

Testimony on ZTA 26-01 Data Center Commercial Uses - Data Center

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We don't need the adverse health impacts. We don't need the environmental pollution, we don't need the noise pollution. Leave the Ag Reserve to its intended purpose.

"We all use data" is not a valid excuse to allow this monstrosity in our county.

The Montgomery County Council needs to cut back on unnecessary and frivolous programs instead of recklessly searching for new funding sources.

MOCO County council members need to recuse themselves from any campaign contributions from data center related organizations.

Things are far too uncertain on data centers right now. Most residents in MoCo and across the country have turned against data centers. The State is just beginning a study of data centers. The affordability crisis is directly tied to data center capacity, our electric bills are already too high and the People's Counsel has said the proliferation of data centers is to blame. What is the rush to jump in and allow large scale data centers here? There is every reason to wait, particularly with a project with unknown impacts speeding toward approval with no regulations. Slow down - get this right. Some of the lack of transparency from the industry is by design. We rely on our leaders to not accept NDAs and "proprietary information" and get the facts before allowing a new land use here. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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