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Written Communication	Money from a corporation isn't worth the health of the community. Please Please Please Please Please do not move forward with the data center. have your moratorium to study the impact to the environment and community, but please have a vote to STOP the DATA CENTER FROM EVER BEING BUILT.
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Written Communication	<p>Please, No data center. Not just a moratorium to review for environmental and community impact. Please listen to those of us that live here.</p> <p>Recent New Stories:</p> <p>https://www.bayjournal.com/news/pollution/concerns-raised-about-forever-chemicals-in-data-centers/article_477e0100-d2d2-4bad-95c6-7855f4bae775.html</p> <p>https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/amazon-data-center-oregon</p> <p>https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/columbus/report-links-data-center-to-rare-cancers-raising-questions-about-central-ohioans-safety/</p>
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Written Communication	<p>NO DATA CENTER! Not JUST A MORATORIUM, but NO DATA CENTER EVER in our city!</p> <p>Please see news stories that have researched just some of the issues that data centers can cause the community and environment</p> <p>https://www.bayjournal.com/news/pollution/concerns-raised-about-forever-chemicals-in-data-centers/article_477e0100-d2d2-4bad-95c6-7855f4bae775.html</p> <p>https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/amazon-data-center-oregon</p> <p>https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/columbus/report-links-data-center-to-rare-cancers-raising-questions-about-central-ohioans-safety/</p>
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Written Communication	<p>Please consider, not just a moratorium to study environmental/community impact, holding a vote to stop and not build the data center at all. The community and all of the surrounding communities have spoken; there is a lot of online posts, and community chatter about NOT WANTING A DATA CENTER in MONTEREY PARK or in any surrounding areas.</p> <p>Please, please, please listen to community that lives, raise families here, and want to be able to grow old without worrying about the health concerns that come down the line with living near a data center.</p> <p>Please see news stories that have researched just some of the issues that data centers can cause the community and environment</p> <p>https://www.bayjournal.com/news/pollution/concerns-raised-about-forever-chemicals-in-data-centers/article_477e0100-d2d2-4bad-95c6-7855f4bae775.html</p> <p>https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/amazon-data-center-oregon</p> <p>https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/columbus/report-links-</p>

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Written Communication	<p>Nobody in this community wants a data center in it. While I can appreciate a vote for a pause and a moratorium for community and environmental impact studies, I believe that there should be a vote completely against and stopping the construction of a data center in this community.</p> <p>Multiple reports and studies have shown the environmental impact, and even cancers that may be caused by or contributed to being close to a data center.</p> <p>Please listen to the community. Thank you.</p>
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Hello,

I am following up on my message previously sent regarding the proposed construction of a Data Center in Monterey Park and today's item being considered at the Special City Council Meeting.

Council member Ngo's item would establish a temporary moratorium on data centers in Monterey Park and require the preparation of an EIR as a condition for any future development agreement for proposed data center projects in the city.

I strongly urge the council to approve this item.

This project would include demolishing existing buildings and it would triple Monterey Park's total electricity use.

Data centers harm communities by requiring massive energy use and producing higher carbon emissions. Higher electricity bills as infrastructure costs are passed onto residents, including neighboring cities like El Monte. They create very few permanent jobs and most benefits from them go to an overseas investment firm, not Monterey Park residents.

Thank you,
Elizabeth

On Thu, Dec 4, 2025 at 6:38 PM Elizabeth Mercado <emercado1122@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am an El Monte community member who frequents Monterey Park.

I am concerned about the proposed construction of a Data Center at 1977 Saturn Street.

This project would include demolishing existing buildings and it would triple Monterey Park's total electricity use.

The city has not produced an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to show exactly how this data center would impact the city and its residents.

Data centers harm communities by requiring massive energy use and producing higher carbon emissions. Higher electricity bills as infrastructure costs are passed onto residents. They create very few permanent jobs and most benefits from them go to an overseas

investment firm, not Monterey Park residents.

I urge the city to require a full EIR and present it to residents as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Mercado

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I write to respectfully summarize a balanced path forward regarding the Saturn Street data center that protects Monterey Park's fiscal interests, advances transparency, and minimizes legal risk, while remaining fair to the current applicant and responsive to community concerns.

