

# NO NEW DATA CENTERS

Not next to our zoo. Not next to our homes.

## IT'S BIGGER THAN THEY'RE TELLING YOU

Georgia company DC Blox has filed permits for a data center campus at **648 Grassmere Park**, directly next to the Nashville Zoo. The 69,220 sq ft building in the news is only Phase 1. Their own geotechnical survey lays out Phase 2: a second facility at 276,000 square feet, a 72,000 square foot electrical substation, generator yards, a guard house, parking, and more. This is not one quiet building. It's the massive power draw of up to 50 megawatts packed beside our zoo and the diverse residential neighborhoods of South Nashville. Nashville has zero zoning rules right now for data centers, so nothing can stop it.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Nearly 100% of the energy a data center uses turns into heat. DC Blox claims this facility is "waterless," but local engineers have exposed the truth: waterless means it relies entirely on massive, loud commercial air conditioning. To offset this extreme energy drain, their secret plans include four 3.5-megawatt natural gas turbines. They will be continuously burning fossil fuels and dumping air pollution directly into our neighborhoods and the Zoo.

Up close, these air-cooled fans run 24/7/365, creating a deafening roar equivalent to a gas lawnmower running right next to the Zoo's endangered clouded leopard breeding enclosures and nearby family homes on Binkley Drive. Furthermore, their grading seals the ground with lime, diverting toxic, high-pH stormwater runoff straight into the Zoo's fragile, already impaired waterways. They reap the benefits; our families, immigrant communities, and wildlife shoulder the burdens.

## WHAT WE CAN DO: WATCH THE FINE PRINT

Councilmember Rollin Horton has filed Nashville's first real data center legislation to ban hyperscale facilities and keep data centers at least a half-mile from homes, schools, and the zoo. Our community stood at the planning commission and voiced support for strict regulation—but we are not giving politicians a blank check. We are reading the fine print. We demand that Metro Council strips any corporate loopholes, developer favors, or backdoor "special exceptions" out of this bill before the final vote. It passed 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 permit moratorium is only a pause, and right now it's a lawsuit waiting to happen. Developers are already challenging temporary freezes in court as unconstitutional, and local governments are folding. Permanent, ironclad zoning definitions under BL2026-1391 are what actually hold up in court and protect all of Davidson County from corporate overreach.

## 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 to protect our neighborhoods and wildlife. Show up in red shirts!*

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

Find your council member below and tell them to protect neighbors, not data center 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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