

## 2024 Fayette County Republican Convention

### Resolution in Opposition to Certain Data Centers

WHEREAS, throughout Georgia, large industrial complexes known as Data Centers are being constructed in areas close to residential communities; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers emit noise pollution due to diesel generators and cooling towers, making residential communities unbearably noisy, and causing concerns of depreciation of home values; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Data Centers requires clear cutting of large tracts of green spaces and are massive unattractive buildings, causing additional concerns of depreciation of home values; and

WHEREAS Data Centers are requiring the construction of unattractive high voltage transmission lines that often cut across residential and agricultural areas, causing additional concerns of depreciation of home values, as well as health concerns; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers consume enormous amounts of electric power causing Georgia Power to request the building of more infrastructure to provide an additional 3,400MW of power to meet demand with 80 percent of this demand due to Data Centers, and since Data Centers receive massive power discounts, the building of additional power infrastructure will ultimately result in increases to all Georgia electric ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers receive unfair state tax breaks resulting in an immense subsidy for an industry that takes up a tremendous amount of resources, power and water; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers provide very few new jobs to benefit to the local community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Fayette County Republican Party supports the passage of Georgia House Bill 1192 suspending state tax breaks for data centers while a special commission reviews grid capacity in the state and encourage the governor to sign it into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fayette County Republican Party calls for the Georgia General Assembly to adopt legislation requiring all future Data Centers to be located only on approved rural locations within 50 miles of an Electric Power Plant and are not to be built in or near residential communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly require that all future Data Centers will be financially responsible for the costs of constructing the infrastructure to obtain their electrical, water, and fiber optic needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fayette County Republican Party desires that permits for the construction of any additional Data Centers in Fayette County should cease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Fayette County Republican Party and/or Convention Secretary is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore, Speaker of the House, Speaker Pro Tempore, Third and Sixth District Republican Leadership, and the State of Georgia Republican Party and to encourage them to affirm, adopt, and enact this resolution by law, policies, and/or adoption of this resolution.

Convention Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_