First, I appreciate the Council's focus on both economic development and climate responsibility. The proposed data center does offer potential tax revenue through property and utility taxes, but it also raises legitimate questions about long-term environmental impacts. In that context, the Council's request for a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is appropriate and prudent. An EIR will provide the comprehensive analysis needed to inform sound decision-making and strengthen the City's administrative record.

Importantly, the applicant has indicated a willingness to proceed with a full EIR. That commitment reflects good-faith cooperation and should be acknowledged on the record. Proceeding with a full EIR directly addresses calls for greater environmental review without foreclosing the Council's authority to impose robust conditions or, if warranted, deny the project based on the evidence.

I respectfully urge the Council to distinguish between two separate actions now under discussion:

- (1) requesting additional environmental information through a full EIR, and
- (2) imposing a 45-day moratorium that would affect a project already in process.

A moratorium is a significant policy tool typically used when there is an immediate rush of applications or a demonstrated loss of regulatory control. Applying a moratorium to a single, pending application—particularly one that has agreed to expanded environmental review—raises concerns of fairness and may introduce avoidable legal risk.

Legal Risk Considerations (Summary):

- Imposing a moratorium mid-process can be characterized as changing the rules after an application has been filed, increasing exposure to claims of unfair treatment or vested rights arguments.
- Allowing the EIR to proceed under existing rules strengthens the City's CEQA posture by demonstrating reasoned decision-making, good faith, and reliance on evidence rather than procedural barriers.
- Separating the current application from any broader, forward-looking policy study reduces the risk that the City's actions could be viewed as targeted or pretextual.

A constructive alternative is to continue the project, require completion of the full EIR, and concurrently direct staff to study whether additional policies or standards for future data center applications are warranted. This approach preserves Council authority, maintains leverage over the current project through enforceable conditions, and avoids penalizing an applicant who has agreed to enhanced review.

In short, Monterey Park does not need to choose between revenue, climate goals, and fair process. By proceeding with the EIR and deferring any moratorium to future applications, the Council can protect the City legally, maintain public trust, and ensure that any ultimate decision rests on a strong and defensible record.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Chang, Esq.
Resident
Former MP City Clerk (e)

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Good Evening,

I am writing in response to the amended agenda for tomorrow's Special Council Meeting scheduled for 1/21/26 - Agenda Item 5A. Please find my written communication to be shared with City Council, copied below and attached.

Dear Honorable Council Members, City Staff, and Residents,

Monterey Park Must Reject the Saturn Street Data Center, and any Data Center Today and for the Foreseeable Future. **On behalf of my household and my neighbors, I urge you to adopt the urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on this and all data centers within our city limits.**

The City of Monterey Park is currently facing a decision that will shape not only our built environment, but our public health, our community trust, and our collective future. The proposed data center at 1977 Saturn Street, also referred to as "Saturn Park", introduced by HMC StratCap, raises serious concerns that demand caution, transparency, and ultimately rejection. Community members have already raised red flags regarding the project's environmental impacts, public health risks, and the adequacy of its review. Trust matters when public health is at stake. How can our small city make such a consequential decision when statewide legislative discussions on the impacts of data centers are only just beginning (Morgan and Lewis)? There are active pieces of California state legislation in 2026 that address data centers, especially their environmental and energy impacts, transparency, and how costs are allocated. These are things we should pay close attention to, please do not act in haste.

I urge you to require a third party Environmental Impact Report study for any development of this magnitude. What is at stake in this decision is not abstract, theoretical, or unfounded. It is our health, our quality of life, and our right to feel safe in our own homes.

As a long-time resident of Monterey Park, I take great pride in our community and was so happy to find a place where my husband and I could raise our three children: one now in college, one in middle school, and one in elementary school. We chose Monterey Park because it is a safe, close-knit, family oriented city with tons of parks, good food, amazing community/city programming and great opportunities for engagement. With this data center, this community and our day to day world would erode. It will start with lower quality of life, health problems over time, a growing nuisance in our city, and long-term environmental issues in addition to raised water, energy, and possibly higher insurance premiums.

