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Subject:	Amend Zoning Code for Data Centers
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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

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

INSERT PERSONAL ANSWER TO "Why are you opposed/concerned about data centers and this zoning code?" Examples may include: Concern of increased utility rates, increased pollution, lack of clean water access, etc.

I'm angry about how these things will affect energy costs, local health, and our water supply. Firstly, how these energy costs will impact an already raising rate grid, one which has constituents already frustrated with limited options like Evergy. Seeing my mother struggle and grow more and more frustrated with the rising costs, and knowing that there will be more is a disconcerting experience for myself. She faces cancer, and so many others like her live in vulnerable and dire financial straits, especially in our expanding city. Secondly, how fossil fuels and air quality may worsen around these facilities, alongside water use which will run down the river. I think it's demoralizing how billionaires that have no existence within this city should have so much pull in leaching resources we need, as one of the fastest growing cities in the nation. I don't believe that attempting to be in their goodwill propels us further as a city in development, and their integration into our cities structure only serves to aid the billionaires which don't have the same rapport- or care - for us constituents. With so many horror stories of towns and cities ripped apart by big industry, seeking to extrapolate the land and leave it barren after theyre finished, im very uninterested in their allowance of our land. And if this continued I would question committee members ability to responsibly demand for constituent what should be in their best interests.

I urge you to 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.
   Include 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.
   Require 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 demand a more thorough zoning code for data centers.

Thank you,