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City Council Comment received from Amika Starr

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Tue 2/25/2025 12:25 PM

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D Items - Department Items

Item:

D.2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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If no, enter comments below:

I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium and the initiation of a text amendment for data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I encourage the City Council to consider the impacts of data centers on our local economy and environment. Economically, it is critical that we prevent out-of-state companies from building and housing data centers in Reno and, instead, encourage local businesses to build centers here. Local companies are more likely to hire Reno native workers full-time and as contractors and are more likely to care about the environmental impact of the centers where they live. Additionally, the Council should consider amending property tax laws that allow data centers a 75% tax abatement if they hire 10 Reno natives over the first 5 years of operations. Hiring only 10

Reno locals is not enough to justify the cost of losing 75% of tax revenue and allowing data centers to only pay 25% of taxes owed. As for environmental considerations, we must ensure that data centers are regulated to be as GREEN and sustainable as possible. Firstly, we cannot allow data centers to rely on fossil fuels but instead encourage the use of renewable solar energy or geothermal energy, which are both good fits for our area and natural resources. We should also call on data centers to install their own energy sources instead of pulling electricity from the existing grid, which will increase costs for Reno locals. Data centers should also avoid water-cooling methods (which are banned in Las Vegas), as Reno is a water-scarce environment, and these methods will only strain water conservation and negatively impact local plants, animals, and people. Lastly, we should ensure noise abatement procedures are put in place to mitigate noise pollution and also implement very strict cradle-to-grave requirements for data centers to handle and recycle their e-waste.

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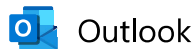
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Yes



Support item D.2

From elena cox <elenamarie923@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2/25/2025 12:36 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I think we need to be extremely careful about development in the Reno/Sparks area, especially when it comes to data centers, given their disproportionately large short and long term impacts to our communities. In particular, I want to encourage the City Counsel to consider how data centers will use local resources (especially water and power) needed by communities and ecosystems here — data centers will not serve the population living here, and they will create harmful emissions and noise pollution, strain our power grid, and use valuable and limited water in a drought prone area.

Thanks,
Elena



City Council Comment received from Jordyn Dashiell

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Tue 2/25/2025 10:44 AM

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D.2..

Position:

In Favor

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I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I want to encourage the City Council to consider the economic impacts of data centers before allowing more to be built, and I think there are still many unanswered questions. If data centers get a 75% tax abatement, how much money are they truly making for the city while they consume our resources? If the company that owns and operates the data center is from out of state, will the money they make ever reach the Reno economy? Will the technicians who come to do maintenance on the data centers and who aren't full-time employees come from out of state when they are needed or will they be Reno natives? Who will absorb the increased energy cost when rates increase for Reno

residents after a data center is added to the energy grid? We need to prioritize LOCAL companies building data centers in Reno and keep out-of-state companies out as much as possible. Local companies and local developers will feel more inclined to boost the local economy and will ensure that money will stay in Reno. Additionally, the data center companies should absorb the rate increase AND they need to bring alternative power supply to minimize said rate increases. I want to encourage the city to use its full power to investigate and provide answers with substantial proof. There is no guidance from the state on data centers, and I don't think any will come. We need to get ahead of these important issues before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction. Our city is too valuable for us to give away resources for little to no return. Especially as we go forward, water scarcity will impact our communities and the residents of Reno will come last in the resource allocation line. If we are giving away water to data centers that don't even serve the companies of Reno, where will that leave us in a severe drought? Adding trees to the site won't make a more green environment, it will further stress the need for water conservation and destroy the biodiversity afforded by the sagebrush.

