilities, recognizing the need for ordinances that prioritize public safety. Yet, in a blatant attempt to bypass this critical process, NextEra is showing an utter lack of concern for the residents of North Village. They are putting our lives, health, and livelihoods at riskâ€"without any regard for the devastating consequences.

There is a known risk that exposure to the chemicals in these batteries could significantly increase cancer risks, putting our families' health in jeopardy. In addition to the direct health threat, these facilities also pose a danger to our property values, which will undoubtedly plummet as a result of the stigma surrounding these hazardous projects. The real risk, however, lies in the potential for fires. When these lithium-ion batteries catch fire, they are nearly impossible to extinguish and release toxic fumes that could harm not only residents but the entire community.

Equally alarming is the proximity of Kaiser Permanente Hospital to this proposed project. The hospital serves countless individuals, including vulnerable patients and healthcare workers, who could be directly impacted by the toxic smoke and fumes released in the event of a fire. The risk to their health and safety, as well as to the facility's ability to operate effectively in an emergency, cannot be ignored.

It's clear that NextEra's actions reflect a complete disregard for the safety and well-being of our community. We must stand with our local County and City representatives, who are working tirelessly to protect us, while they explore safer, more responsible alternatives for green energy.

Thank you, Rosilynn Kline