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Hello, my name is Joseph Andrade Junior. I am a resident in Watsonville. I am very concerned about large battery storage facilities in Santa Cruz County. I do understand the need for clean energy and I myself have solar on my home. I understand California has agreed to develop battery storage throughout the state in the next 2 decades? I believe this should be done at a residential level versus a large company level like we've seen with Vistra ?These large companies are making a lot of money and pose health and safety threats to the community from where they profit!

The permit process should include benefits to residence that live in the area ? My property taxes are very high and go up annually while these large companies are able to profit from doing hazardous and unsafe business near our homes. I do feel if they are allowed to do this anywhere in Santa Cruz County they should be required to pay part of the residential property taxes in which they plan to build their facility. They also should be restricted on the size of these and find a way to put these batteries in residential homes versus large areas where they become a toxic fire hazard to everybody, including the supervisors that live in this area. Please include fees and taxes that deter this type of practice. Also, the permit process should entail restrictions that do not allow for huge mega storage without complete containment and to do this properly , they need to be limit the size so that it can be contained and immediately extinguished if they accidentally catch fire ?

Please email me or contact me if you have any questions.

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