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Beloit NAACP Calls for Data Center Transparency

We Urge: No Data Center NDAs, No Unreasonable Fees to Access Public Documents, and No Artificial Restrictions on Public Comments

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I am writing you on behalf of the membership of NAACP Branch #3251. Currently, there are four proposals to develop hyperscale data centers within Rock County. This letter is not in support of or against data centers being constructed. That being said, it is clear that a data center being developed in any of our municipalities will affect everyone living in Rock County.

NAACP values transparency in government and is acutely aware of ongoing and potential environmental injustices impacting Rock County residents. Recently, we have been made aware of complaints in regard to open records requests made by individual Rock County citizens. These complaints include, but are not limited to: requests not being addressed or going unanswered, individuals being charged an unreasonable amount for the request to be filled, and/or being told there are no records then seeing information printed in local newspapers.



Again, the NAACP values transparency in government and appreciates the duty that elected officials have to serve their constituents with truth and honesty. Doing anything less builds distrust and sows confusion within our communities.

At this time, our membership would request that the various village, city, and county government institutions within Rock County operate with full transparency throughout the entirety of a hyperscale data center proposal process. This includes, but is not limited to: not signing NDAs with data center developers, publicly sharing when a data center developer is engaging with your municipality, promptly responding to all NDA requests, ensuring any fees are not posing unjust barriers to access, no new limitations to public comments during open meetings, publicly sharing anticipated water and energy use, and early engagement of Rock County communities in open discussion about the potential benefits and negative impacts to our land, air, water, energy system, and community health.

We would like to thank you all for your time and attention. If you would like more information from the national NAACP organization regarding data centers, please visit the website at NAACP.org.

Sincerely,

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