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From: Bonnie Poulos [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 5:17 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project Blue

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a resident who is generally opposed to building a data center such as the one described for Project Blue in one's community. I am also disappointed that the BOS entered into a Non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with any entity that is seeking to purchase public land or get perks for bringing their business to Pima County. Non-disclosure agreements do not belong anywhere near public discussion, public meetings, or requests for public assistance. NDAs are just a polite way of saying "butt out" to the public who will foot the impacts (and very little of the benefits) of corporate expansionism. It is telling that the NDAs in regard to this project were about water and energy use. We, the public, have a right to know what those impacts on our precious resources will be, who will pay for them, and how they will impact our everyday lives.

I disagree with the assessment that "data centers are the physical backbone of the internet" (was that from their promotional literature?). Data centers are becoming the albatross of electronic advancement. They are needed now more than ever for cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence, and the storage of junk data. Not only do data centers disrupt the lives of anyone with the misfortune of living near such a facility, but the noise they produce also negatively impacts wildlife and they take up huge tracts of land even though the centers themselves have a life of only about 15-20 years.

Why does the County feel the need to rezone this huge tract of land in the southeast area of our community and to amend the Comprehensive Plan in order to satisfy the demands of this corporation? And now we are told that the City will annex the land once it is a done deal. As a city resident, I want our City to have nothing to do with this corporation or the waste that they will inevitably leave behind when they pull out. Why is it that our vision for the community focuses on short-term jobs, wasteful water and energy businesses and adding more people to our desert environment? Does your vision include anything that really looks to the future and what we are leaving future generations? How much in tax breaks, tax-deferred payments, and other give-aways is this company asking for? The fact that this deal was kept quiet until days before a vote by the Board of Supervisors makes us feel like we are being deceived about the promises and the real impacts.

With average noise levels over what is currently allowed in the County regulations, with water consumption that will far outpace current agricultural and mining uses, and with the sheer amount of energy that will be consumed, is it worth it for a few bucks in the coffers and (likely false) promises of the

benefits to move forward with project? I urge you to put this proposal on the shelf until you can hear from the public and have hard, legally binding commitments from the company that they will pay for the reclaimed water line (that will be useable by others), that their electric infrastructure will be underground, and that there will be noise barriers that will not emit even a hum that can be heard outside the facility. They should also be required to invest in our community through donations to local charities and businesses. We do not need Project Blue - they need us. Demand that they tell the truth about their claims or send them away to another community that does not care about the negative impacts this project promises to bring.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Poulos
District 3 resident

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From: Chantelle Khambholja [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:59 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Vote NO on Project Blue

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Hello,

I am writing to submit a comment to the board.

My name is Dr. Chantelle Khambholja and I am a resident of Pima County. I am urging all board members to vote no on Project Blue. The facility in question is 290 acres and will use a staggering amount of water and energy. As it stands, we are currently in the middle of a severe long-term drought that has only deepened in the last year. The Colorado River Basin continues to experience drought exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. In fact, the last 6 months were the driest months on record in Tucson history. There has been a shocking lack of transparency about Project Blue as a whole, but what we do know about data centers is that they do use an inordinate amount of water to keep computers cool. From the limited amount of information that has been provided, it has been referenced that this company will utilize reclaimed water. That said, there are so many other ways we can and should use our reclaimed water especially in the middle of a drought, including to recharge our aquifers and to replenish the water in the Santa Cruz, as Tucson Water has been doing over the last several years. I believe that seeing this data complex solely for the potential jobs it may bring in is completely myopic if it means sacrificing long-term sustainability of our desert city for potential short-term gains. The jobs this center may bring mean nothing if we are unable to live in this city because of lack of water. It is responsibility of the board of supervisors to make decisions that will benefit this community for the long term and to think deeply about sustainable solutions to the climate challenges facing this region that continue to threaten our ability to continue to survive here.

Chantelle Khambholja, MSc, DVM
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From: Lee Stanfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2025 10:16 PM
To: Tucson Mayor; Ward 1; Ward 2; Ward 3; Ward 4; Ward 5; Ward 6; COB_mail
Subject: NO NEW DATA CENTERS!!!

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The last thing Tucson needs is one or more large Data Centers! Here are some of the reasons why...

- **Lack of Transparency:**
- Data center developers often work with local governments to secure approvals, and communities are excluded from the decision-making process.

Environmental Concerns:

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High Energy and Water Usage:

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Data centers require vast amounts of electricity to power their servers and cooling systems, and they can also consume significant amounts of water for cooling. This can lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions and strain on local water resources, especially in water-scarce regions.

