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## Opposition to battery storage facility in San Juan Capistrano

I adamantly oppose the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) at Rancho Capistrano in San Juan Capistrano. This would be a gross misuse of the open space that locals have enjoyed for many years, whether it be for community activities, soccer matches, or camps, on land that is next to residential and commercial districts. In a highly populated location, such use could have a major negative environmental impact, contaminating the air, ground and water and increasing the risk of fire. My family was displaced because of the fires in Altadena, so I am especially concerned about the dangers this facility would pose to the community. I was in Monterey County when their battery storage facility caught on fire and thousands of people needed to evacuate so I witnessed the real danger this represents. This is not the right project for this land or for the area and we do not want it here. Please do the right thing and stop the project from ruining a beautiful space that should be preserved for generations to come.