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Decline the Proposed Lithium Battery Farm - Public Safety-CEQA-Dept Ins

I am a resident of Laguna Niguel since 1988. Our home is less than a mile from the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project. We live over the ridge to the west and slightly north. I am opposed to the Compass Energy Storage Project for a number of reasons:

- the health and safety of my family and our community,
- the potential for devastating fires from the Lithium battery farm,
- the well-documented reality that our fire-fighting community can not effectively fight a Lithium battery farm fire,
- if a fire erupted the impact on the rail service between Orange County and San Diego County,
- the same impact on Interstate 5,
- the potential for toxic runoff into the adjacent creek that runs 4 miles to the ocean,
- plus many more significant issues that are evident when placing this type of battery farm in close proximity to densely populated areas.

I believe this project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and there will be a formal Environmental Impact Report (EIR). My request is due to the high potential for devastating personal and property lost due to fire that the CEQA process requires a full EIR and not the abbreviated Mitigated Negative Declaration. This project must be evaluated in all terms including "alternative uses" for the parcel.

I am making a formal request that the California Energy Commission engage with the California Department of Insurance to study and assess the impact of the proposed battery farm on the local residents' ability to obtain and renew homeowner's insurance. Specifically, addressing the issue of policy cancellation and rate increase due to the proposed battery farm. And in addition interact directly with the major homeowner insurance carriers to determine their position regarding issuing policies, renewing policies, and cost impact if the proposed battery farm is approved. At a minimum, the interaction should be with Allstate, State Farm, AAA, Mercury, Geico, Progressive, and Nationwide.

No one questions the need for battery farms within the State of California, what is being questioned is the location of this proposed battery farm. There simply could not be a worse location or a location with a more devastating impact than the one being considered. I strongly encourage you to make a common sense decision that this location is too high risk and application should be declined.

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