Strain on Local Infrastructure:

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The increased demand for power and water can put pressure on local infrastructure, potentially leading to higher utility bills for residents or shortages during peak demand.

Environmental Degradation:

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Data center construction can involve clearing land, impacting local ecosystems, and potentially leading to air and noise pollution during operation.

Social and Economic Concerns:

- **Visual Impact and Land Use:**

Data centers are large, industrial-looking facilities that can disrupt the visual landscape of residential areas or rural communities, and their construction can lead to the loss of open space and farmland.

Job Creation:

- While data centers may create some jobs, they often provide **fewer jobs than other types of development, particularly when compared to the resources they consume.**

Property Values:

- Concerns about the visual impact, noise, and environmental impact can lead to concerns about the impact on property values in surrounding areas.

National Security:

- In some cases, data centers have raised national security concerns, particularly when they are located near critical infrastructure like nuclear missile bases.

Increased traffic:

- Data centers increase traffic in the local area, particularly during construction and when large deliveries are made.

Community Resistance:

- **Local Opposition:**

Communities are increasingly organizing and voicing their concerns about data center development, leading to protests, legal challenges, and political pushback.

- Lee

Sustained peace requires recognition that all life is interdependent, and an extended form of democracy where all living beings are recognized as equal in value and are given equal voice in how the system works.

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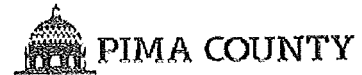
Contact Supervisor Rex Scott

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Select a District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 1 - Rex Scott• District 2 - Dr. Matt Heinz• District 3 - Jennifer Allen• District 4 - Steve Christy• District 5 - Andrés Cano
Select a Department	Conservation Lands & Resources
Please type the topic or subject of your concern	Reject Data Center Complex/Project Blue
Your Message	<p>Good evening! My name is Alyx Valdez and I am emailing you in regards to my concerns involving the construction of the data center plan project (Project Blue). With the existing scarce resources of both electricity and water, this project will likely further complicate and negatively affect this ongoing situation. I kindly ask that you reconsider this proposed project, as current ratepayers are to be the most susceptible to rate increases. If this project is to move forward, please consider providing further specifics on the consumption of Tucson's reclaimed water supply and electricity. The state of Arizona deserves to be protected from any propositions that negatively impacts its people from mere economic benefits to large developers. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
Would you like a response?	Yes

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Select a Department	Conservation Lands & Resources
Please type the topic or subject of your concern	AI Data Center
Your Message	Hello! I am not sure if this is the correct place to write but I just wanted to put in my piece re: the proposed AI data center and say NO WAY to such a huge drain on our water system. Please vote no and put Tucson residents, ecosystem, and wildlife first! It seems just ridiculous to even consider such a wasteful industry being implemented here in our town when water is scarce and the future already looks frightening in terms of water, not just here in the desert, but globally. Please don't let this happen. Thanks for your time.
Would you like a response?	No

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From: Ruby Velez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:00 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Opposition to current approval of Project Blue

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Hello,

My name is Ruby Velez, and I am writing to strongly oppose the current vote on the proposed Project Blue data center. As it stands, the lack of protections threatens to compromise our already threatened water resources to the benefit of external capital. Profits from this project need to be tied to Tucson and our communities, and as of now we risk allowing Blue Owl Capital to extract our vital water while bringing very little back to our city. Although it is a slightly different situation, I would note the parallel of Nestle's water extraction in MN, and the foreign-owned alfalfa farms siphoning off Arizona's aquifer elsewhere in the state. The Board should NOT vote to approve this matter before implementing CLEAR standards for water usage allowed by Project Blue, with limits determined by environmental groups and external oversight.

Your constituent,
Ruby Velez

3852 N Tucson Blvd



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From: Brian Pugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:44 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Support for Case No. P25SP00002, Southeast Employment & Logistics Center Specific Plan

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Board of Supervisors
Attn: Clerk of the Board
33 N Stone Avenue
11th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701-1404

Re: Support for Case No. P25SP00002, Southeast Employment & Logistics Center Specific Plan

Dear Chair Scott and Board Members:

This letter is to express my support for the rezoning for Project Blue.

Data Centers are being woven into future technological development of the international economies. For Pima County to move forward supporting Tucson as the 33rd largest city and the 53rd largest metropolitan area in the United States, innovative solutions need to be implemented.

Approval of this rezoning will be an example of County leadership encouraging responsible development to improve the economic infrastructure of Pima County.
I encourage you to approve this rezoning.

Thank you.

Brian Pugh, AICP

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