The public health implications of this project are too significant to ignore and too poorly understood to approve. The proposed data center would introduce diesel backup generators, increased air pollution, persistent noise, and extraordinary demands on water and energy infrastructure that will be directly adjacent to residential neighborhoods. These risks do not outweigh the limited benefits promised by the project. When cost-benefit analyses ignore human consequences, they reduce people to acceptable collateral damage.

I grew up in Southeast Los Angeles, a region long burdened by environmental injustice. I watched neighbors fight simply for the right to breathe clean air. Over time, many developed asthma, cancer, neurological disorders, and chronic illness. These are outcomes linked to long-term exposure to pollution from industrial facilities that were approved without sufficient community protection. The pattern is familiar: companies promise minimal impact, mitigation plans are accepted at face value, and residents bear the consequences decades later. I cannot accept that Monterey Park should repeat this history. Will you?

Scientific literature increasingly documents the public health costs associated with large data centers, particularly those relying on fossil fuel powered backup systems. Air pollution is among the most acute concerns. Diesel generators and fossil fuel dependent power plants emit nitrogen oxides and fine particulate matter, both of which are linked to increased rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease and elevated cancer risk. One recent model estimates that by 2030, U.S. data centers could contribute to nearly 1,300 premature deaths annually, resulting in a public health burden exceeding \$20 billion. These are not marginal effects, they are measurable, life-altering outcomes (Caltech).

The proximity of the proposed data center to residential homes is especially alarming. According to publicly available planning documents, the nearest sensitive receptor is located approximately 65 feet from residences. This means children, seniors, and families would be living within immediate range of industrial scale generators and substations. Would any of you choose to raise your children next to this facility? Would you feel comfortable living, investing, and retiring there?

Beyond health risks, the project would place immense strain on already limited resources. We live in a region marked by chronic water uncertainty, as acknowledged by our own San Gabriel Valley water authorities. Residents are routinely asked to conserve, adapt, and plan sustainably. Approving a data center, an industry known for excessive water and energy consumption, directly contradicts these community directives. It sends the message that sustainability applies to residents, but not to corporate interests. Whose interests do you represent?

Equally troubling is the inadequacy of the environmental review conducted thus far. The project is currently proceeding under a Mitigated Negative Declaration, despite its scale, duration, and proximity to residential neighborhoods. The proposed development includes a 218,400 square foot data center, a 75,000 square foot ancillary equipment yard, 14 emergency diesel generators, and a new 24,000 square foot electrical substation, with construction anticipated to last up to 24 months. Even regional air quality authorities have raised concerns and recommended revisions. **Given the acknowledged difficulty of accurately modeling emissions from data centers, it is reasonable and necessary to require a full Environmental Impact Report.**

The economic justification for this project also fails under scrutiny. The forecasted benefit amounts to approximately 26 full-time jobs. In contrast, the costs include increased public health burdens, infrastructure strain, potential spikes in utility and insurance costs, declining property values, and irreversible changes to neighborhood livability. This is not a fair trade.

Monterey Park is not alone in confronting these issues. Communities across the country including cities in Maine, Arizona, Virginia, and Pennsylvania are pushing back against similar projects. In Lewiston, Maine, for example, a proposed data center was unanimously rejected following public outcry over water usage, energy strain, and rising utility costs. Despite assurances from developers that impacts would be minimal, evidence from other regions has shown that data centers can and do drive up rates and disrupt local infrastructure. These are lessons we should heed, not repeat.

At its core, this proposal raises a deeper ethical question: whose lives are considered expendable in the pursuit of economic development? When industrial facilities are placed next to residential neighborhoods without robust safeguards, the burden disproportionately falls on families, seniors, and communities of color. That is not accidental. Monterey Park is a city of immigrants, and it saddens me to think the Australian investor company, HMC StratCap, is targeting our San Gabriel Valley communities as a strategy to target communities they think will not take notice of the negative impacts of data centers. Monterey Park must decide whether it will become another example of environmental injustice, or a model of responsible, community-centered governance.

In closing, I urge you to vote to approve item 5(A) placing a moratorium on this data center, requiring a full Environmental Impact Report, and requiring an independent environmental health assessment. Furthermore, I would like to make it clear I am completely opposed to any data center in our city. You have the authority and the responsibility to protect the health, safety, and dignity of the residents you represent. Please use it.