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City Council Comment received from Krista Butler

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D.2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. As a professional environmental consultant, I want to encourage the City Council to consider the environmental impacts of data centers before allowing more to be built. There are important things to factor into allowing data centers to consume our resources. For example, Reno is a drought-prone area but we can generate solar power extremely well given our sunny locale. Data centers therefore should not be allowed to use any form of evaporative cooling, which loses water to the atmosphere and which has been banned in Las Vegas. Instead, more energy-intensive and no-water options should be considered for the data centers that come to Reno since their energy consumption can be

supplemented with solar power. Data centers need to bring their own energy solutions when applying for approval in Reno. This energy should be GREEN in the form of geothermal or solar power to help ease their impact on local power grids. There should also be very strict cradle-to-grave responsibility placed on the data center operators for handling and recycling e-waste. Noise abatement will be essential for minimizing the data center's impact on local communities. Their near-constant need for cooling produces noise in the form of fans and other pumps. Finally, the city council members should be wary of developers equating a large number of plants on site with sustainability. In many cases, especially in north valleys, more TREES will do nothing but expedite the desertification of the area and require MORE water to be consumed by the project. The trees will steal nutrients and water from the native grasses, ultimately pushing the sagebrush out of the area and leaving the soil sandy and inhospitable. There is no guidance from the state on data centers, and I don't think any will come. We need to get ahead of these important issues before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction.

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City Council Comment received from Lauryn Kern

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D-2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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I am writing in support of a text amendment involving data centers with respect to Commissioner Becerras's Data Center Moratorium. Data centers are an extremely complex issue that the city of Reno is not yet ready to take on without first looking long term into their economics (or lack thereof) and harmful impacts to our natural environment including tapping into one of our valuable nonrenewable resources, water. I am not opposed to data centers in any way, shape, or form. I am however, opposed to inviting these data centers into our precious city unregulated without bringing proper jobs to citizens and often receiving up to 75% tax abatements that do not assist in providing to our local economy. I have seen what has happened to our state in places like Vegas where we have had to

outright dismiss an entire cooling system on these projects for being too resource intensive. Reno should take these lessons from our partners in the state and apply them to work for our city to only provide good. I have attended three planing commission proposals as well as an appeal on data centers to the city council body all of which asked the question: Why Reno? These corporations moving into Reno do not care about our city or employing locals, they care about being here because they have exhausted all their resources in California and are aiming to do the same in our city that has, up until this point, managed our resources to success. If I am going to agree with any future proposals on data centers it will only be with the inclusion that these centers MUST: Bring their own power supplies, avoid cooling methods that use water, pay property tax, mitigate heat emissions, consider our local environment, SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, use GREEN energy, account for e-waste, mitigate noise pollution, and they must be build with sustainability as a doctrine not an option.

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City Council Comment received from Michelle Hamilton

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Item:

D2: Data Centers.

Position:

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

I am writing to urge the Reno City Council to put a moratorium on data center development until the City can fully assess the economic impacts and assure the public that there is a net economic benefit. Having read the Staff Report for item D.2, It's clear to me that deeper analysis is required. Data centers do not provide a significant number of new jobs once the construction phase is completed. So any growth in jobs is temporary. Data centers require a huge amount of electricity. According to NVE's CEO during an interview on Nevada Newsmakers, the electricity demand "...could double, triple, even quadruple the size of the total electric grid in Northern Nevada". The electricity grid is already so strained that Nevada needs two new gas peaker plants, according to the current Integrated Resources

Plan. An expansion of data centers in Nevada will increase electricity demand, which will increase the need for infrastructure, which is paid for by electricity rate payers. So the net benefit so far is negative with very few jobs and higher electricity rates. Theoretically, there could be increased revenue for the state and local governments. But I understand there will be a 75% property tax abatement and greatly reduced sales tax. This defies logic, especially at a time when the City is struggling with lower than projected revenues and inflation is driving up costs. Subsidizing ownership of data centers through tax breaks amounts to corporate welfare. This is a misuse of public funds and public trust. Lastly, The Reno City Council voted unanimously in favor of adopting their Sustainability and Climate Action Plan in 2019. What impact will data centers have on the City's ability to meet the sustainability goals outlined in that plan? The City is already falling short of those goals. An influx of data centers will only exacerbate this trend. This voter is not at all convinced that data centers are good for Reno. I urge you to take the time to fully assess the impacts of data centers and find a way to make this a win-win situation

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City Council Comment received from Olivia Cyr

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D Items - Department Items

Item:

