

# MAKING GOOD NEIGHBORS: DATA CENTER ORDINANCES



## The problem...

### Data centers are currently bad neighbors.

Overconsumption of electricity and water, noise pollution, deforestation, water pollution, defaulted property.

So how do we turn bad neighbors into good? Ordinances and legislation can mitigate harmful behavior. Community members and local governments can implement the following strategies.

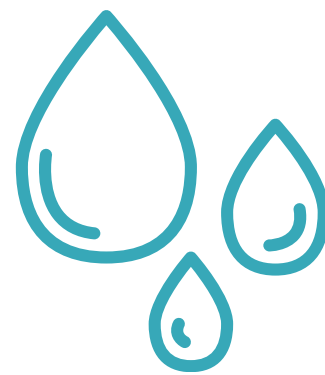
### Water and Energy Management

- Electricity and water use reporting (HB528)
- Water consumption and drought plan
- Invest in a closed-loop water cooling system



### Water Pollution Management

- Stormwater management plan
- Implement a gray water source for cooling.



### Property Management

- Noise abatement and monitoring
- Transmission line impact assessment
- Tree preservation and reforestation
- Appearance regulations
- Light pollution regulations.



### Operations Management

- Back-up power from non-polluting generators
- Minimum residence commitment
- Clearly defined phases of construction
- Ownership transfer regulations



### Support the Community

- 15 year contract for minimum energy purchase
- Battery energy storage for grid resilience
- Pay for local power and water infrastructure upgrades
- Public notice for new infrastructure construction
- Hire local for data center jobs
- Contribute to community works project (playground, solar farm, new park)
- Surety bonds for decommissioning



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