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Dear Neighborhoods Planning and Development Committee,

The best option would be to prohibit data centers and AI center. Since it likely that you will be swayed by money and power, 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 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.**
7. **Require the owners personally commit, in writing, to paying for the water and electricity they use.**
8. **Require that 20% of the Board members live within 3 miles of the data center.**

9. **Limit the possibility of future expansion to zero.**

10. **Put me in charge of operating the 'off' switch.**

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.

Listen to the people who have lost their homes due to data centers in other locations. The incessant noise. The polluted water that becomes undrinkable. The illnesses and doctor bills increasing as our health care system fails us.

Thank you,

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