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**Fw: Item 3.4 Data Centers and PG&E Partnership Status Report – Public Comment**

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Summary:

San Jose - and this area in particular - is home to the now endangered burrowing owl.

This project must be stopped or at least properly reviewed.

We must preserve the habitat for our wildlife - their health impacts all of us humans too.

It is an endangered owl so I reckon there is all kind of law suits, too. To your voters and residents a favor and resist corporations out for profit.

2026 City Council Meeting

Agenda Item 3.4 Data Centers and PG&E Partnership Status Report

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Annette Herz, 94040

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Dear City Council,

I am a lifelong resident of Santa Clara County and a current resident of San Jose for many years. I am disappointed to see how we are potentially sacrificing so much of our culture, our resources, and what we can be as a city for major companies who are not contributing to any of the infrastructure to support what they want. They lie and they will do anything to get what they want for their bottom line at consequences to anyone around them. They lie about using recycled water and how it can be reused after cycling the plants.

How will we support the future residence of major condo and apartment buildings that are planned in West San Jose and surrounding cities, potentially in Campbell and others, for water? Have you planned for a worst case scenario when none of this water can be reused, and none of it is actually recycled that goes into it for the first in the first place? What happens then?

What are the taxation rates that are planned on these? What are they contributing? Are they building the schools that will be needed for the housing aforementioned? Or getting a waive since they "create jobs?" Are they paying federal taxes, state taxes, local taxes? What is the plan to keep them liable? If they do cause damage. Once these are built. They won't go away. But city count some members can, and will be voted out who destroy the city or put it at risk.

I ask better of you all. Make your plans public and loud. Take a city-wide vote if you believe it's truly wanted. Or just say no.

Do better for San Jose.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Gross

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Our communities deserve to know the specific details of all data center sites currently in the City's development pipeline. San Jose should conduct direct and extensive multilingual community outreach in the neighborhoods nearby where the data centers are being planned. This outreach should include a robust discussion of the environmental, public health, and financial risks that data centers pose to our community and nature. City Council meetings and study sessions are important, but are not accessible to working people because they occur during working hours and do not allow for remote public comments. The City therefore has an obligation to proactively go out into our communities and to seek our feedback and consent before creating data center site plans, and the City Council must insist on a thorough CEQA process so any potential harms can be mitigated.

In order to conduct this important community outreach in an equitable and inclusive manner, and to ensure that community feedback has the chance to be incorporated into City data center planning, the City must put a pause on processing all data center proposals until this outreach is completed.

I'm also concerned because these data centers are starting to pop up in surrounding communities without input from the communities they affect. With the way global warming is not being addressed and the potential for the negative affects to our communities due to fire and/or drought we should have more input than we have previously. There is also the concern of losing farm land when food security is becoming an issue.

Thank you,  
Gina Johnson

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San Jose residents and voters are NOT SATISFIED with the City's lack of public outreach and analysis regarding the massive proposed data center build out. This reeks of the City putting profit over the health and well being of its residents and we will not allow you to put our physical health and the health of our environment on the line for your profit seeking project.

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Stephanie Young, 95120


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To the City Clerk,

Please see the attached letter to the City Council regarding today's Agenda Item 3.4 (Data Centers and PG&E Partnership Status Report).

