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Subject: [External] DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SITING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR LAND USE AGENDA #8)

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Hi Jim, Supervisors,

With the development of Battery Energy Storage (BESS) in so many cities in this County, threatening many properties, hospitals, and schools we need a developed set of standards before building these. One has only to look to the BESS facility in Otay that caught fire and took over a week to extinguish, meanwhile using fire personnel on extinguishing and watching this, and also do not forget the evacuations. And there was another recent BESS fire in Valley Center, again resulting in road closures and evacuations.

These also spread toxic and carcinogenic fumes, endangering pretty much all of us, if you consider the possibility of multiple toxic releases in multiple areas within a week or so of each other.

The list in recommendation 2 is a great start. In fact, I would suggest formally adopting a and b and holding a hearing as soon as possible to establish and implement the rest.

And may I add that there should be a full airing of such matter. Putting a matter such as this, which could easily involve laws and ordinances, on the consent calendar with 10 other items, is a gross breach of the public and of your oath to care for this County.

The bulk of these BESS facilities are in the unincorporated area. But why not extend it to the entire County, like San Marcos/Poway (also I believe Escondido) where one was proposed. ?

Great start. Hope for a quick finish.

Regards,

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Subject: LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE MIRA MESA EPICENTRE (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR LAND USE AGENDA #7)

Hi Supervisors,

The Mira Mesa center's use in 45 years should not be dictated now. The question should be is the use flexible enough to change with the population and what it wants from the facility? Will the community have adequate input in the intervening years?

Another question is whether, if the County operates the site, will the uses be subject to more 'red tape'?

And if one is going to contract for 45 years, I have to ask, will its eco-friendly, sustainable, net-zero energy goals, and multi-modal accessibility matter in the year 2070? Will the County be able to sustain its funding sources and revenues for 45 years?

In fact, the County may already know this when it says 'Because of the complexity of the project, the County is not yet prepared to take possession of and long-term responsibility for the Premises.'

It is nice to dream, but 45 years is too long to plan a contract when you are not ready.

Regards,

Paul Henkin