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**Cc:** Zachary Propes (Administration); John Gentry (Administration); Jennifer Rivera (Administration); Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning)  
**Subject:** FW: Data center comments

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and District Commissioners.

Please see the email below regarding Project Turbo.

Jennifer, would you please add this comment to the public record?

Thank you,  
Beth

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Hello,

I am writing in to voice my concerns about the new proposed data center off o'Kelly rd.

As a lifelong Gainesville resident, I have seen many industries come, and go, within this community. Some of them have been more harmful than others even while bringing "economic potential ". I am unsure of whether this particular project would bring any kind of progress outside of funding AI potential for businesses that already have more money than I could even begin to conceive of.

Aside from the fact that nobody, I mean, nobody has asked for AI, there are major environmental concerns in a city that already has other major environmental concerns. We already have limited resources in the area, particularly when it comes to water, since quite a bit of the water that we have flowing into the lake, currently must be released downstream to our partners and other states. I do not think that it is wise then to continue to grow consumption that won't be used for people, but rather machines. What are they considerations to reduce the water consumption, to ensure that there is not going to be light pollution, something I haven't seen mentioned thus far in the comments that I've read, as well as noise, pollution, and any other kind of capture of carbon emissions? A bit concerned also is about the cost of power. And other areas where there are data centers people's power bills have gone up astronomically. The people who should be paying for this astronomical increase in power consumption should be Companies, who generate billions of dollars in profit every year.

Also, it was mentioned that it's going to create 150 jobs in the area, but what kind of jobs? if they are going to be more jobs in the \$20-\$25 hour range that require skill set that are not easily gotten at our schools, then I don't want these jobs. I want jobs that are going to be able to support people And families and honestly with the amount of increase in property values that we have seen, I am really hesitant to say that anything under \$30 an hour as a job that could support somebody in this area.

At this point, until some of these questions are answered, with independent data (I'm not really interested in hearing any of the data provided by whoever is building this I want third-party data.) I do not believe that this project should move forward. There are their businesses, another economic opportunities that would better serve the people of Gainesville in the broader community in Hall County, That will be less taxing on the resources that we have given.

Regards,

Taylor Pittman

