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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to request that the Board of County Commissioners enact a Moratorium on the AES Rancho Viejo Solar Project - Conditional Use Permit.

As you know, the AES planned large-scale power plant location is right next to schools and the encompassing residential areas.

Until the correct codes, guidelines, emergency planning and regulations are established, the safety of all these residents, your constituents, will be placed in jeopardy.

Just weeks ago this past May, the Gateway Energy Storage Facility in Otay Mesa, San Diego had a fire break out and it burned for nearly two weeks, sending smoke and toxic fumes into the neighborhood.

Here again is another example of a Thermal Runaway fire and the dangers associated with lithium-ion batteries...which AES wants to place right next to all of our homes.

Please consider placing a Moratorium on this project.

This way all aspects of this huge project can be studied as well as provide the time to get all the necessary codes, guidelines and regulations in place; avoiding the dangers of another mismanaged project that we all have to live with.

Your attention on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Don Van Gelderen