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Good afternoon,

Statement in Opposition to the Proposed Data Center in Sherman Park

I am a long time Wisconsin resident. I work in multiple Milwaukee schools and understand the value the Sherman Park neighborhood brings to our communities. I stand firmly opposed to the siting of a data center in our neighborhood. This proposal threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of our community — and the statistics bear this out.

Noise and Light Pollution

Data centers operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their diesel generators and HVAC systems produce internal noise levels reaching up to 96 decibels — well above the 85 dBA threshold considered harmful to human hearing. Chronic exposure to this persistent background noise has been associated with sleep disturbance, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and stress-related health outcomes. Noise pollution is especially harmful to children, linked to poor cognition, decreased learning, and lower reading comprehension. These are harms my family and my neighbors cannot afford. [PubMed Central](#)[U.S. News & World Report](#)

Air Quality and Public Health

Data centers employ backup diesel generators that can release 200 to 600 times more nitrous oxides than a natural gas plant producing the same amount of energy. According to the IEEE, data centers caused approximately \$6 billion in public health damages due to air pollution in 2023 alone. A 2025 model projects that U.S. data centers could cause approximately 600,000 asthma symptom cases and 1,300 premature deaths by 2030. My neighborhood deserves protection, not an industrial polluter at its doorstep. [UAB Institute for Human Rights](#)[EHP](#)

Water Consumption

The average data center consumes 300,000 gallons of water per day. A medium-sized data center can consume up to roughly 110 million gallons of water per year for cooling — equivalent to the annual water usage of approximately 1,000 households. In a city where water infrastructure is already strained, I cannot accept this additional burden on our shared resources. [World Economic Forum](#)[Environmental and Energy Study Institute](#)

Energy Burden

U.S. data centers consumed 4.4% of total electricity in 2023 and could reach 6.7–12% by 2028. This explosive demand drives up energy costs for everyone — costs that fall hardest on lower-income households like many in my neighborhood. [IAEI Magazine](#)

Environmental Justice

This is not simply an environmental issue. It is a justice issue. Communities within one mile of data centers tend to be disproportionately communities of color and already face particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, and diesel particulate matter levels above the national median. Civil rights groups say these impacts resemble earlier patterns seen with highways, refineries, and manufacturing: pollution concentrated where political resistance is weakest and property values are lowest. Sherman Park has already borne more than its share of industrial burden. I will not accept more. [EnvirodatagovAxios](#)

My Demand

I call on city leaders to reject this proposal and instead invest in Sherman Park through green infrastructure, affordable housing, and community-controlled economic development. Big Tech's profits should not come at the cost of our children's lungs, our sleep, our water, and our future.

Sherman Park community advocate