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From: PlanningCommission

Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:13 AM

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Subject: RE: Data Centers

Good Morning Mary,

This is to confirm your email has been received in the Planning Division and will be provided to

Planning Commissioners for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.

Regards,

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I'm here today to express strong opposition to the continued approval and expansion of data centers in Santa Clara.

Our city has become a magnet for these massive, windowless buildings—many of which are built on prime land that could be used for housing, public services, or a long-overdue, vibrant downtown. These data centers consume acres of land, provide very few jobs, and return little in the way of civic or cultural benefit.

They don't bring life to our neighborhoods. They bring noise, diesel emissions from backup generators, enormous water and energy consumption, and they offer no walkability, no retail, and no "there there" for the people who call Santa Clara home.

The continued overreliance on data centers is a short-term economic strategy with long-term consequences. Each one we approve is a lost opportunity to build housing, local businesses, parks, or public facilities like a new City Hall or courthouse that would serve real people, not servers.

As a lifelong advocate for our community, I urge you to consider this: Do we want Santa Clara to be a hub of community life—or a hub of warehouses for tech giants?

I ask this Council to pause further approvals of data centers and begin a serious conversation about long-term land use priorities that benefit residents, not just corporations.

Respectfully,
Mary Grizzle