

To whom it may concern,

The proposed construction of a data center within our city is not in the best interest of our community. While these projects are often presented as opportunities for economic growth, the long-term costs to residents, neighborhoods, and public health far outweigh the promised benefits.

First, there are serious health and environmental concerns that cannot be ignored. Data centers consume enormous amounts of electricity and generate constant noise and heat. Residents living nearby will be forced to deal with increased air pollution, noise pollution, and strain on local infrastructure. These facilities operate 24/7, creating an industrial presence in areas where families live, children play, and communities should feel safe and healthy.

Second, the water usage required to cool these facilities is alarming. Data centers consume millions of gallons of water each year, placing additional pressure on local water systems during a time when communities across the country are already facing water shortages and rising utility costs. Our city's resources should prioritize residents, schools, parks, and future generations, not massive corporations that drain local resources for private profit.

Perhaps most importantly, this proposal represents a painful shift in priorities for our city. The land and resources now being offered to this project once represented opportunities for investment in the inner city, opportunities for grocery stores, youth centers, affordable housing, small businesses, community spaces, and programs that directly benefited residents. Instead of restoring and reinvesting in underserved neighborhoods, we are watching those resources be stripped away and handed over to outside interests that offer little connection or commitment to the people who actually live here.

Our communities deserve development that is people centered, sustainable, and beneficial to residents, not projects that increase environmental risks while removing opportunities for real neighborhood growth. We must ask ourselves: who truly benefits from this project, and who bears the burden?

I urge city leaders to reject this proposal and instead invest in developments that strengthen our neighborhoods, protect public health, preserve our resources, and create lasting opportunities for the people of this city.

Thank you for your time and consideration!