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STOP Compass Energy Storage Project

As an organization located less than one mile from the proposed Compass Energy Storage site in San Juan Capistrano, we strongly oppose the construction of this 250-megawatt battery energy storage system. While I recognize the need for renewable energy solutions, the placement of such an industrial-scale project in such close proximity to a vibrant and community-centered area presents an unacceptable risk to the health, safety, and well-being of our residents, businesses, and the environment.

This project would be a major detriment to the livelihood of our community. The proposed facility would bring significant environmental, safety, and economic burdens with little to no direct benefit for nearby neighborhoods. Lithium-iron phosphate batteries, while safer than other lithium-ion chemistries, are not without hazards. The potential for thermal runaway, fire, or toxic emissions^{â€}however unlikely^{â€}poses a serious threat, particularly in a densely populated area vulnerable to wildfire and evacuation challenges.

In addition to the health and safety concerns, the construction and ongoing operation of this industrial-scale facility will dramatically alter the character of our community. Increased noise pollution, heavy construction traffic, and a substantial visual impact will degrade the quality of life for residents and undermine the area^{â€™}s appeal for small businesses, families, and visitors.

I urge decision-makers to consider the disproportionate impact this project would impose on a historic city with limited buffer zones between industrial and residential uses. Our community deserves to be part of a thoughtful, equitable clean energy transition^{â€}one that does not come at the cost of public health, property values, or our local ecosystem.

I respectfully request that this project be relocated to a more appropriate, less densely populated area, and that a full environmental and community impact review be undertaken with genuine input from local stakeholders.