## Sully District Council of Citizens Associations



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20 June 2024

The Honorable Jeff McKay Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors c/o Clerk to the Board 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552 Fairfax, VA 22035

Re: Data Centers [July 16 public hearing]

Dear Chairman McKay,

The Joint Sully District Land Use Committee of the Sully District Council (of Citizens Associations (SDCCA) and the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) voted last month to express strong objections and concerns regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment on Data Centers. Attached is another copy of the Joint Committee's May 20, 2024 resolution. The Joint Committee strongly recommends that all data centers, in all zoning districts, require special exception approval, to allow citizens notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Joint Committee strongly opposes staff's recommendation to allow data centers as a by right use in any zoning district.

The Joint Committee also adopted a supplemental resolution, dated June 17, 2024, strongly supporting the Planning Commission recommendation that pending data center site plan applications, not yet approved, be evaluated under the new rules, rather than the weaker development standards currently in place. This condition is particularly important with respect to the controversial site plans for proposed data centers adjacent to the Chantilly Meadows mobile home community, for which the applicant proposes only a minimal 50 foot buffer. The protection of the existing affordable housing community should be far more important to the board than facilitating additional streamlined development approvals. A copy of the Joint Committee's supplemental resolution also is enclosed. Subject:: Data Centers [July 16 public hearing] Date: 20 June 2024

As always, we appreciate the Board's consideration of our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Note that our letter is posted at: <u>http://www.sullydistrict.org/references/20240617\_JSDLU&TC\_PCTransmittal</u> <u>Letter\_DataCentersSupplemental.pdf</u>

Enclosures (2):

Joint Committee's 20 May 2024 resolution: http://www.sullydistrict.org/resolutions/20240520\_JSDLU&TC\_Resolution\_DataCenters.p df

Joint Committee's 17 June 2024 supplemental resolution: <u>http://www.sullydistrict.org/resolutions/20240617\_JSDLU&TC\_Resolution\_Dat</u> <u>aCentersZOAAdmendment.pdf</u>

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