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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

My name is Charlene and I am a single mother, full time student at UMKC, and a lifelong Kansas Citian.

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.

Data centers pose an existential threat to Kansas City's climate protection goals. As a mother to a young child I take any threat to the health of our environment seriously. Data centers are more than a threat to our climate. The average data center uses as much energy as 1/3 of all homes in Kansas City. Without renewable energy data centers will exasperate global climate change and leave my son without a planet to call home. This is not dramatics - this is the reality we are facing. We must stand tough and fight for clean energy - something that the data centers should be funding and have in place BEFORE they begin operating.

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:

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