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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.

As a resident of the northland of Kansas City, MO, I strongly oppose these data center projects. Myself along with friends and neighbors all see this affecting our cost of living while degrading the quality of our environment. Maybe I'm being short-sighted, but the AI race is taking off too fast and costing too much while only benefiting the wealthy corporations. Why aren't you making them pay their fair share of taxes? Where is the additional water and power supply? Why is Evergy micromanaging the residents' power usage when it will have absolutely no impact against the constant enormous amount of power these data centers will use?

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,
Ryan Moore