Thank you for your attention and your service.

Selected References

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Harvard Business Review. *Mitigating the Public Health Impacts of AI Data Centers*

Caltech Division of Engineering and Applied Science. *Air Pollution and the Public Health Costs of AI*

ScienceDirect. *Public Health Burden of Data Center Emissions*

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With Warm Regards,

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Written Communication	As both Associate Director of Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and environmental advocacy organization serving LA County, and as a resident of a nearby community (Whittier) I am writing to express my support for agenda item 5A which would establish a moratorium on the approval of new data centers within the city of Monterey Park. Data centers require an extensive amount of energy and water, which will drive up utility costs for residents and further strain water resources at a time when we face decreased reliability from imported sources. We cannot ask residents to “be water wise” and bear the burden of increased utility generation and natural resources costs, while enabling corporations to drain already scarce public resources. Residents of Monterey Park and other nearby communities already face disproportionate pollution impacts, and the development of data centers would add additional ambient pollution sources further burdening communities.
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I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to the proposed data center at Monterey Park. After reviewing the nature of the project, its scale, and the impacts seen in other communities, I believe this facility is fundamentally incompatible with the well being, character, and long term sustainability of our community.

Data centers of this size bring extreme energy demands, excessive water usage, and constant industrial noise, often reaching levels that deeply disrupt residential life. Communities that have approved similar projects have experienced increased utility costs, strained infrastructure, and significant quality of life disturbances, outcomes that no mitigation plan has meaningfully resolved. These are not theoretical risks, they are documented realities in towns that now regret allowing such development.

Beyond environmental and infrastructure concerns, the presence of a large industrial facility in or near a residential area inevitably affects property values and alters the character of the community. These impacts are permanent. Once a data center is established, it cannot simply be undone, nor can its footprint or consumption be meaningfully reduced.

While economic development is important, data centers offer very few permanent jobs relative to their impact, and the benefits they provide do not come close to justifying the long term burdens they place on local residents. For these reasons, I am not seeking further studies or revisions, I am asking to reject this project outright.

This community deserves development that enhances our safety, environment, and quality of life, not industrial facilities that jeopardize them. I urge you to protect our city's future by denying approval for this project in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our community.

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Representing: (self, name of organization, or other party)	Self
Written Communication	<p>My name is Natalie Wong, my family and I have been residents of Monterey Park for over three decades.</p> <p>I am writing to submit a public comment regarding Item 5A on the agenda for the city council meeting on Wednesday, January 21st. I am extremely concerned about the negative environmental and economic impacts that a data center would have in our community and would like to voice my firm opposition to the project, and am therefore in strong support of a moratorium on the data center in order to gather more information and allow more time for residents to give their input. A data center would benefit corporate interests while harming residents with increased utility rates and environmental harms - the full extent of which we cannot know as the city has decided to forgo a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in an attempt to rush this project forward. Not to mention being a major eyesore to the aesthetics of our city and a waste of public space that could be used for parks or small businesses. I join my community members in calling for a full EIR so that the public can better understand the potential impacts of this data center. It is your responsibility as city officials to prioritize community health and ensure transparency to your constituents.</p>
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Written Communication	I don't want data centers in Monterey
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Written Communication	I am against the data center and support the moratorium.
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Written Communication	As a resident of Monterey Park, I am FOR the proposed moratorium to hold the data center project.
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Written Communication	For the moratorium!
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Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:23:05 AM

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Hello,

I am following up on my message previously sent regarding the proposed construction of a Data Center in Monterey Park and today's item being considered at the Special City Council Meeting.

Council member Ngo's item would establish a temporary moratorium on data centers in Monterey Park and require the preparation of an EIR as a condition for any future development agreement for proposed data center projects in the city.

I strongly urge the council to approve this item.

This project would include demolishing existing buildings and it would triple Monterey Park's total electricity use.

Data centers harm communities by requiring massive energy use and producing higher carbon emissions. Higher electricity bills as infrastructure costs are passed onto residents, including neighboring cities like El Monte. They create very few permanent jobs and most benefits from them go to an overseas investment firm, not Monterey Park residents.

