

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

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While we likely need data centers, it should be done carefully and after proper review of all impacts.

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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