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Dear City Officials,

I am writing as a Milwaukee resident of 42 years to strongly oppose the proposed data center development at Midtown Center on 60th Street and Capitol Drive.

The consideration of placing a large-scale data center in the heart of a residential neighborhood is deeply disappointing and demonstrates a troubling disregard for the needs of the families and communities who have fought for decades to keep this area alive. This neighborhood has consistently asked the City for meaningful investment: parks, youth programs, educational resources, grocery access, social services, safe community spaces, and economic opportunities that directly benefit residents. Instead, we are being asked to accept infrastructure that provides little community value while placing additional burdens on the people who already carry this city on their backs.

Data centers are not community-centered development. They consume enormous amounts of electricity and water, create noise pollution from constant cooling systems and backup generators, strain local infrastructure, and provide very few permanent jobs relative to the amount of land and resources they occupy. They often operate as closed, high-security facilities that contribute little to neighborhood life while reducing opportunities for businesses, housing, recreation, and public-serving development.

Placing a data center in or near residential neighborhoods also threatens property values, quality of life, and public safety. These facilities can increase environmental stress, create concerns around energy reliability, and further industrialize areas that are already underserved. Milwaukee should not sacrifice its neighborhoods for developments that primarily benefit outside corporate interests while residents continue fighting for basic investment and city services.

Our communities deserve development that strengthens families and creates opportunity, not projects that isolate, extract resources, and leave residents behind.

The people living in Milwaukee are not disposable. We are the taxpayers supporting the schools, parks, libraries, postal services, local businesses, and cultural institutions that make this city function. We are choosing to stay in Milwaukee and invest in our neighborhoods rather than leave for the suburbs. The City should be supporting that commitment, not undermining it.

If Milwaukee continues prioritizing industrial projects over livable neighborhoods, the city risks driving away families, weakening already struggling communities, and damaging the reputation of Milwaukee as a place where people want to live, work, and visit.

I urge you to reject this proposal and stand with the residents who have spent decades fighting for this city. Milwaukee needs investment that serves people, not data centers.

Please say no to this development.

Sincerely,

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