**Roger Lin**  
*Senior Attorney*  
ENERGY JUSTICE PROGRAM

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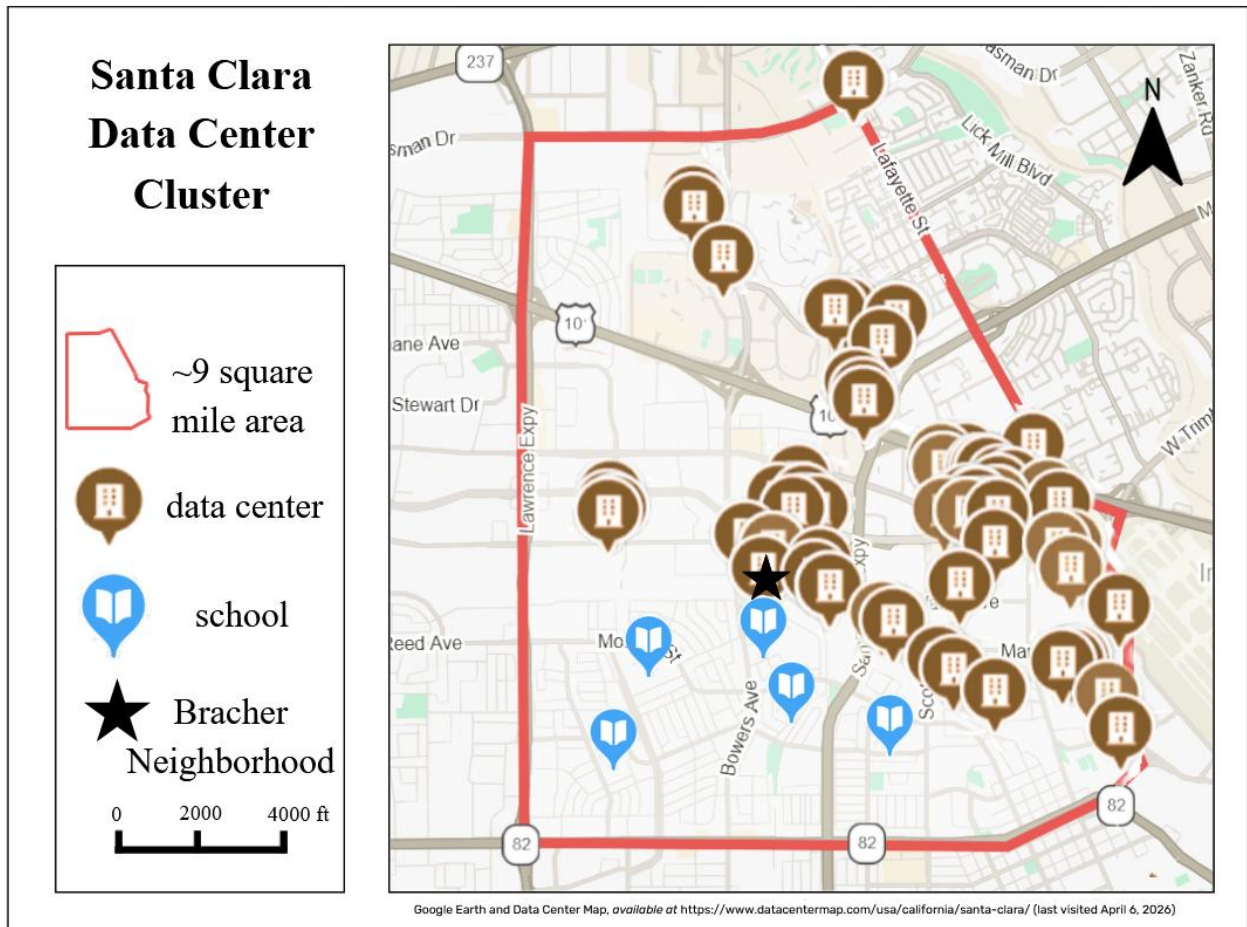
To the San Jose City Council,

The Center for Biological Diversity (“Center”) submits this letter concurring with other residents and organizations requesting the City Council develop:

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The Center shares concerns regarding the massive amounts of, sometimes potable, water consumption at data centers. In regards to local air quality alone, data centers are often clustered in areas that already face significant environmental injustices. For example, as illustrated in the

map below, in the nearby city of Santa Clara, 73 data centers operate across a nine-square-mile area.<sup>1</sup>