Thank you,
Elizabeth

On Thu, Dec 4, 2025 at 6:38 PM Elizabeth Mercado <emercado1122@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am an El Monte community member who frequents Monterey Park.

I am concerned about the proposed construction of a Data Center at 1977 Saturn Street.

This project would include demolishing existing buildings and it would triple Monterey Park's total electricity use.

The city has not produced an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to show exactly how this data center would impact the city and its residents.

Data centers harm communities by requiring massive energy use and producing higher carbon emissions. Higher electricity bills as infrastructure costs are passed onto residents. They create very few permanent jobs and most benefits from them go to an overseas

investment firm, not Monterey Park residents.

I urge the city to require a full EIR and present it to residents as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Mercado

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Written Communication	<p>Dear Esteemed City Council Members:</p> <p>My name is Richard Kamei, longtime resident of Monterey Park. I am writing to express serious concerns about the proposed data center in our beloved city.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to withhold any vote on approval until a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is completed. Approving the project under a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) would be insufficient to fully inform the public and the Council about potential impacts.</p> <p>Experience from other communities indicates that the data center project could affect Monterey Park in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water resources: increased demand will likely raise costs and reduce water quality and access. - Energy and reliability: substantial electricity use will likely strain local grids and raise electricity rates, with increased potential for outages. - Air pollution: California has been working hard to improve our air quality but we still have a long way to go. Backup diesel

generators will worsen our air quality.

- Noise pollution: operational noise could affect nearby neighborhoods.

Some have argued that the project will bring jobs to Monterey Park. Although there will be short-term construction jobs made available if the project is approved, there will likely be few long-term operational employment.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote against approving the data center project until a thorough EIR is completed and fully disclosed to residents.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Richard T. Kamei

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Representing: (self, name of organization, or other party)	Self
Written Communication	NO DATA CENTER in Monterey Park
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Written Communication	Residents and local neighbors need adequate research as a resource to make their decision for their community.
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Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the construction of the data center on 1977 Saturn Street in Monterey Park. I oppose its construction and am asking for a structural ban of data centers in Monterey Park.

I am writing to demand City Council votes Yes on Item 5A to adopt the Urgency Ordinance to halt data centers activity at Saturn Park.

As a resident in the Monterey Park community, I am deeply concerned that this project would have detrimental long term effects on the community such as increased pollution, decreased quality of life, and increased strain of utility costs on its residents.

There has been no notification or engagement to surrounding communities regarding the data center. This lack of transparency is an environmental justice issue as nearby residents deserve full information on decisions that will impact their health, safety, and well being.

This project raises many environmental justice concerns. Residents will be affected by its construction with its massive energy and water consumption that can lead the immigrant community in Monterey Park to bear the burden of poor air quality and increased utility costs. This is an unjust economic burden on working class families and immigrants that have lived in Monterey Park for 50 plus years.

The lack of an EIR denies the public a comprehensive assessment of risks such as noise pollution, heat emissions from cooling systems, and hazardous waste being so close to communities where people live with their families. There must be mitigations to prevent its negative environmental impacts from affecting the livelihood of surrounding communities and family's.

There must be serious consideration of how the construction will affect the community in 5, 10, 20 and beyond years. I do not wish to see my beautiful community follow the harmful trajectory of other cities where AI data centers have forced residents to leave due to unsafe and degraded living conditions. The long term land use consequences must be evaluated to keep the community clean and safe.

The community has not been rightfully represented in the decision making process. There WILL be significant impacts to the community if the project is not banned. Monterey Park is a beautiful city as an Asian American enclave marked with cultural diversity and deep history of the Asian diaspora. The presence of local businesses and tight knit community spaces that reflect the Asian American cultural diversity must be preserved

and protected as Monterey Park is family, community, and a safe haven for Asian immigrants. The construction of this data center would threaten to erase the rich history of Monterey Parks residents and diminish the voices that make this community unique. I will not stand to see corporate greed destroy this community.

I urge the City Council to prioritize the health, safety, and wellbeing of Monterey Park residents by rejecting this proposal and banning the construction of data centers in our community.

