Amend Zoning Code for Data Centers

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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.

I am STRONGLY opposed to these data centers, and very concerned about increases to my electricity bills, increased pollution and noise, and the amount of water it requires. I am concerned that Kansas City is encouraging huge corporations to come to our city under the guise of "progress" and "jobs" when the risks outweigh the benefits. Kansas Citians don't want data centers. We want to be able to afford to live here. We want clean air and water and healthy environments. We want public services and affordable homes. Instead of giving tax breaks and dibs on land development to data centers that add no value to the city, use your time and taxpayer money to improve the lives of the people who live here and are struggling. Humans are more important than data centers. This will have damaging ramifications on the lives of people in Kansas City.

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,
Lauren