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Fwd: Thank You for Your Commitment to Joplin's Growth

From James Pinjuv <jimmerpinjuv@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 8:05 AM

To Reid Robinson <rrobinson@panattoni.com>; Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>; Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>; Pinjuv, M. Johnny <jpinjuv@wnj.com>

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From: **CathyJo Loy** <Cathyjo.Loy@house.mo.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 7:52 AM
Subject: Thank You for Your Commitment to Joplin's Growth
To: jimmerpinjuv@gmail.com <jimmerpinjuv@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Pinjuv,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued commitment to the growth and long-term success of the Joplin community. Your willingness to invest time, resources, and careful planning into projects that strengthen SWMO does not go unnoticed.

I am supportive of the proposed data center and the potential benefits it could bring to our area. Not only do data center projects have the potential to significantly increase local tax revenues that help support our schools and essential local services such as police and fire protection, allowing new large-scale energy users into the market can help place downward pressure on rising utility rates we are facing today, Spreading fixed costs across more customers and the consumer protections in place will help SWMO families,

I believe Southwest Missouri offers a strong workforce, reliable infrastructure, and an exceptional quality of life. When we moved here in 2000, we quickly recognized this region was a great place to both live and work. These facts position Joplin well to compete for responsible, long-term investment.

I also appreciate the due diligence you have undertaken in planning and engaging with local stakeholders as these projects are evaluated. The fact that you live in the very area impacted by this development speaks to your confidence in its safety and your personal stake in ensuring it is done right. Growth of this scale is not without challenges, but thoughtful preparation is essential to ensuring that development is done responsibly and in a way that benefits the broader community.

As Governor Kehoe has stated, Missouri is open for business. When we consider the broader context of the national data center boom, it is important that Missouri remain competitive and interested in attracting new investment that strengthens our economy and tax base.

Thank you again for your leadership and your commitment to moving Joplin forward. I look forward to continued conversations as these opportunities develop.

Sincerely,

Cathy Jo Loy
State Representative, Missouri House of Representatives

House District 163

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Fwd: In Support of the Data Center

From Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Date Sat 1/17/2026 2:45 PM
To Nagy, Holly <HNagy@joplinmo.org>; Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>

Another email received for city council.
Thank you.
Troy

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From: Nathan Mayo <nathanrmayo@gmail.com>
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Subject: In Support of the Data Center

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Hi Troy,

I simply wanted to write in support of the data center rezoning decision. The fact that I'm sending this email means that data centers need to exist, and there's no inherent reason why they shouldn't exist here.

I think it's fair to make sure that all project costs and necessary infrastructure upgrades are paid for by the developer, since they'll be profiting from the business. But as a Joplin resident (1209 Roland Ave), it's important to me that Joplin remains a pro-business community. And I think Congressman Burlison makes a fair point that there's no reason our data should be housed out of state or in countries like China that hate us.

Do your due diligence, make them bear the full costs of the project, and let them build.

Count my family and I as YIMBY's (Yes, in my backyard!)

-Nathan Mayo

P.S. I have no conflicts of interest; I'm just pro-economic growth.

ERIC BURLISON
7TH DISTRICT, MISSOURI

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 20, 2026

Mayor Keenan Cortez
Members of the Joplin City Council
602 South Main Street, 5th Floor
Joplin, Missouri, 64801

Dear Mayor Cortez and Members of the Council,

As discussions continue in Joplin regarding data-center development, this letter outlines several relevant policy considerations.

Data centers are increasingly important to American manufacturing, artificial intelligence, and national security. At the federal level, recent actions focus on strengthening domestic data infrastructure and reducing permitting delays for critical facilities, including data centers and energy infrastructure. [1]

At the same time, families in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District are right to expect that large-scale development does not result in higher utility rates or reduced grid reliability.