Thank you,
Monterey Park Resident Vi Chen

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Written Communication	<p>I am writing in support of the proposed temporary moratorium on new data centers, including the one in Saturn Park. While I support this temporary moratorium, I also would like to state that a temporary pause is not a sufficient solution. I urge the city council to move toward a permanent prohibition of all data centers in Monterey Park through zoning or ordinance. There is no benefit to the people living here, such as myself, for having a data center in our neighborhood. On the contrary, there are NUMEROUS negative consequences. I grew up in this neighborhood and now have my own family that I am raising here. The things that make this city beautiful will quickly be destroyed if we do not ensure that this city remains data center free. Data centers place significant demands on the power grid and water infrastructure, generate industrial scale impacts, provide minimal local employment, and create great environmental and health issues. This issue is deeply important to me and to many of my neighbors that I have been speaking with. For the most part, many of us are single issue voters as well and this will heavily weigh on how we evaluate the candidates and officeholders in the upcoming election. I will actively support leaders who demonstrate a commitment to protecting us residents and the future of our city and I will loudly oppose those who do not. I will leave you with some data center facts:</p>

In Loudon, Virginia

- Dominion Energy forecasted the data center demand would grow from 1.4 GW in 2022 to 6.3 GW in 2032 (more than the current total peak demand of the entire state of Virginia). In 2023 Dominion Energy proposed a \$5.4 billion plan to build new transmission lines and substations specifically to serve data center growth in Loudon. These costs are spread across all ratepayers.
- In 2022 Loudon Water reported that data centers used 4.8 MILLION gallons of water per day on avg. This is a 250% increase from 2018.
- The recorded noise levels for residents in Arcola and Aldie are 70dba at their property lines - this is comparable to a running vacuum cleaner 24/7

Prince William County, Virginia

- This proposal involves rezoning 2100+ acres of former agricultural and forested land - this is larger than the landmass of Georgetown, Washington DC.
- Dominion Energy's 2023 plan identified a projected demand of 3+GW. For context, the entire output of the nearby nuclear powered North Anna Power Station is 1.9 GW.
- a 2023 application for the proposed data center sought a permit to use up to 1.5 million gallons of water per day from the Potomac river watershed
- County officials estimated required road and utility upgrades for the digital gateway would cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars according to the Prince William County Planning Office, Dominion Energy IRP, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation reports.
- For residents living within 2 miles of a data center, Protect Prince William County found that 72% reported sleep disruption, 58% reported increased stress or anxiety, 45% reported having to keep their windows closed at all times

Phoenix, Arizona

- meta data center is permitted to use 1.75 million gallons of water per day
- during summer, this data center turns into a "heat island" which contributes to grid strain and forces reliance on fossil fuel "peaker" plants according to the Arizona Public Service and the Arizona Department of Water Resources
- The ADEQ found high concentrations of PFAS in groundwater at a former data center site.

Chandler, AZ

- In 2018 a cooling system failure at a data center led to a massive steam plume containing 25,000 gallons of vaporized water and glycol. It triggered a shelter in place due to the air

quality affects and safety risks according to the chandler fire department hazmat reports and the Arizona department of Environmental Quality.

Douglas County, Georgia

- Residents near the data centers complained of respiratory irritation. The county health department noted the presence of cooling towers as a source of VOC exposure. Cooling towers for data centers use chemicals like chlorine, bromine, and biocides.

Columbia university did a 2022 study that was published in Environmental Science & Technology that concluded that diesel backup generators at data centers are a significantly UNDER reported source of PM2.5 and that populations living within 1 km experience higher exposure levels, correlating with increased asthma and cardiovascular emergency room visits.

There's plenty more data out there and the argument that this will bring money into our city, while having access to all of this data regarding the many negative consequences leads me to ask you this? How much is my life worth to you? How much is my 13 year old child's life worth? How much are my neighbor's lives worth? Is \$5 million annually really all you think we're worth?

In addition, considering that Thomas Wong has used SPARC to try to pass this proposal without the communities knowledge, that SCE stands to make \$18 million annually from this project and Thomas Wong works for SCE, and that through SPARC, he has expedited the rezoning of 1977 Saturn, I believe that he should be removed from being able to vote or be involved in this project in any way. He has lost the trust of the residents of Monterey Park and we will not stand for this type of corruption within our own city council.

