
FW: [EXTERNAL] I oppose the Data Center Moratorium

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Thank you so much

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Commissioners,

I'm BCC'ing all of you on this email to avoid any reply that might create Sunshine Law disclosure requirements. I want to make you aware of a tweet from President Trump this morning, which is below. President Trump is incredibly pro-Data Center. Republican candidate for Governor Byron Donalds has shared similar sentiments. As a Putnam County native, I'm very concerned to see that we might be missing out on a transformational economic growth opportunity. We're about to pass a moratorium when we should be hanging out a sign saying we're open for business. This moratorium is anti-growth.

Putnam County is uniquely suited to take advantage of data center growth. We have proximity to a power plant in the form of Seminole Electric that can provide ample power and expand if necessary. The concerns that have been raised regarding noise, power, and water consumption are all things that can be addressed via the rezoning process on a case-by-case basis. There's no need for a moratorium. The water consumption specifically is of little concern with a closed-loop system and we have existing government resource right in Putnam County in the form of SJRWMD to make sure we have plenty of water. Seminole and GP both have HUGE consumptive use permits with SJRWMD to serve their needs. A data center would be a literal drop in the bucket.

Tax revenue growth without population growth or raising taxes is a white whale. This allows our leadership to invest in a myriad of things to improve the quality of life in Putnam County without placing an additional burden on existing constituents. This type of growth is so much better than

residential growth (more burden on services without new jobs), a distribution center (added truck traffic with low-wage jobs), or solar farms (takes up large surface area relative to data centers at lower property tax rate).

I would encourage each of you to read the below article on a town in Washington that has been transformed via data center growth. Their poverty level used to be around Putnam County's (~23%). It has been cut in half and now sits at 12%.

Please side with President Trump and vote against the data center moratorium.

npr.org/2025/08/17/nx-s1-5501579/washington-hydropower-data-center-boom-sustainability-climate-change



Donald J. Trump  

@realDonaldTrump

The only reason that communities throughout the U.S.A. should not want Data Centers is if they want to end up being backwards and poor. If they want to be successful and rich, with far lower taxes and jobs all over the place, let Data Reign. The good news is that there are plenty of other places that want them. If we kill the Golden Goose, you will only have yourselves to blame. China could not be happier with this anti Data Center movement. Actually, they can't believe it is happening! President DJT

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