State law provides important protections in this area. Missouri Senate Bill 4 requires large energy users to pay rates that reflect the cost of serving them, helping ensure residential customers are not asked to subsidize new industrial load. This framework allows communities, like Joplin, to evaluate proposals while maintaining affordability for families. [2]

In addition, federal energy policy increasingly focuses on expanding reliable baseload power. The U.S. Department of Energy recently launched President Trump's Nuclear Reactor Pilot Program to accelerate the testing and deployment of advanced nuclear technologies that can support long-term grid reliability and economic growth. [3]

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[1] White House, "Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Accelerates Federal Permitting of Data Center Infrastructure," July 2025.
https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/07/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-accelerates-federal-permitting-of-data-center-infrastructure/

[2] Office of Governor Mike Kehoe, "Governor Kehoe Signs SB 4 Into Law Securing Missouri's Energy Future and Economic Growth," 2025.
https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-kehoe-signs-sb-4-law-securing-missouris-energy-future-and-economic

[3] U.S. Department of Energy, "The Energy Department Is Delivering On Accelerating The Deployment Of Nuclear Power," 2026.
https://www.energy.gov/articles/fact-sheet-energy-department-delivering-accelerating-deployment-nuclear-power

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Southwest Missouri has the assets to lead in this space, and communities, like Joplin, can help show that Missouri remains open for business while insisting on responsible development and consumer protections.

Local officials are best positioned to evaluate individual proposals based on infrastructure capacity and community priorities. That process should remain thorough, transparent, and grounded in accurate information.

Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of the Joplin community.

Sincerely,

Eric Burlison



Member of Congress

Neutral

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Public Comment – Proposed Annexation & Rezoning Near Shoal Creek

From Angela Acree <adacree@aol.com>
Date Tue 1/20/2026 8:33 AM
To Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>; Nagy, Holly <HNagy@joplinmo.org>

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Dear City Clerk and Planning Staff,

My name is Angie Acree. I am a downstream property owner along Shoal Creek and rely on a private well for my household water supply.

I am not opposed to development, nor am I opposed in principle to a data center. My concern is procedural and environmental. The request before the City is for annexation and rezoning to heavy industrial use, which permanently allows a broad range of future industrial activities beyond what is being presented tonight.

Shoal Creek is a shared downstream resource, and industrial zoning typically brings increased impervious surface, stormwater runoff, grading, and long-term impacts that extend beyond the project site. These impacts pose a real risk to downstream water quality and private wells if not explicitly addressed at the zoning stage.

I respectfully request that any annexation and rezoning approval include enforceable protections, including:
- Permanent buffer zones along Shoal Creek
- Enhanced stormwater management requirements beyond minimum standards
- Limitations or conditions on future industrial uses to ensure additional public review if uses change.

Development can be done responsibly, but damage to a creek or groundwater supply is difficult or impossible to reverse. I ask that Shoal Creek and downstream property owners be explicitly protected as part of this decision.

Please include this comment in the public record for tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Angie Acree
Newton County, Missouri

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Opposition to AI Data Center

From William Bell <williamgreybell@gmail.com>
Date Mon 1/19/2026 11:26 AM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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Good morning,

I am reaching out to let it be known that me, as well as many residents of Joplin and the surrounding area are opposed to an AI Data Center being built in our city.

I am a 25 (as of today 1/19/26) man living with his fiancé in the city. I have lived here my entire life, went to school, graduated college, everything! Now I fear that I am going to have to leave this place I call home all because of this AI Data Center. I am unsure if research has been done by our city and it's utilities providers, but the vast amount of energy and water required to operate one of these sites is enormous. All it takes is a quick google search to see how devastating it is for communities. Water ruined, bills skyrocketed beyond payment. Joplin's electrical infrastructure is already in poor conditions for what it handles now. Adding a data center will do nothing but cause more strain to an already weak system. Not to mention the water pollution. Our cities water will soon become undrinkable. This should be no surprise but building this data center would cause a mass movement out of Joplin. And for a city bent on building new apartments to get more people into the city, introducing a building that would significantly reduce their quality of life would just be silly.