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Written Communication	<p>Honorable Mayor and Council members,</p> <p>The City Council Staff report is very well written. I agree there must be a moratorium to stop this data center project from moving forward. The proposed data center will cause electricity rates to increase. Besides, there is no finalized financial agreement between the developer HMC Capital and the City of Monterey Park. A google search shows that usually this type of Data Center should have a Development Agreement with the City including the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax incentive that favors the City. 2. Utility-cost arrangement that will subsidize the city residents. Requires financial mitigation plan to mitigate the cost to City of Monterey Park and the residents. 3. The official project need to be formally amended and approved with the additional mitigation measures. <p>I hope each of the council members will vote for this moratorium so that the moratorium will be passed.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Pui-Yuk Dorothy Ko Monterey Park resident since 1975.</p>

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Written Communication	<p>Dear City Clerk and City Council Members,</p> <p>I am a Monterey Park resident and I am writing to demand that the city council vote yes on Item 5A and adopt the Urgency Ordinance to halt data center activity in Monterey Park. I demand that the city council ban data center activity completely. Data centers could increase energy and water demand, raising bills for residents. Given the 14 planned diesel generators, they pose risks to air quality, noise pollution, and public health. It would mean loss of land and very few permanent jobs. This would hurt Monterey Park's reputation of a calm, peaceful environment and community filled with green spaces, and as a result people may think twice about visiting or living here.</p> <p>This would benefit an overseas firm and not Monterey Park residents. Data centers would negatively impact the environment and community. I do not want a data center here.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Madeline Ocampo</p>
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Hello,

My name is Kai Ebens and I am a resident of Monterey Park, writing to you today to voice my concern over the data center development project at 1977 Saturn Street.

I urge City Council to **vote yes on Item 5.A** to halt data center activity in Saturn Park, and to vote to ban data centers in Monterey Park.

It is an environmental concern to build a data center so close to residential areas. An increase in electricity consumption, noise pollution, and carbon emissions cause both direct and indirect harm to Monterey Park residents. Community benefit is temporary, with few permanent jobs despite heavy resource use.

I ask that you consider the needs and quality of life of your constituents. At the very least, I ask that you thoroughly re-evaluate alternative proposals such as mixed-use lots, parks, or retail, which could drastically improve community health and wellness.

Thank you,
Kai

From: [Zen Tran](#)
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Dear City Clerk and City Council Members,

In addition to my opposition the the proposed data center, I strongly urge all council members to

- Vote YES on Item 5.A at tonight's City Council meeting and adopt the Urgency Ordinance to immediately halt data center activity on Saturn Park.
- Ban data centers outright in Monterey Park - Residents do not want data centers in Monterey Park

Best,
Zen

On Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 2:54 PM Zen Tran <zentrans35@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Clerk and City Council Members,

I am a resident of Monterey Park and I am writing to express my opposition to Item 10B, the proposed data center at 1977 Saturn Street in Monterey Park. I urge the City not to approve or advance this project without a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and meaningful community engagement.

This project presents serious concerns for Monterey Park residents. The potential impacts on our health, environment, and quality of life are too significant to move forward based on a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Key reasons for my opposition include:

- The project could increase energy and water demand, raising utility costs for residents.
- Fourteen diesel generators pose air quality, noise, and public health risks.
- The project offers few long-term jobs or community benefits despite heavy resource use.
- Alternative uses such as mixed use, parks, or retail were not seriously considered.
- The community has not been adequately informed, represented, or included in this process.

Please slow down this process, require a full EIR, and prioritize the needs and well-being of Monterey Park residents over a project that could burden our neighborhoods for decades.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Zen Tran

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Cc: [David Diaz](#)
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Good morning Mayor, Council, and City Clerk,

On behalf of ActiveSGV Executive Director David Diaz, I am submitting the attached public comment with regards to the proposed data center at 1977 Saturn Ave.

