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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

Thank you for discussing the zoning of data centers in our community. I urge you to continue asingk for amendments to the currently proposed zoning code being brought to the Neighborhoods Planning and Development committee. The zoning code proposed for data centers, as currently drafted, is insufficient in protecting the interests and health of everyday Kansas Citians.

While the use of AI might be inevitable in our lives, the infrastructure that supports this technology does not have to be built in a way that poses such significant threats to the lives and well being of our community. This is preventable if we are committed to putting people over profit. You have the power to help ensure our citizens are not bearing the financial and environmental impacts of these data centers.

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 and transparency around who is building the centers

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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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