I would truly hope the City of Joplin cares about its people more than however much money they will receive from this, but just incase we are looking at this as numbers and not humans allow me to help with the business degree I received from Missouri Southern. This one time upfront cash advance may be nice for a little bit. But doing so will cause your monthly income to decrease drastically, not because people are rebelling, but because suddenly families are unable to pay their bills, and their children can't drink the water. They are going to take their money to a city who won't abuse their trust. If the city of Joplin want's so exist for decades to come this data center must not be built. However if we are looking to plunge Joplin into a living hell continue on.

I do not want to leave my home town, however if the city of Joplin forces me to do so by building this AI center I will never be proud to call myself from Joplin again.

William Bell
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Annexation and Rezoning for the Wildwood Ranch Data Center Project

From Michael Lowrey <michaellowrey1@gmail.com>
Date Fri 1/16/2026 3:38 PM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed annexation and rezoning of Wildwood Ranch for development as a large-scale Data Center. This project presents significant risks to the residents of Joplin—financially, environmentally, and in terms of long-term community well-being. Recent reporting on data center developments across the country, including firsthand accounts from former data center employees, has revealed a troubling pattern: these facilities consume enormous public resources while providing very little in return to local communities. In many states, taxpayers have subsidized data centers with massive tax breaks, only to receive far fewer jobs and far greater infrastructure strain than originally promised. These findings raise serious concerns about whether Joplin will face the same outcome if this project moves forward.

Data Centers require extraordinary amounts of electricity and water. When a facility of this scale is added to the same power grid that serves local homes and businesses, residents often experience increased utility costs. As a member of this community, I am deeply concerned that this development will make everyday life more expensive for families across Joplin. The environmental consequences are equally troubling. Data Centers consume vast quantities of water for cooling, placing heavy strain on local water sources. Communities in other states have already seen water availability and quality impacted by similar developments. Joplin should not be put in a position where residents pay more for a resource that becomes less reliable. Noise and light pollution are additional, unavoidable impacts. These facilities operate 24/7, generating constant mechanical noise, backup generator activity, and industrial lighting.

Joplin is a city known for its natural beauty, strong neighborhoods, and sense of community. The annexation of Wildwood Ranch for an industrial-scale Data Center threatens to permanently alter the character of this area and diminish the quality of life for the people who call it home. The long-term costs to residents far outweigh the limited economic benefits typically associated with these facilities, which create very few permanent jobs relative to the resources they consume.

I respectfully ask the council to reject the annexation and rezoning request for the Wildwood Ranch Data Center. Protecting our environment, our community, and the financial stability of Joplin's residents must remain the highest priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Lowrey

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FW: Data center proposal

From Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Date Fri 1/16/2026 1:51 PM
To Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>

FYI

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From: Nagy, Holly <HNagy@joplinmo.org>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 12:15 PM
To: City Council <CC@joplinmo.org>
Cc: Edwards, Nick <NEdwards@joplinmo.org>; Edwards, Peter <PEdwards@Joplinmo.org>; Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>; Robyn, Tony <TRobyn@joplinmo.org>
Subject: FW: Data center proposal

Please see below.

Holly Nagy
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From: Chrissy Williams <cmfwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 12:13 PM
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Good afternoon. I am emailing to express my extreme displeasure at the proposal for a data center anywhere near Joplin. Data centers are notorious for using so much water that they lower the water table and run local wells dry, causing citizens' utility bills to skyrocket (the investor's claim that they'll pay their own utility bills rings hollow when we all know that their water/electrical needs will be prioritized over ours), both air and water pollution, the constant stench, and 24/7 noise. I know it's tempting to accept investment in our community, but please find other avenues that won't damage our waterways, choke our air quality, and ruin Joplin for its people. We are, after all, a community of *people*, not a multitude of walking resources whose only purpose is to feed hungry corporations.

Regards, and with hopes for your wisdom,

--
Chrissy Williams, MLS (AMT)

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FW: Data Center

From Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Date Fri 1/16/2026 9:18 AM
To Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>

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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 1:02 PM
To: City Council <CC@joplinmo.org>
Cc: Edwards, Nick <NEdwards@joplinmo.org>; Edwards, Peter <PEdwards@Joplinmo.org>; Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Subject: FW: Data Center

Please see below.