Thank you for your service and consideration,

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RE: 1977 Saturn Avenue Data Center Project - Request to Prepare a full EIR

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a place-based community organization dedicated to realizing a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley, ActiveSGV requests the City prepare a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed data center project at 1977 Saturn Avenue, rather than relying on a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

ActiveSGV's mission is to support a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley. Our organization's roots started in the City in 2010 by a group of Monterey Park Environmental Commissioners galvanized by unsafe conditions for walking and bicycling in the City and west SGV. Since then we've become a self-standing 501(c)3 that has helped cities across the SGV implement and advance a wide array of community-driven projects, from affordable EV car and bike share to healthy, gas-free homes powered by clean power.

The project proposes the use of heavily-polluting, diesel-backup generation in one of the most polluted air basins in the United States. This outdated infrastructure should be an anachronism in southern California in 2026, as cities around the world rapidly transition to zero-emission, non-polluting technology. At a minimum, any project of this size should incorporate solar and storage technologies to reduce energy demand and eliminate dangerous air pollution.

Given the air quality and noise impacts associated with the proposed use, as well as the site's proximity to residential housing and a public park, **a Mitigated Negative Declaration is not appropriate.** A full Environmental Impact Report should be prepared as the proposed project poses significant quality-of-life and public health implications. Impacts, alternatives, and potential mitigation strategies should be formally studied.

San Gabriel Valley communities already face overlapping burdens tied to air pollution and infrastructure decisions that failed to consider public health, resulting in higher rates of chronic illness, cancer, diminished quality of life, loss of workforce

productivity, increased healthcare burdens, and in too many cases, shortened lives. ActiveSGV's equity work recognizes that people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and communities of color often face higher exposure while having fewer resources to navigate complex public processes such as this one. This is especially so when such processes do not include robust public outreach and engagement provided in languages spoken by impacted residents. For a large industrial facility in close proximity to sensitive community members including older adults and children, an EIR is the appropriate level of review to assess cumulative burden and evaluate potential alternatives.

As an organization committed to improving the health and well-being of residents of the San Gabriel Valley, **ActiveSGV urges the City to require a full EIR for the 1977 Saturn Avenue Data Center Project.** An EIR is necessary to support meaningful public participation, evaluate cumulative burdens and alternatives, and adopt enforceable mitigation that does not place disproportionate risk on nearby residents. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at david@activeSGV.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



David Diaz, MPH
Executive Director

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Dear City Clerk,

We represent the applicant for the data center proposed at 1977 Saturn. We have worked with the City for two years processing entitlements for the project.

Please add this comment to the administrative record for Item 5.A on the City Council Special Meeting agenda for January 21, 2026, which is another data center moratorium. The City has established a pattern of using moratoriums to delay the only data center proposed in the City. For the record, we oppose and object to Item 5.A and its related materials. As we demonstrated in prior letters, we believe there are not sufficient legal grounds to adopt a moratorium. We incorporate by reference all of our prior correspondence to the City regarding similar urgency ordinances and data center moratoriums. We provide this comment to preserve the applicant's legal standing to challenge the City actions, if needed.

We also note that, as recently as November 19, 2025, the City issued a staff report on the project stating that the City had considered all comments and determined that there was not substantial evidence of a potentially significant impact caused by the 1977 Saturn project. Similarly, the City prepared a draft ordinance (for potential approval of the project) stating that, based on the evidence presented to the City Council, the City need not prepare an EIR for the project. The City did not ultimately adopt the ordinance or hear the project due to public controversy that arose merely days before the hearing. Our position is that the opposition campaign materials are not new substantial evidence, legally. We point this out because the applicant deserves a neutral and unbiased process for its project; and public controversy alone is not sufficient grounds (under the public resources code) to abandon prior legal positions supported by credible evidence.

Our comment here is procedurally necessary. We recognize and respect the City Council's need to further engage the public. The applicant is a willing partner in that

endeavor.

Regards,

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Cc: Bryan Marsh <bmarsh@stratcap.com>; Chris Flynn <cflynn@stratcap.com>; Scott Rynders <scott@rynderscorp.com>; Jeff Snow <jsnow@ardent.us.com>
Subject: 1977 Saturn Data Center

Dear City Staff and City Clerk,

Please see the attached letter regarding the 1977 Saturn project.

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Thank you,

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