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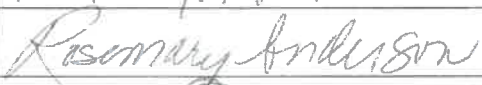

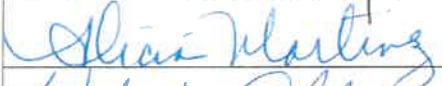
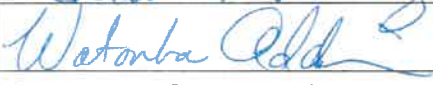

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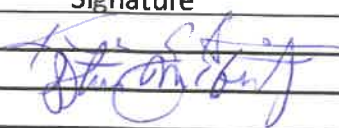
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14 de abril de 2025

Estimados supervisores,

NOSOTROS, los abajo firmantes, creemos firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita y, por la presente, les pedimos que aprueben una moratoria temporal para los BESS de litio y que tomen otras medidas que se solicitan a continuación.

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Por lo tanto, pedimos respetuosamente que su Consejo apruebe de inmediato una moratoria temporal sobre el litio BESS para proteger la salud y la seguridad de nuestras comunidades y el medio ambiente. Existen otras tecnologías BESS seguras que el condado de Santa Cruz debería considerar, y que podrían ser evaluadas por un Comité Asesor Técnico que su Junta debería convocar inmediatamente para celebrar sesiones de estudio abiertas al público.

Le pedimos a su Junta que le dé prioridad a la seguridad y la salud de nuestras comunidades y nuestro medio ambiente reuniendo las mejores y más innovadoras recomendaciones disponibles para orientar la formación del inminente Distrito Combinado de BESS y la Ordenanza de BESS e incluir una supervisión ciudadana significativa y eficaz.

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, solicitamos por la presente a su Junta que apruebe una moratoria inmediata sobre los sistemas BESS de escala industrial basados en litio en el condado de Santa Cruz. Por favor, responda.

Proporcionaremos una copia de cortesía de esta Petición al Ayuntamiento de Watsonville.

Respetuosamente:

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NOSOTROS, los abajo firmantes, creemos firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita y, por la presente, les pedimos que aprueben una moratoria temporal para los BESS de litio y que tomen otras medidas que se solicitan a continuación.

Somos conscientes de que en o antes del 9 de septiembre de 2025, se considerará la aprobación de una nueva Ordenanza para crear un distrito combinado para el sistema de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS) que actualmente incluye tres parcelas en el Condado (Watsonville, Aptos y Santa Cruz).

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Por lo tanto, pedimos respetuosamente que su Consejo apruebe de inmediato una moratoria temporal sobre el litio BESS para proteger la salud y la seguridad de nuestras comunidades y el medio ambiente. Existen otras tecnologías BESS seguras que el condado de Santa Cruz debería considerar, y que podrían ser evaluadas por un Comité Asesor Técnico que su Junta debería convocar inmediatamente para celebrar sesiones de estudio abiertas al público.

Le pedimos a su Junta que le dé prioridad a la seguridad y la salud de nuestras comunidades y nuestro medio ambiente reuniendo las mejores y más innovadoras recomendaciones disponibles para orientar la formación del inminente Distrito Combinado de BESS y la Ordenanza de BESS e incluir una supervisión ciudadana significativa y eficaz.

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, solicitamos por la presente a su Junta que apruebe una moratoria inmediata sobre los sistemas BESS de escala industrial basados en litio en el condado de Santa Cruz. Por favor, responda.

Proporcionaremos una copia de cortesía de esta Petición al Ayuntamiento de Watsonville.

Respetuosamente:

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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
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Elva Montes *elva.montes@sbcglobal.net* *Elva Montes*

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To the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors,

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We saw the damage that took place with fire and wind in Los Angeles and realized how fortunate we are that when Moss Landing plants were burning, there was no great wind or we would have experienced a fate like southern California. Thank you, Shirley Flores Munoz

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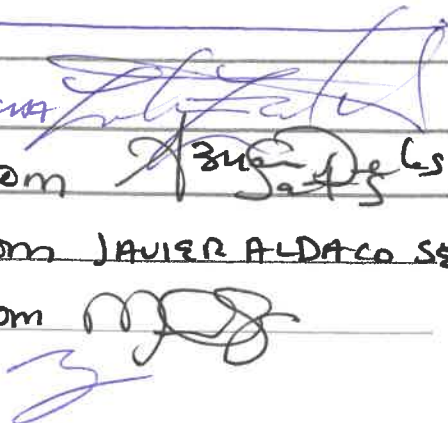
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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
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May 12, 2025

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Sincerely,



Name (please print clearly): FRANK GRAY

E-mail / address:

