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Dear City Plan Commission,

I am writing to oppose the proposed deviation under File No. 260029 to allow a data processing / computer services / computer research facility within the existing building at
5825 W. Hope Ave.

My concern is that this proposal would introduce a use that is not currently allowed under the Midtown Center Development Incentive Zone overlay and would move part of this site away from community-serving purposes. While the notice indicates that some space would be reserved for community-serving uses, approving a data center or high-performance computing use in this location could limit future opportunities for uses that generate stronger neighborhood benefits, local activity, and broader public access.

This request is also significant because it asks the City Plan Commission to deviate from the established standards of the overlay. Those standards were put in place to guide development in a way that supports the surrounding area. In my view, approving this deviation for a largely specialized back-of-building use would not be consistent with that intent.

I respectfully ask the Commission to deny the request to allow the data processing / computer services / computer research use at this site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Dickerson - Milwaukee Resident