

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

HEALTH + ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

- Require publicly disclosed environmental impact assessment + mitigation plan, including water use, electricity use, noise levels, heat island study, e-waste recycling
- Require most water efficient tech available and WUE of at least .4 L/kWh
- Require water discharge quality to meet or exceed water intake quality
- Electricity supplied with 100% renewables
- Strict limits, especially on low air quality days, and mandatory phase out of fossil fuel-fired backup generators

TRANSPARENCY + COMMUNITY BUY-IN

- Require advance community approval for all data center building + expansion projects
- No by right zoning approval for data centers
- Ban use of NDAs
- Public disclosure of data centers' purpose

NO TAX INCENTIVES FOR DATA CENTERS

- Reject proposals that have applied for state and/or local tax abatements
- Repeal state and local tax abatements

BIG TECH PAYS FULL UTILITY BURDEN

- No rate increases for residential customers
- Renewable energy paid for upfront to match or exceed needed additional grid capacity
- Data centers first to have water and electricity service shut off during emergencies and last to have service restored

SHARED PROSPERITY FROM TECH INNOVATIONS

- Upfront payment to a green infrastructure fund
- Community impact funding guided by impacted residents
- Require payouts for unrealized tax benefits