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From: Ruth Sawkins <rufusracing09@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 5:02 PM
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To whom it may concern
Our family lives and does business (multiple) in Joplin and we are very much against the proposal of rezoning and allowing the data center to come to Joplin at Central City and 20th Thank you for the consideration

Ruth Sawkins
Realtor
Owner/Founder: Rufus Racing & Honeysuckle Homes www.rufusracing.com
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FW: Rezoning for AI Data Center

From Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Date Thu 1/15/2026 6:09 PM
To Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>

Another one to send to city council.

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From: Kizzy Meis <chloemeis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:05 PM
To: Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>
Subject: Rezoning for AI Data Center

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Good evening,

I am a resident of Joplin, MO and I'm deeply concerned about bringing a data center to our city.

The amount of water and electricity usage will cause irreversible damage to local finances- why should this city and its people pay the price for it? Many of us struggle as it is to make ends meet. Having to foot the bill will push us past our limits.

This doesn't even touch on how incredibly harmful this will be to our environment. Our local flora and fauna will be decimated beyond hope. There's evidence to strongly show how much this poisons the air we all breathe and the water we use to cook, bathe, drink.

Powering this mecha-monster will choke our air, raid our pocketbooks, contaminate and limit our clean water, and obliterate local NECESSARY wildlife.

Please, please vote no for the ai data center. This community does not want it, and we will be HARMED by it.

I thank you for your time, and I truly hope you all do not think this is a light decision to make. The jobs people MIGHT get for this are not worth the cost of life.

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Please Vote No

From Ellen Smith <ellenrogers25@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/15/2026 12:53 PM

To Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>; Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>; Josh Bard <Josh.Bard@joplinmo.org>; Lawson, Doug <Doug.Lawson@joplinmo.org>; Cortez, Keenan <Keenan.Cortez@joplinmo.org>; Doris Carlin <Doris.Carlin@joplinmo.org>; DeTar, Josh <Josh.DeTar@joplinmo.org>; Walters, Thomas <TWalters@Joplinmo.Org>

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To the Joplin City Council and Planning & Zoning Division,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed annexation and rezoning of land near Central City Road and West 20th Street for a Tier IV Heavy Industrial data center.

While economic development is vital for Joplin, this specific project presents significant long-term risks to our city's infrastructure and ratepayers that outweigh the potential benefits. My primary concerns are as follows:

- **Utility Strain:** Tier IV data centers require massive, continuous power loads and millions of gallons of water daily for cooling. I am deeply concerned that this demand will accelerate the need for costly utility upgrades—costs that historically are passed down to residential ratepayers.
- **Inappropriate Zoning:** Rezoning hundreds of acres to "Heavy Industrial" in this specific location is not consistent with the surrounding area's character.
- **Resource Management:** With water becoming an increasingly critical resource, dedicating such a vast volume to a single private entity is not a prudent use of our municipal supply.

I urge you to vote **NO** on the rezoning and annexation proposal on January 20, 2026. We cannot mortgage Joplin's future utility capacity for a single project.

Respectfully,

Ellen Smith

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Data center

From Leslie M. Hayes <leslie.hayes@gmail.com>
Date Thu 1/15/2026 9:04 AM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>; Bolander, Troy <TBolande@Joplinmo.org>; Bellairs, Tyler <TBellair@joplinmo.org>; Cortez, Keenan <Keenan.Cortez@joplinmo.org>; DeTar, Josh <Josh.DeTar@joplinmo.org>

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As a resident of Joplin, I DO NOT SUPPORT A DATA CENTER BEING BUILT UNTIL THESE ANSWERS ARE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS. Other cities have accepted deals with data centers with DEVASTATING results for taxpayers.

Resource Consumption & Utilities

• Water Usage: Will the facility use a "closed-loop" cooling system, or will it consume millions of gallons of potable water daily? How will this impact local water rates and availability for residents?

• Electrical Grid Impact: Who is responsible for the cost of upgrading the local electrical grid to support the data center? Are there guarantees that residential utility bills will not increase to cover these infrastructure improvements?

