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Dear Milwaukee Planning Commission: Stephanie Bloomingdale, Allyson Nemec, Ranell Washington, Catrina Crane, Willie Smith, Tarik Moody, and Jesus Gonzalez,

I'm a Milwaukee resident writing to you regarding the proposed "research facility" data center at Midtown Center by developer Trent Overhue. I urge you to pause this project and do real community engagement and unbiased impact studies. Ultimately, I urge you to follow the lead of cities around Wisconsin and the country who are imposing a data center moratorium.

I attended the Open House hosted by Mr. Overhue on June 10. The overwhelming feedback from the ~100 locals in attendance was "No data center!". Yesterday I knocked doors on 63rd-65th St. talking to neighbors about the data center. Folks who knew what's happening were almost unanimously against it. And about half the people I talked to didn't even know about the proposal! Some people didn't know what a data center is, or how it could affect them.

My personal concerns and concerns I've heard from the Sherman Park neighbors are:

- increased water and energy bills
- decreased property value
- water pollution: the developer claims he will have a closed loop system but multiple engineers say that a truly closed loop system for data centers does not exist
- air pollution and increased traffic
- sound pollution including decibels that are at a frequency humans can't hear, but still sends disruptive sound waves through the environment and our bodies
- lack of benefit to the community: Mr. Overhue said he will only hire 15 people, mostly engineers and didn't have a plan to hire locals

Mr. Overhue is an out of state private developer who stands to make millions of dollars off his proposed data center and private storage center. He stands to make a huge profit at the health and property cost of Milwaukeeans, and particularly the Sherman Park community that is already overburdened and under resourced.

Yes, we want libraries and parks and something to make good social use of the space. But we don't want a data center! Those things should not be connected. Please listen to the strong community opposition to this project and the represent us accurately by stopping the data center.

Thank you,
Olivia McClain