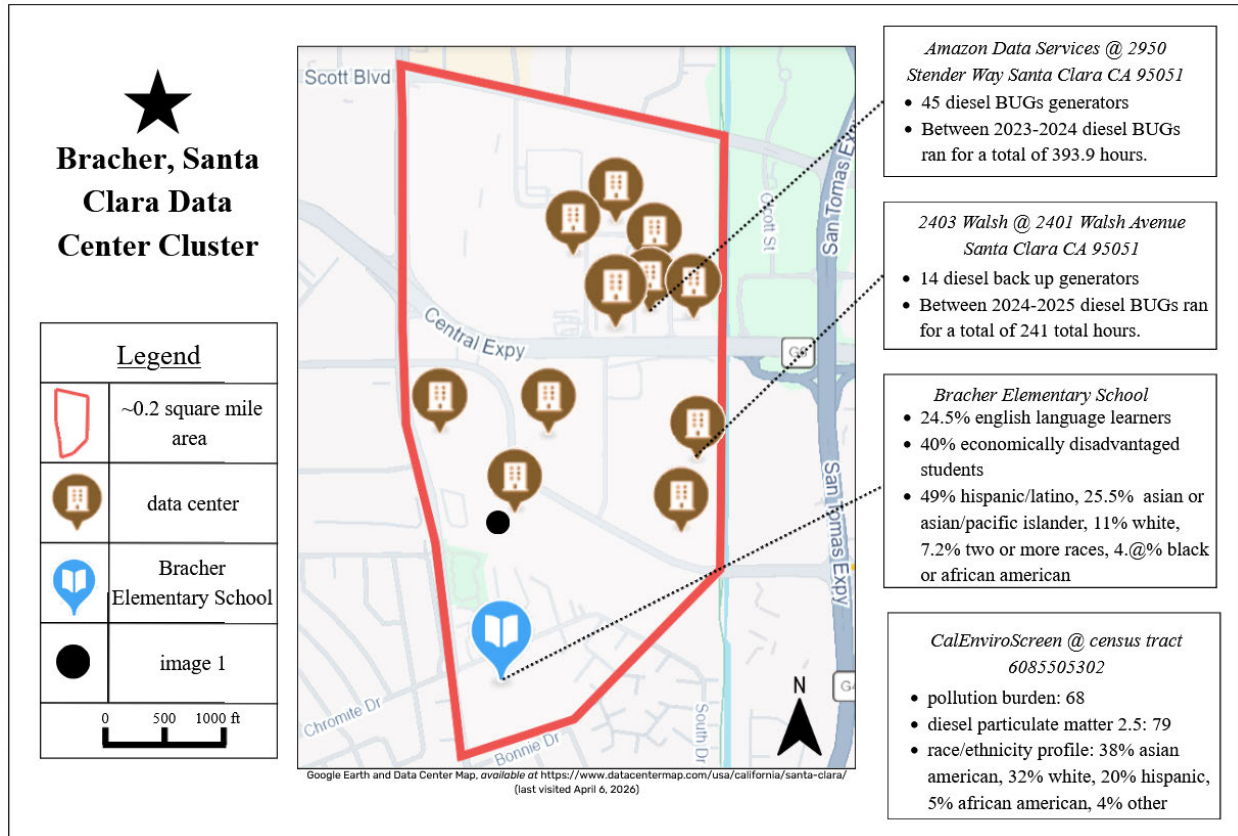
Taking a more granular look, as illustrated in the map below, the Bracher Neighborhood in Santa Clara includes 11 data centers across a 0.2 square mile area.<sup>2</sup> In this cluster, Amazon Data Services deploys 45 diesel backup generators that operated for approximately 394 hours during 2023-2024.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, 2403 Walsh Ave deploys 14 diesel backup generators that operated for approximately 241 hours during 2024-2025.<sup>4</sup> Data is unavailable for the other nine data centers in the cluster.

<sup>1</sup> *Santa Clara Data Centers*, Data Center Map, available at <https://www.datacentermap.com/usa/california/santa-clara/>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Analysis derived from Bay Area Air Quality Management District response to public records request.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*



These 11 data centers are located only 700 feet away from a residential neighborhood that faces significant pollution and public health harms. The Bracher neighborhood ranks in CalEnviroScreen’s 68<sup>th</sup> percentile for pollution burden, 79<sup>th</sup> percentile for diesel particulate matter 2.5, and the community’s racial/ethnic profile includes 38% Asian American, 32% white, 20% Hispanic, and 5% African American.<sup>5</sup>

They are also only 1000 feet away from Bracher Elementary School. That school’s student body includes 40% economically disadvantaged students and 25% English language learners, while the schools’ racial/ethnic breakdown includes 49% Hispanic/Latino, 25.5% Asian or Asian/pacific islander, 11% white, and 4% black or African American.<sup>6</sup>

The City of San Jose must guard against such unjust siting practices. In addition, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District itself has expressed concerns with this clustering, and the need for an adequate cumulative impacts analysis of operating multiple generators at multiple (clustered) sites.

<sup>5</sup> OEHHA, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, Data from Census Tract 6085505302, (May 1, 2023) available at [https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/11d2f52282a54ceebeac7428e6184203/page/CalEnviroScreen-4\\_0](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/11d2f52282a54ceebeac7428e6184203/page/CalEnviroScreen-4_0)

<sup>6</sup> U.S. News & World Report, Bracher Elementary, available at <https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/california/bracher-elementary-240118#scores>

In one comment to the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) regarding a proposed data center, BAAQMD itself urged the CEC: in an area that has “long been disproportionately impacted by air pollution and is identified as a priority community by the State of California as a Senate Bill 535 disadvantaged community, the Air District is concerned about the potential for any increase in emissions that could result from the Project . . . [and thus] the Air District encourages the CEC to go beyond current regulatory requirements and require the project applicant to adopt the use of cleaner, non-diesel technologies.”<sup>7</sup>