• Demand Response: In the event of a grid emergency or peak load, will the data center be required to reduce its power consumption to protect residential service? Are curtailment requirements specified in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)?

Environmental & Health Impacts

• Diesel Backup Generators: How many hours per year will backup generators be tested/operating, and what filtration systems are in place to mitigate air pollution?

• Noise Pollution: Can the developer provide a site-specific noise study that accounts for the constant "hum" of cooling fans, especially for nearby residential areas? Does the county/city have a Noise Ordinance in place?

• Renewable Energy Goals: What percentage of the facility's power will come from renewable sources versus existing grid capacity?

Economic & Community Benefit

• Permanent vs. Temporary Jobs: Beyond short-term construction, exactly how many permanent, high-paying technology jobs will be created for local residents?

• Tax Incentives & Revenue: What is the total value of state and local tax exemptions being requested, and how does this compare to the projected tax revenue for local schools and emergency services?

• Community Benefit Agreements: Is the developer willing to sign a legally binding Community Benefit Agreement to fund local education, first responders, or conservation efforts?

Operations & Future Planning

• Transparency: Will the facility's actual water and energy usage be publicly reported and audited annually by a third party? Will this information be publicly reviewable?

• Decommissioning: What is the 15-to-20-year plan for the site if the facility becomes obsolete or the company moves operations elsewhere?

• Zoning & Land Use: Does the current proposal require a zoning variance, or is it being built "as-of-right"?

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Fwd: Oppose Rezoning Central City Road & 20th street

From LaDale Grant <ladalegrant@gmail.com>
Date Tue 1/13/2026 7:42 PM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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LaDale Grant

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Date: January 13, 2026 at 7:17:48 PM CST
To: zoning@joplinmo.org
Subject: Oppose Rezoning Central City Road & 20th street

Joplin City Council;
As residents of Joplin, MO and homeowners at Wildwood Ranch, we strongly oppose the rezoning of Central City Road & 20th street. When we had our home built by Schuber Mitchell on South Claire Danielle in 2020, we did not expect that six years later to be fighting to keep our residential community. My husband and I are health care professionals who work at Mercy Galena and Freeman hospital. We want our home to continue to be in a residential neighborhood where people can walk, ride bikes, and where children can play. The massive industrial park will not allow any of that to remain. It will cause excessive noise, pollution, and destruction of nature. The AI Data center will increase our residential electric and water bills and we will not a benefit. Please reconsider a AI data center at Wild wood Ranch in Joplin, MO. Joplin residents DO NOT want this.

Sincerely,

Rodney & LaDale Grant
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Data Center and other projects at Wildwood

From H Hukill <hh@dhh-llc.com>
Date Wed 1/14/2026 9:39 AM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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We just recently heard about the proposed Data Center as well as multiple other projects proposed for the Wildwood Ranch area.

We are opposed to this data center and rezoning to Heavy Commercial.

Holly Hukill

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Regarding Data Center

From Katie Douglas <naturallydouglas@gmail.com>
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To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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As a citizen of Joplin, please protect us and our lives from having a data center. These centers cause water issues, health risk and will move people out if a data center is plan for Joplin I know many people will leave!

We Say No to Data Center

- Katie Douglas

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Annexation and data center proposed

From Julie Kaetz <jfkaetz@yahoo.com>
Date Tue 1/13/2026 8:56 PM
To Zoning-Planning <Zoning-Planning@joplinmo.org>

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Council men and Council women,

I am writing as a Joplin resident, and one who lives directly south of the proposed data center area in Wildwood Ranch, asking you to vote NO to this re-zoning.

It does not take much research to see that data centers do not provide many actual local jobs due to highly automated functions and also the need for highly technical employees for the few jobs that are available. In trade off, there is the strain on the water system, the electrical system, as well as considerable other environmental negatives, like noise pollution, air pollution, light pollution. In addition, the rate increases for these utilities are PASSED ON TO YOUR CITIZENS, many of who are already having issues paying for utilities. The electrical system utilities are already unbridled and determined by the companies to defray their costs and increase their profits.

