

Attention City Officials

May 23, 2026

Mayor Tom Mc Namara, Aldermen, County Board Members

Community & Economic Development Dept, Region 1 Planning Council

RE: TIF District, Hyperscale Data Center

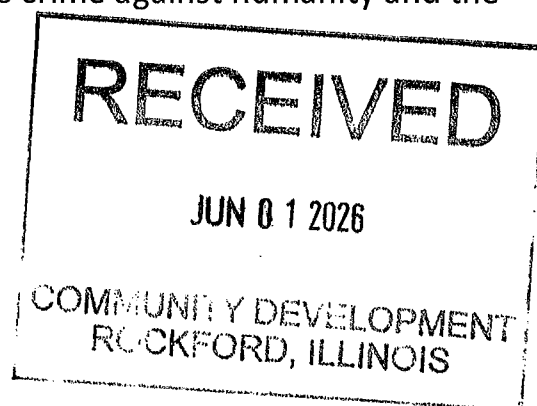
I am hoping you will change course on the Data Center. I live on Rotary Rd., Rkfd within 3 miles of proposed site. My neighbors and I agree that the TIF plan out here is a gross misuse of funds. The homes, farms, and land out here are VERY VALUABLE. My attached photos of the nature, animals, and businesses here show "We are not a blighted community that needs to be saved by our mayor's desired industrial epicenter." The TIF district surrounds homes, horse ranches, and local businesses. UW Health and Tyler's Veterinary in Davis Junction looks to be within a mile or 2 within the site. The Data Center will be obsolete before it's ever built. Satellites are the excellent alternative, which other countries use, and would not deplete our water supply or stress the grid.

As you've been planning this for many years, I ask what your plan is to bring in water when it is depleted in Rockford? What is your plan for the food supply chain, when animals/crops cannot survive without water, and riddled with PFAFs. What do you intend to do for my neighbors and myself when our wells run dry, turn to sludge, or exploding is the latest thing to worry about? Is Monarch going to reimburse neighbors for water they've stolen from us? I have a well, so water under my property belongs to me. Monarch will be leaching it from the ground.

Effects from a hyperscale data center: Constant noise, buzzing, heart racing, anxiety/depression, epidemic of cancers, headaches, neurologic disorders, lung disease, hypersonic lighting every night. Depletion of water and electricity sources, then dumping PFAFs and other toxic chemicals onto the ground. The light pollution stretches 10 miles. Surface temperatures in surrounding areas up to 6 miles can raise 13 degrees! Destruction of ecosystem. During construction 24-7 dust fills the air which you cannot see through. PLEASE DO NOT CONTINUE WITH THE DATA CENTER PLAN. It would be a disastrous crime against humanity and the damage could never be undone.

Sincerely,

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There is a pattern of executives, embedded in high-impact infrastructure plays, that consistently externalize costs onto communities, while accelerating data center proliferation, regardless of downstream harm. Enablers prioritize AI and hyperscale interests over the people living near the projects they finance

Evaluating whether a TIF is (good or bad) requires looking at how well it is designed, implemented, and aligned with the broader "community goals". TIF incentives are supposed to close financing gaps and incentivize new businesses, not to enable and finance companies worth millions and billions. The Winnebago Co. community is suffering from food instability, overpriced housing, certainly lack of affordable access to agriculture land to house our livestock. The Northern IL Food Bank on Sandy Hollow has moved locations and tripled in size. Since the government terminations and SNAP cutbacks, the line is enormous. The community needs another one, not another data center, which are proven over and over to deplete the water source for citizens, and deprive us of electricity usage.

Data Center facts: A hyperscale DC is designed to last 20-30 years, but its economic productive lifespan is 12.5 years. The physical buildings and heavy power infrastructure outlast the internal technology, which faces rapid obsolescence. ***** Breakdown: Building and substation infrastructure last 20-40 years. Core structural shells and heavy power transformers can last DECADES ***IT hardware only lasts 3-6 years.

Lastly, IL Statutes (20 ILCS 605/605-913) explicitly declare that "access to safe and clean drinking water is a right of all Illinois residents. Illinois courts apply the Rule of Responsible Use, to groundwater. (Landowners have the right to pump groundwater beneath their property, but the use MUST be beneficial and cannot maliciously or negligently deplete a neighbor's water supply.) The proposed DC is both malicious and negligent.

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