In another similar comment letter to the CEC regarding a data center, BAAQMD recommended onsite mitigation measures, including “[i]mplement green infrastructure and fossil fuel alternatives in the development and operation of the Project, such as solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, electric heat pump water heaters, and solar PV back-up generators with battery storage capacity, and commit to pursue carbon-free electricity service if on-site renewables do not meet the full electricity demand.”<sup>8</sup>

In a third example, BAAQMD urged the CEC to “incorporate additional alternative technologies such as solar, battery storage and/or fuel cells.”<sup>9</sup>

BAAQMD has further opposed certain data center industry practices of offsetting emissions: “[t]he Air District does not support the use of Emission Reduction Credits to offset NOx emissions to mitigate CEQA related impacts. Such banked emissions credits may have resulted from past and/or non-local sources, and *do not reduce current local impacts.*”<sup>10</sup>

BAAQMD currently does not conduct an adequate cumulative impacts assessment of all of these local impacts from data centers. It is imperative for the City to exercise its police power to protect the public health and welfare of its residents and the environment.

Sincerely,

/s/

Roger Lin  
Meya Saenz Zagar  
Energy Justice Program  
Center for Biological Diversity

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<sup>7</sup> BAAQMD Letter to California Energy Commission Re: CA3 Data Center – Notice of Preparation (September 21, 2021).

<sup>8</sup> BAAQMD Letter to California Energy Commission Re: STACK Trade Zone Park Draft Environmental Impact Report (March 13, 2023).

<sup>9</sup> BAAQMD Letter to California Energy Commission Re: CA3 Backup Generating Facility – Vantage Draft Environmental Impact Report (March 8, 2022).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

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City Council:

There is already a Data Center or cooling center in my area that I knew nothing about. Do not approve more anywhere. We do not want this for any of our communities. We will not support re-election for council members supporting Data Centers.

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South Side SJ long time resident  
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I was born and raised in South San Jose, just below the 85 and 101 overpasses, by Oakridge Westfield mall. I've seen our city through many phases of economic development and growth. Tech companies come and go, and our economic landscape shifts constantly. As a long time member of this community, I would hope that the city council would do their due diligence to research the environmental and social impacts of building data centers, and also hear from the community on what they believe is best for the city that they live in. San Jose has long been split between the transplant workers of Silicon Valley who will leave the city the second they are laid off to move to Texas, and those of us who have community, family roots, and our hearts invested in this city. It is hard for me to believe that data centers that bring more transplants that aren't invested in the long term stability of our city are good for the overall community. I think that it is easier to listen to the tech sector and those in Silicon Valley, and that their opinions on pushing innovation are taken more seriously than the concerns of citizens not in the tech industry. And isn't that what San Jose stakes so much of its cultural heritage on? The Chicano movement, artists and musicians, food these are the things that make our city a beautiful place to live. Adding yet another tech job hub will not make our city better and will

leave us picking up the pieces of an economic crash when AI inevitably takes over the jobs that are now being offered to transplant workers. I believe that it is not a long-term investment, but an easy bid for economic growth that will not be worth the cultural and moral sacrifices that will be taken. Furthermore, these data centers would continue a long history of disregard this city has for the wellbeing of the environment and their citizens. We have no idea what the environmental impact will be, nor will we be able to see the consequences until many years have passed.

Aja Macias, 95136

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Mayor and City Council,

Under Measure I and the Equity Values and Standards Council Policy, the City is obligated to center accountability and meaningful community engagement in major infrastructure decisions. The proposed 2,000 MW data center buildout currently lacks this required oversight.

The City Manager's memorandum suggests that an agenda posting and annual reports suffice as outreach. I disagree; for a buildout of this scale and consequence, the City must exercise proper due diligence.

I urge the Council to hold a dedicated public study session to address the following critical concerns:

**Cumulative Impact Analysis:** An independent study of total public health, air pollution, and noise impacts across all projects, rather than fragmented reviews.

Resource Security: Full disclosure of electricity demand, ratepayer cost risks, and legal assurances regarding water quality and usage.

Public Safeguards: Clear enforcement mechanisms for health mandates and ongoing monitoring for air quality and heat in affected neighborhoods

Economic Accountability: Enforceable community benefit frameworks and concrete local hire guarantees.

Marketing San José to over 50 developers while treating residents as an afterthought violates the spirit of our City Charter. I request that these plans be subjected to independent analysis and public questioning on the record before the City moves further down this path.

Respectfully,  
Chris Lubawy

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