
Following Up on the Data Centers Issue with Town of Bladensburg

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Hi, Michelle,

Following up on the Landover data center issue brought up to the Bladensburg Town Council last month. Has there been or will there be a discussion by the Town Council regarding signing the letter?

As you are aware, there are efforts to locate a hyperscale data center (Bright Seat Technology Center) on the old Landover Mall site: <https://pgproudmag.com/2024/11/01/new-5b-data-center-campus-on-former-landover-mall-site-to-break-ground-in-2026/>. This link is a promotional from the Lerner family on the project. In reality, the project is an environmental disaster and there is no evidence it will provide revenue or jobs. It will not pay taxes, uses exorbitant amounts of energy and water, 24/7 noise and greenhouse gas pollution, etc. We should not allow a data center within the Beltway, next to community residences, that uses electricity from the local power grid, and impacts our waterways.

Many community groups and citizen activists are opposing this nightmare of a project. I attended a Zoom this evening with national NAACP. They expressed local and national concerns about the unleashed hyperscale data centers that have been allowed to go unchecked without careful vetting and the avoidance of community involvement.

Below is a link for an individuals' petition and a sign-on letter for municipalities to request that Prince George's County Council cancel the project. I have cced Selah Goodson Bell, who is available to answer any questions you have on the letter.

Go to: <https://linktr.ee/nolandoverdata>

The Prince George's County Council is fast tracking the data center at Landover Mall, and the Qualified Data Center Taskforce and community opposition has been in the news.

<https://youtu.be/ljCVL56919M?si=eBrfDJsJ-MsLXxF9>

Also, see attached the joint letter regarding the recommendations report from the taskforce.

Please advise what the town plans to do regarding awareness and opposition to data centers.

There will be an opportunity to gain more insight at a meeting about data centers on Saturday, December 6, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., on the second floor of our own Bladensburg Library.

Thank you, as always! See you at the December Town Council meeting next week.

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