
Testimony for the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee meeting today.

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Good day,

I will appear in person today at the 1:30 pm meeting of the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee meeting today.

Please give my written testimony to the Councilpeople and the relevant Directors and Staff.

Thankyou.

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I. Data Centers

I am opposed to the rapid development of data centers.

I oppose the **environmental damage** that data centers cause.

I oppose the **false narrative** that data centers provide economic benefit, jobs, and community benefit.

I **oppose the granting** of tax incentives, development incentives, and expedited development assistance to corporations that present themselves as a "boon" to the Kansas City region.

I oppose the **diversion of electrical power, water supply, and community infrastructure** to supply these unneeded data centers.

I most strongly **oppose the prioritization of building these centers** over the priority of improving public health and safety.

No substantial long term Community Benefit Agreements have been made by data center developers. This is an unacceptable national reality- that shows who

benefits and who is left to pay for corporate data centers.

**Data centers benefit corporate entities and NOT the "City as a Whole".
Please do not grant economic and development incentives to these developers.**

II. Testimony regarding a review of City practices of grant administration and grant allocation by the Neighborhood Services Department.

As a neighborhood advocate in Kansas City's Midtown area for 10 years- I support the continued "**Neighborhood Empowerment Grant**" and grant administration program by the Neighborhood Services Department.

My neighborhood has turned around from a blighted, unsafe, and unattractive place into a vibrant, clean, safe, and attractive community through grants received and administered by the Neighborhoods Services Department.

I offer our annual reports and photo albums to verify our success. Please ask me to elaborate.

I fully support the Midtown Neighborhood Leaders coalition who bring this resolution to you for consideration.

I also cite the **Kansas City OGs**, the **Urban Neighborhood Initiative**, **Hope Faith Ministries**,

and our **Troost corridor activist group "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"** as principal actors in making Kansas City "Clean and Safe".

Please prioritize the Neighborhood Services Department grant program to our folks who are doing the good work.