

From: [Nimisha Agrawal](#)
To: [Kurt Rubin and Lori Telson](#)
Cc: [Mayor and Council](#)
Subject: RE: data centers
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:35:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning Ms. Telson,

Thank you for your questions and comments. Your comments have been shared with the applicant and will also be provided as an attachment to the staff report for the Planning Commission Hearing on March 6, 2024 and Council Hearing on April 9, 2024. Please see inline response to your questions below in blue.

Thanks,

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From: Kurt Rubin and Lori Telson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:01 PM
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Cc: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Lori Telson [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: data centers

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Good morning,

Thank you for the information. I briefly reviewed the EIR and I understand the report claims there will be no significant impact regarding noise during construction or operation from this data center. I read the EIR findings on other matters and now I am concerned about emissions and more. My opinion has not changed: **I do not want this data center or any additional data centers to be built in Santa Clara.** I will not be attending the public meeting therefore I am hoping you can provide answers to some additional questions:

1) Were the data centers that are currently operating in the City of Santa Clara built with similar noise reduction methods? If they were, I do not agree that there is no significant impact to the noise levels within our City. [All data centers in the City require an Environmental analysis that includes a noise analysis to ensure the noise levels are within the permissible limits as identified in the General Plan and the City Code. The environmental analysis also identifies appropriate mitigation measures to keep the noise impacts of the project to be less than significant.](#)

2) Is this data center already approved? It seems as if other data centers were approved before public input was requested. [No, the proposed data center at 2805 Bowers has not been](#)

approved. It is scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing on March 6, 2024 and City Council Hearing on April 9, 2024.

3) Will there be an end to how many data centers Santa Clara allows? When is enough? For me, it's now. [Your comment is noted.](#)

Thank you.

Regards,
Lori Telson

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 08:46:17 AM PST, Nimisha Agrawal <nagrawal@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Rubin and Ms. Telson,

Thank you for your inquiry. The noise impacts from the proposed data center project were analyzed in the Environmental Impact report (EIR) prepared by the California Energy Commission for this project. The EIR took into consideration the ambient noise and concluded that the **operation and maintenance activities for the project site would be similar to those for a similarly sized industrial building and would not have an impact on people working or residing in the area.** The proposed generator yard for the project will be located on the north eastern side of the building and would house the 32 emergency backup generators. The generator yard would be enclosed with 42 feet and 9 inches-high perforated metal screen walls and would include a sound attenuation blanket to ensure the noise from the generator testing and maintenance meets the City noise limits. Similarly, the mechanical penthouse would include a screen wall 14 feet and 11 inches tall not only to screen the equipment also include sound attenuation blanket to reduce the noise of the air chillers.

The EIR prepared for the project is available on the [City's website](#). The developer for the project GI Partners has scheduled a Virtual Community Meeting on February 22, 2024, to answer any questions from the public. Please see attached the flyer with further details and the link to the Zoom meeting. The project is scheduled to be heard at the Planning Commission on March 6, 2024, and that will be another opportunity for any public comments.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

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Cc: Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Lori Telson [REDACTED]
Subject: data centers

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Hi,

I just read the email about a proposed data center on Bowers.

Has the city done a study on the change in noise levels around us given all the new data centers?

Sometimes when I try to hear nothing for a bit of quiet I swear I can hear a low hum all the time. And it is not noise from traffic. Others I know have commented on this too.

I'm requesting more info on the change in noise levels within Santa Clara due to the data centers. Until that happens, and is presented to the public, I am against any additional data centers being built in Santa Clara.

I vote no on the proposed data center for 2805 Bowers Ave. or any other location.

However, the city seems to ask for public opinion after the proposal seems to be approved internally already. That might be the case here. So, I might have just wasted my time writing this email. I hope not.

Thank you.

Regards,

Lori Telson