My main question in addition to the downsides noted above is WHY would you allow all these residential homes to be built out here— and then make this area not conducive to living in??? If this passes, I will have to strongly consider selling my property (probably at a loss due to these negatives) and then move away from this immediate area, where I might add I grew up, moved away for over 30 years and moved back 10+years ago.

Thank you for reading this email. I am sure money will rule the outcome here. But it should not. Quality of living for your citizens should have some bearing on the vote here. Please have the courage to vote NO.

Sincerely
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Outlook

Opposition to Data Center

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Good morning,

I am writing as a long term Joplin resident to ask that you say NO to the proposed data center and rezoning of land southwest of the intersection of Central City Rd and 20th Street.

As a member of the community of Joplin for my entire life, learning of the proposed data center entering our town has been greatly disappointing. It requires minimal research to see the detrimental effects these data centers can have and have had on various communities. I understand that there is currently NO writing or agreement made to guarantee that the costs to improve the electrical grid and water systems will not be passed on to the citizens of Joplin, though it has been admitted by Mr. Pinjuv that costly improvements will need to be made. While I'd love to take his word for it that the developer would handle these costs - how can we guarantee that we as citizens will not pay the price for this? How can we guarantee we will not have significant power and water supply issues from the abundance of power and water that's required to run data centers? Who is guaranteeing the safety and quality of our water supply to ensure that it is not affected?

Moving forward without performance and public release of an environmental study, without naming the buyer, without a plan in place for electrical grid and water improvements, without a written agreement that these costs will not be passed on to the citizens of Joplin - is not ideal or respectful in any way shape or form to your citizens. We want to know that us and our lives will be protected in the community we call home and we won't have yet another rate increase in our utilities. While I don't live at Wildwood Ranch, I cannot imagine that the citizens of that area would want industrialization to occur directly around the homes they have built their lives in. They did not expect to be fighting to keep their neighborhood residential when they built their homes and planted their lives there. No one wants to live near a giant data center or giant industrialized site. We want neighborhoods and community.

I'd also like to add that the location of this land is directly across from a residential treatment facility for adolescents experiencing behavioral health problems. Including their school. Creating additional noise, pollution, and destroying the forestation would truly be the last things those kids need.

As a young adult who was born and raised in Joplin. I intend to stay and build my life here as well. However, if this AI data center comes to fruition, I will move. I will not stay in a community that prioritizes money, profits, and wasting natural resources over their citizens. Our climate and entire Earth is at stake. It was already 75° on Christmas. The last thing we need is additional contribution by our own city and government to the continuing climate crisis.

Sincerely,
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Petition Reprimand: City Council construct for false pretences of merit for just cause of solicitation of Public Comment at this point is seen as phishing. The Developer has advanced inappropriately to proper procedural and falsely triggered this Public comment session.
The Developer has by propositioning STAFF gained entry in usurp of proper Procedural. Current Procedural is in order of operations in need of amend and restructural order of phase one of the Developer vs. the subsequent phase as Environmental screening procedural. The Environmental screening procedural substantive that by corrective Environmental would have to be qualified first in order to even consider rezoning for a solicitous Developer. This would ensure that we can properly qualify whether a Developer's proposal meets the qualifications as an Environmental appropriate facility in order for the developer to proceed to phase one zoning edict.
Hence Environmental qualifications as presidency prior to phase one as phase. Environmental as the prescreening tool. The current protocol of procedural is usurping Environmental and prematurely triggering this to the Public comment which is too vague and ambiguous for public comment. Refinement must be discerned prior to zoning approval for delegation to Council.
This reprimand of correct order of operations is required to prevent further false triggering of public commenting as a pervasive solicitation of comment. Remedy of procedural order construct will weed out the need and wants has made the Environmental screening only then would zoning be dedicating time to any approvals delegated to Council and only then open for public comment.
Second PROCEDURAL reprimand is that any zoning developer that approaches staff would also primarily need pre screened for encroachment as this is in current Action of promulgated amend in CASE 030-25 that was made to include encroachment Section #4 ENCHROACHMENT of any kind require agreements that calibrate to more than a public comment but rather to a full public hearing on any aspects of Developer's infringement upon the public domain.
That Solicitation of Public comment cannot be solicited like this that is occurring now until the ENCHROACHEMENT and the ENVIRONMENTAL phase are pre screened by Zoning as the body of approach directly with the Developers request. Anything less than full screening of the Developer as insufficiency to proceed would be construed as Developer propositioning the STAFF.
When it comes to lack of substance of procedural in current handling of phases of procedure as an order of operations matter the Evironmental and the encroachment are overt in this Developer's propositioning. The Developer lacks substance per the proposition is not finite so it is therefore ambiguous. Staff must have finite clarification to clearance environmental and enchroachment pre screening process.
The status of what has been rendered to the Public as covert in nature is also overt due to the Classification of Tier IV as heavy industrial that foreknowledge actually predicates that the merit of the phase of Environmental and encroachment screening are a RED FLAG on this Developer who at this point by conjecture has implicated his intent to be ambiguous on purpose. That in the past was less frequent to have to be addressed but in a day and age of non Disclosure Developers their covert appearance of propositioning STAFF is sufficient grounds to require that the finite of the Development project be disclosed regardless if the Developer itself remains undisclosed. The finite of the project is going to needs be implemented so that we can prevent

