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## **Concern Regarding Proposed Lithium Battery Storage Facility**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my serious concern about the proposed lithium battery storage facility in our community. While I understand the need for clean energy infrastructure, the risks associated with lithium-ion battery storage cannot be ignored.

Most notably, these facilities carry the danger of thermal runaway — a chain reaction that can lead to uncontrollable fires and explosions. Such fires are extremely difficult to extinguish, and they release toxic gases including hydrogen fluoride and other harmful chemicals. These pose significant health risks to nearby residents and first responders, as well as long-term environmental damage.

Incidents at similar facilities in other locations have shown that even with safety measures in place, accidents can and do happen. Placing such a high-risk facility near homes, schools, or natural areas introduces unnecessary danger to our community.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the location of this facility and explore safer alternatives that do not put public health and safety at risk.

Sincerely,

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