2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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I am writing to SUPPORT the initiation of a text amendment for data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I want the City Council to consider the environmental impacts of data centers before allowing more to be built, and I think that there are important things to factor in before allowing data centers to consume our resources. My main concerns are water usage, fire prevention, energy usage, and impact on our high desert. Reno is a drought-prone Area, and I am concerned about the potential for devastating fires such as those seen last summer in south reno. While those fires were stopped before they hit the dense population within the Mccarran circle, the recent Los Angeles fires show that city centers and suburban areas are not necessarily safe from wildfires. I fear that if we allow data

centers to use our water sources, we won't have enough to put out future wildfires. Data centers therefore should not be allowed to use any form of evaporative cooling, which loses water to the atmosphere and which has been banned in Las Vegas. Instead, more energy-intensive and non-water options should be considered for the data centers that come to Reno. One great potential for our region is in the production of solar power. Data centers which come to our area need to supply their own energy, and not impact the existing power grid. They should commit that all of their energy be in the form of green sources, solar or geothermal. There should also be very strict cradle-to-grave responsibility placed on the data center operators for handling and recycling e-waste. Noise abatement will be essential for minimizing the data center's impact on local communities. Their near-constant need for cooling produces noise in the form of fans and other pumps. Finally the city council members need to consider that the high desert is not California. More trees do not improve the region, they only expedite the desertification and require yet more water. We need to support local grasses and sagebrush on all new construction in the area. The state has provided no guidance on data centers, and I don't think they will. We need to get ahead of this important issue before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction.

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City Council Comment received from Spencer Banda

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Item:

D.2.

Position:

In Favor

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I am speaking in support of a moratorium on data center proposals. As the policies currently stand, it seems like they are being greenlit without much oversight or expectation of benefit to our community. Instead they are liable to deplete the already-scarce water resources we rely on in this drought-prone region and harm the flora and fauna of the Wasisiw and Numu lands we're (illegally) occupying. I encourage every decisionmaker to consider our impacts on generations that come centuries after us. The minuscule temporary gains in investment will not matter to our descendants if we continue to misuse the land and water and speed up the desertification of this slice of the Great Basin. We must do our small part to ensure this portion of the continent remains habitable for them.

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City Council Comment received from Taylor Turnage

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D Items - Department Items

Item:

2.

Position:

In Favor

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I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I want to encourage the City Council to consider the economic impacts of data centers before allowing more to be built, and I think there are still many unanswered questions. If data centers get a 75% tax abatement, how much money are they truly making for the city while they consume our resources? If the company that owns and operates the data center is from out of state, will the money they make ever reach the Reno economy? Will the technicians who come to do maintenance on the data centers and who aren't full-time employees come from out of state when they are needed or will they be Reno natives? Who will absorb the increased energy cost when rates increase for Reno

residents after a data center is added to the energy grid? We need to prioritize LOCAL companies building data centers in Reno and keep out-of-state companies out as much as possible. Local companies and local developers will feel more inclined to boost the local economy and will ensure that money will stay in Reno. Additionally, the data center companies should absorb the rate increase AND they need to bring alternative power supply to minimize said rate increases. I want to encourage the city to use its full power to investigate and provide answers with substantial proof. There is no guidance from the state on data centers, and I don't think any will come. We need to get ahead of these important issues before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction. Overall, building data centers will heavily rob necessary resources like water (which Nevada already struggles with) and energy, produces heat and pollution (which will further negatively impact our ecosystem), and only requires 3-5 employees to run so it's not providing any benefit to people looking for work. They are a net negative to our city.

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City Council Comment received from Teascha Sbragia

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D-2.

Position:

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City Council Comment received from Zoe Bray

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D Items - Department Items

Item:

D2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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If no, enter comments below:

I SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers, item D.2. I ask City Council to consider seriously the economic and environmental impacts of data centers. If they benefit of a 75% tax cut and exploit our resources, what do our city and its residents benefit? Currently, data centers contribute hugely to further warming of our environment- as they have massive use of fossil-fueled energy. They also do not involve significant local employment. Before we allow them in our community, we need proper research on the impact of data centers on our local economy and our environment. As you know, right now, Reno is listed as the nation's fastest warming city, and cannot afford to give more tax breaks to big businesses. We must find real sustainable solutions to our economy and environment.

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