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## **Opposition to Compass Energy Storage LLC Project – Docket 24-OPT-02**

Dear California Energy Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Compass Energy Storage LLC Project in San Juan Capistrano.

This project poses significant environmental, safety, and historical preservation concerns. The proposed site is dangerously close to residential neighborhoods and schools, raising serious concerns about fire risk, toxic exposure, and the safety of our families and children. Battery energy storage systems have a known risk of thermal runaway and fires, which could have devastating effects in a densely populated area like ours.

Additionally, San Juan Capistrano is a community rich in historical significance and natural beauty. The introduction of a large-scale industrial energy facility is incompatible with the character of our town and risks undermining decades of preservation efforts.

While I understand the importance of renewable energy and storage infrastructure, it must not come at the cost of community safety, environmental degradation, or cultural heritage. I urge you to consider alternative locations that are better suited for industrial development—far from schools, homes, and irreplaceable landmarks.

Please do not approve this project in its current location. Our community deserves clean energy solutions that are both forward-thinking and respectful of public safety and historical integrity.