

> Hall County...If ever there was a time to get involved in local politics, it is now. Before the Hall County Planning and Zoning Board is a request to build a 900,000 sf data center on O'Kelly Road. If this project is approved, especially with the unanswered questions and unverifiable data, this county as a whole, will bear the brunt of the mistakes. To say that I was shocked to see how many unanswered questions and "I don't know's" there were in this meeting was an understatement. And yet, there were some members of the board who seemed ready to approve the project. It is clear there is very little information Hall County Planning and Zoning staff has gathered that is concrete, factual and therefore relevant to the board for making such a huge decision for the county.

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> Of biggest concern is the amount of water and electricity this data center will consume. Already the City of Gainesville water department has responded they do not have the water capacity to supply this data center. This alone should have been an immediate denial of the project but it was not. Some quick research shows that huge amounts of water and electricity are required by these data centers and are already having negative impacts on the local communities where they are located.

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> We would urge each of you to do just a quick Google search on data centers, the State of GA abatements for the data center industry, water and electricity usage for data centers. There is big money in this industry and the small individual/family/business fabric of our communities is at stake. Please write the planning board members, copy the county commissioners. We have only two weeks before the next planning board meeting where there is a possibility this data center could be approved. Any questions you have should also involve the commissioners at this point as they have just a small window of time to learn about our concerns and lack of concrete answers.

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> Encourage your neighbors to write. At this point, our biggest hope is to have a large public showing in opposition to this data center because of the lack of concrete answers about the heavy demand it will place on our water and electrical grid. And don't think this is just going to affect one portion of Hall County. Remember the City of Gainesville controls the water for the WHOLE county. When water becomes an issue, it will be an issue for the county as a whole.

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> We MUST have better answers before the Planning and Zoning Board votes APPROVED.