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Attention Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

I am a KCMO resident concerned about what's happening with data centers in the Northland and all around the country. I don't want them here, and I know I'm not alone.

Why are you moving forward without hearing from the public as promised by Mayor Q? Who are these data centers for? Aside from the potential creation of limited jobs, they will only harm the people of Kansas City...which leads me to believe that your whole plan is about putting corporate kickbacks and profits over people. When these data centers consume our clean water, pollute our air, cause our utility bills to skyrocket, and give nearby residents cancer and other health complications, you will be responsible.

I urge you to at least ask for amendments to the currently proposed zoning code being brought to the Neighborhoods Planning and Development committee on December 9. The zoning code proposed for data centers, as currently drafted, is insufficient in protecting the interests and health of everyday Kansas Citians.

You must be proactive about minimizing these harms by creating a zoning code that allows for more oversight in the following ways. The data center zoning code should:

1.
Be its own zoning code rather than lumped in with Large Format Uses.
2.
Require special-use permits for data centers that are voted on and approved by the city council.
3.
Consider environmental impact studies!
4.
Include environmental protections such as limiting water usage/cooling requirements and limiting fossil-fuel generators (including back-ups).
- 5.

Require utility demand disclosure.

6.

Necessitate ample distance from residential neighborhoods.

If data center development is allowed to continue as is, Kansas Citians will be forced to bear the brunt of the cost of utility rate increases, resource extraction, and pollution. Do right by Kansas Citians and at least demand a more thorough zoning code for data centers. If not, you'll only confirm that your plan was never for the people of KCMO.

Regards,

Elizabeth Fitzer