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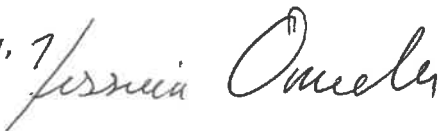
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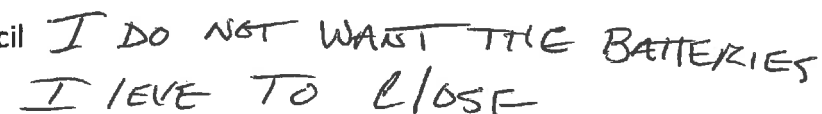
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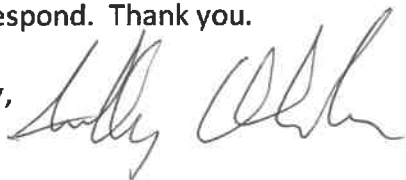
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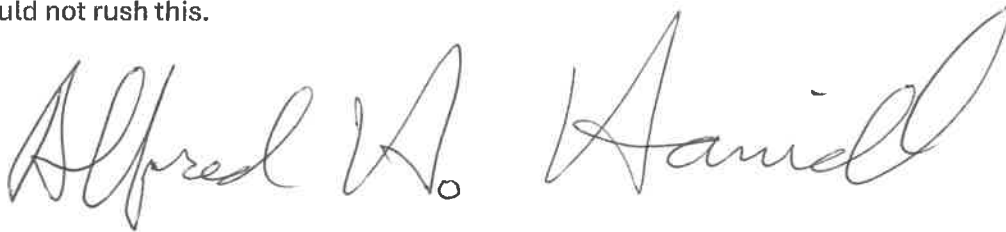
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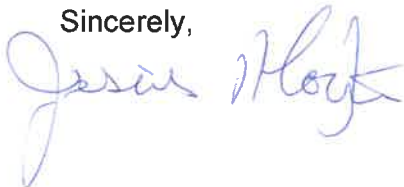
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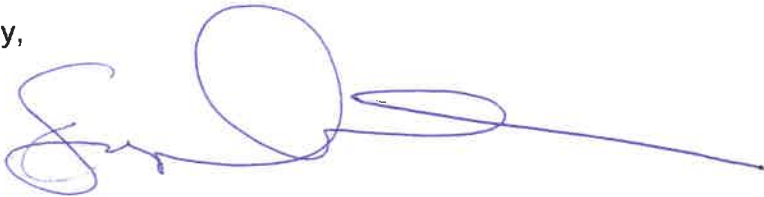
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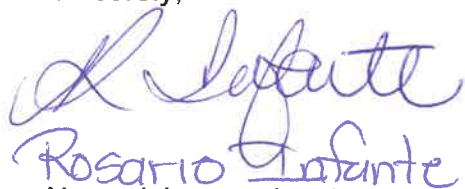
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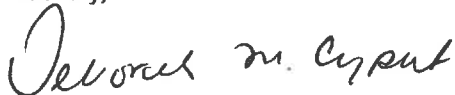
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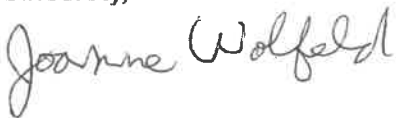
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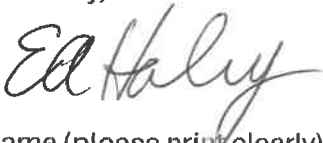
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Atentamente,

Nombre en letra de imprenta:

Correo electrónico / dirección:

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May 12, 2025

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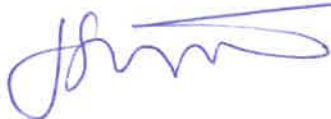
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Please approve an immediate moratorium on lithium-based utility scale BESS in Santa Cruz County.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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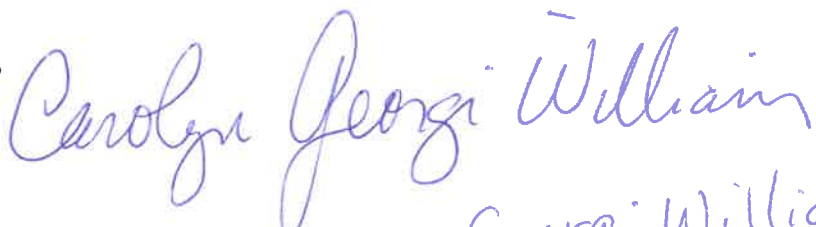
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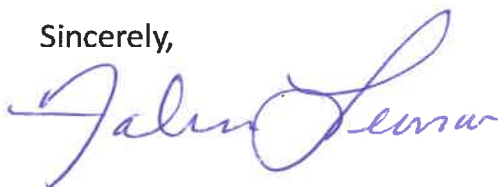
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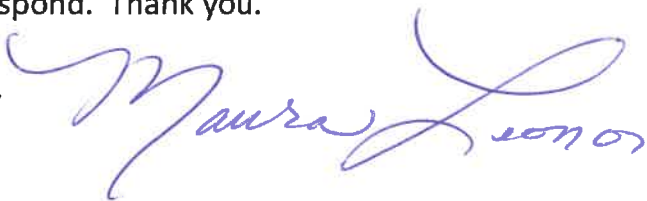
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Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Estimados supervisores,

Creo firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita.

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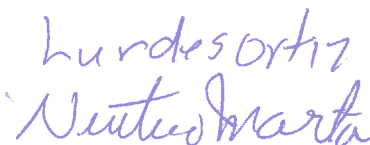
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Atentamente,



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