the pollution Environmental that is caused by equipment of Vendor's but this same encroachment factoring is amplified by a facility or DATA CTR service lines as via Vendors shared HUBS as equipment that does not mitigate the emissions of D.E. Dirty Electricity created by the intervening of any equipment that is shared prior to entry of the service line that invades the service line of clean energy that by quality is degraded to Dirty Energy as these violations are one in the same and the specificity of them is known by the function of the data Ctr's SMPS's just like the one in the same of ALL the Advanced meter's as parts of these circuit boards. Rather than get to technical, I need to stay layman and describe that the Utility Vendor cannot supply the Developer the power he would require to operate until the Consumer's in that same service line consent to share their current private sector service lines with Commercial specifically Commercial facilities that internally bleed off thousands upon thousands of SMPS's that inject via pollution into that shared service line that as an encroachment as well as a violation to the Consumer's service line as a private sector residential Consumer would be having a change of the degradation of their quality of service per the toxic emissions of release from SMPS's in mass load bleed off that injects their shared service line as now a hazard of toxic emissions. Again, this degradation and toxicity would first require the Utility Vendor to get Consumer consent prior to any promissory to the Developer to provide the Developer Energy Services at all.

Regardless of our City Charter being 70 years old the new technologies industry now requires EPA NEPA and HIA clearances prior to delegation for considerations of City Council and the need and wants is out of order as there is no check and balance to the ONE and only Zoning Advisory Board who insufficient substance from this Developer who has proceeded prematurely.

Albeit that Joplin intends to perhaps prior to 2029 rezone this segment it is in the planning however the planning needs to redefine that proper Developer clearances are first required in any approach to STAFF and STAFF needs to double up the substance on procedural that not just one Advisory can approve but a counter checks Advisory must also approve so that proper governmental procedural is in place with this type of progressive technology an alter Environmental Advisory must be put into place immediately in an Emergency manner due to this emerging issue that has somehow by passed substantive procedural be implemented prior to items of need and want being permitted to proceed to be meritorious and meet more eligibility requirements to define the type of Facility and vetting it properly from this lack of oversight for need of an Environmental Advisory Board which is actually triggering due to the wrongful manner by which this Developer of ambiguity sought Zoning prematurely.

Since the Developer was permitted to approach the public prematurely this does not serve proper due process of the Public rights of consent to the said procedurals that seem to currently usurp any pre screening qualifications of Incognito Developer's whom though non disclosed cannot hide the finite of their proposed project facility finite in definition as by not disclosing that Staff procedural is prematurely delegating to Council as our government we the people do not consent to this type of supposition and propositioning that our Council as our government forum is a way to solicit our Public attention. This meeting cannot justify that a Developer can trigger