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## Amend Zoning Code for Data Centers

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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

Please ask for amendments to the proposed zoning code being brought to the NPDC on Dec 9; the current proposed codes for the **data centers will destabilize the environmental, financial, and health interests of Kansas Citians.**

As a resident of the River Market with asthma, I am increasingly concerned about competing financially for resources -- electricity, water, clean air -- with these billionaire-owned tech companies. The cost of living is high and rising, with most industries, both public and private, unable/unwilling to increase pay beyond inflation (if at all).

I love Kansas City, especially its robust food scene and phenomenal restaurants. It's my monthly self-care ritual to save up and treat my partner and myself to a nice dinner. But with the apparent rise in costs for locals associated with these data centers, I know **I will be among thousands forced to cut my spending further to keep up with utilities and healthcare**, rather than spending money at local businesses and supporting their growth. Please make no mistake: **without strong oversight, AI data centers are short-term, unstable pyrites with severe long-term detriments to the communities they entrench.**

I urge you to be proactive in minimizing these harms by creating a zoning code that provides greater oversight. 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 disclosures**.
6. **Require ample distance from residential neighborhoods**.

If the 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 us, and demand a more thorough zoning code for data centers.

Thank you so much for your time and strong consideration,  
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