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Dear Alderman Brower and City Planning Commission,

In response to your Public Hearing notice regarding the Midtown Center DIZ deviation, I offer the following comments:

- 1) Data centers are rightly facing [bipartisan opposition across the country](#), due to a wide range of concerns, including environmental, health, noise pollution, and cost concerns.
- 2) This particular location lies within a historically disenfranchised neighborhood of the city. Our BIPOC communities have already suffered decades of infrastructure violence, including restrictive housing covenants and freeway projects that destroyed Bronzeville. At the very least, our city has an ethical and moral imperative to stop building destructive data centers in this neighborhood.
- 3) The [Zoning Review Matrix](#) shows that the currently permitted uses for the land include a library and offices. Building a data center right next to residential housing, a library, or offices is an excellent way to ensure that no one wants to live, work, or read in this location. The noise pollution and excessive water usage will cancel any gains from a new library or apartments.
- 4) [AFS Milwaukee, LLC is registered as a Foreign LLC](#) by the state. If Milwaukee wants to approve construction in this location, it should be with a local organization or company that will care about the community. AFS Milwaukee's obligation is to extract assets, not improve Milwaukee.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rachel Ida Buff

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