

NO NEW DATA CENTERS

Not next to our campus. Not next to our homes.

IT'S BIGGER THAN THEY'RE TELLING YOU

Fisk University has filed building plans for a \$400 million, 100,000-square-foot facility at **1000 17th Ave N**, publicizing it as an academic "Innovation Center" under their "Quantum Leap" master plan. But the hidden blueprint tells a different story: 70% of this building (70,000 square feet) is designed as a heavy industrial shell intended to be leased out to an unnamed private technology partner to operate a massive commercial data center. To power its servers, it will draw a staggering 30 megawatts of electricity directly from our local grid. Nashville has zero zoning rules right now for data centers, allowing commercial utilities to quietly plant themselves inside historic neighborhoods.

WHY IT MATTERS

Data centers generate massive amounts of continuous heat and require immense resources to prevent overheating. While developers try to claim "zero neighborhood impact," local engineers have revealed that these heavy air-cooled computer clusters require thunderous outdoor exhaust fans and large natural gas generator fields that burn fossil fuels 24/7/365 right in our backyard.

This creates a permanent industrial hum just 100 yards from student housing and historic residential doors, destroying local peace of mind. Furthermore, North Nashville (37208) has suffered from decades of municipal disinvestment, leading to constant water main breaks, pressure drops, and boil-water advisories. Forcing a resource-extractive data center into this fragile infrastructure is an environmental injustice. Turning an iconic Black institution into a landlord for an unnamed multi-billion-dollar tech conglomerate without securing computational sovereignty for Black researchers is extractive. They reap the profits; our community shoulders the burdens.

WHAT WE CAN DO: WATCH THE FINE PRINT

Councilmember Rollin Horton has filed Nashville's first real data center zoning legislation to mandate a strict half-mile separation buffer between these industrial facilities and homes, schools, and historic sites. Our coalition supports the absolute necessity of strict zoning, but we are holding City Hall's feet to the fire. We are reading the fine print. We demand that Metro Council strips out any backdoor "special exceptions" or legal loopholes designed by developer attorneys before the final vote. The bill passed its first reading on June 2 and needs two more to become permanent law. 23 of our 40 council members have signed on; the 17 who have not are listed below.

WHY A MORATORIUM IS NOT ENOUGH

A temporary moratorium is just a temporary pause, not a permanent shield. Big tech developers are already filing lawsuits against local freezes, calling them unconstitutional, and cities are backing down. Only permanent, ironclad zoning definitions under BL2026-1391 will legally stop predatory commercial developments from exploiting historic neighborhoods like 37208.

COME TELL THE FULL METRO COUNCIL!

METRO COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING (2ND READING)

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Where: Historic Metro Courthouse (Council Chambers) — 1 Public Square, Nashville, TN 37201

Action: *This is our major chance to speak directly to the full council! You get 2 minutes. State your name, your council district, and demand they pass an ironclad BL2026-1391 with zero corporate loopholes or neighborhood carve-outs. Stand with Fisk students, alumni, and neighbors in solidarity! Wear red shirts!*

COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED ON YET (AS OF JUNE 6)

Find your council member below and tell them to stand with North Nashville families, not corporate lawyers:

- **At-Large (Everyone):** Zulfat Suara, Quin Evans Segall
- **Districts:** 1 Joy Kimbrough, 3 Jennifer Gamble, 8 Deonté Harrell, 9 Tonya Hancock, 10 Jennifer Frensley Webb, 11 Jeff Eslick, 15 Jeff Gregg, 18 Tom Cash, 23 Thom Druffel, 27 Robert Nash, 28 David Benton, 29 Tasha Ellis, 31 John Rutherford, 32 Joy Styles, 33 Antoinette Lee

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