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**Re: Response to March 5, 2026 Correspondence Regarding Citywide Data Center Prohibition**

Dear Mr. Carstens:

Thank you for your letter dated March 5, 2026. As you know, that letter suggests that the City Council make changes to the ballot proposition language considered during the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

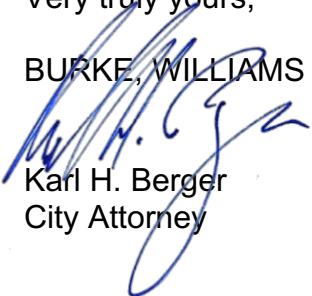
The deadline for placing matters on the June 2, 2026 ballot is March 6<sup>th</sup> (today). The City Council will not, therefore, be able to reconsider the language it already approved on Wednesday (or Thursday morning).

Please be aware, however, that the Land Use and Urban Design Element of the Monterey Park General Plan may only be amended by voters; the City Council may not amend it without voter approval.

As you know, the City Council will consider potential amendments to the Monterey Park Municipal Code in April regarding data center prohibitions. You are encouraged to provide comments at that time. We appreciate your engagement on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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