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No Data Center for Inyokern

I urge you to seriously reconsider allowing a massive AI data center to be developed in Inyokern.

While this proposal may be presented as economic progress, the reality is that Inyokern is not equipped to support a project of this scale without major consequences to our community and environment. We are a small desert town with limited water resources, limited infrastructure, and a fragile local ecosystem. AI data centers are extremely resource-intensive facilities that consume enormous amounts of electricity and require substantial cooling systems that can place heavy demands on water and energy supplies.

In a region where water conservation is already critical, approving a massive industrial facility with long-term resource demands is irresponsible. Every gallon of water and every megawatt of power committed to a private AI corporation is a resource taken away from residents, local businesses, agriculture, emergency services, and future sustainable development.

Large data centers are highly automated and typically create relatively few permanent jobs after construction is completed. The majority of profits leave the community, while local residents are left managing the long-term impacts on infrastructure, traffic, utilities, housing, and environmental quality.

Inyokern should not become an industrial sacrifice zone for the benefit of outside technology companies and investors. Once a facility like this is built, the impacts on our community character, natural resources, and quality of life are difficult if not impossible to reverse.

This is not opposition to technology or innovation. It is a call for responsible planning and common sense. Development in Inyokern should be sustainable, realistic, and designed to directly benefit the people who live here rather than placing long-term burdens on a small rural community with limited resources.

I ask you to put residents first, protect our limited natural resources, and reject any large-scale AI data center proposal that threatens the long-term sustainability and livability of Inyokern.

Thank you.