Memorandum

CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 2, 2026

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **5-Signature Memo for a Development Code amendment for data centers**

On August 11, 2026, Honorable Council Members Chad West, Paul E. Ridley, Zarin D. Gracey, Gay Donnell Willis, and Laura Cadena signed the attached request for placement of an agenda item for City Council consideration to amend Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code with consideration being given to: (1) amending provisions relating to communications exchange facilities; or (2) creating a new "data center" land use with appropriate regulations.

On September 21, 2026, the Honorable Mayor referred the 5-signature Memorandum to the Council Committee on Economic Development.

This memo is to inform you that the item will be scheduled for the Council Committee on Economic Development on the November agenda.

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Robin Bentley
Assistant City Manager

c: Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, City Manager
Bertram Vandenberg, City Attorney (I)
Rory Galter, City Auditor (I)
Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Baron Eliason, Inspector General (I)
Dominique Artis, Chief of Public Safety
Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
Alina Ciocan, Assistant City Manager
Robin Bentley, Assistant City Manager
Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
Ahmad Goree, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
John Johnson, Chief of Real Estate
Directors and Assistant Directors

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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 21, 2026

TO Jesse Moreno, Chair, Committee on Economic Development

SUBJECT **Five-Signature Memorandum Referral**

Dear Chairman Moreno:

On August 11, 2026, I received the attached memorandum titled “Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(s).” Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, I hereby refer this request to the Committee on Economic Development.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Johnson
Mayor

c: Paul Ridley, District 14
Lorie Blair, District 8
Laura Cadena, District 6
Zarin Gracey, District 3
Bill Roth, District 11
Chad West, District 1

Kim Tolbert, City Manager
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DATE August 11, 2026

TO The Honorable Eric Johnson

FROM Councilmember Chad West

SUBJECT **Request for Placement of Agenda Item – Council Member(s)**

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, please refer the following item to a city council committee and schedule this item for a regular city council voting agenda within 30 calendar days after receipt of this request:

A public hearing to authorize a public hearing to amend Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code with consideration being given to: (1) amending provisions relating to communications exchange facilities; or (2) creating a new "data center" land use with appropriate regulations.

This is a request to authorize the hearing and not the amendment to the development code at this time.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Texas is currently estimated to host roughly 300 or 400 data centers state-wide, with many more expected to come to North Texas, reflecting explosive growth driven largely by artificial intelligence and cloud computing demand. There exist growing land use concerns over expanding this use throughout Dallas with very little tailored oversight. Currently, the closest land use in the development code that planning and development staff have to categorize these data centers is the local utility sub-use of communications exchange facility. Communications exchange facilities are allowed by right in many non-residential and mixed-use zoning districts and the regulations for this use fall short of a more modern local regulatory landscape. We are asking staff to research best city planning and development practices in this growth area and recommend how to align our development code accordingly.

Submitted for consideration by:

Chad West, District 1 _____
Printed Name, District #

_____
Signature

Supporting Council Member Signatures (4 Signatures Only):

PAUL E. RIDLEY D14 _____
Printed Name, District #

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Signature

Lavin D. Gracey D3
Printed Name, District #

Signature

Gay Donnell Willis D13
Printed Name, District #

Signature

Laura Cadena D6
Printed Name, District #

Signature

c: Honorable Council Members
Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, City Manager
Bertram A. Vandenberg, Interim City Attorney
Mamatha Sparks, Interim City Auditor
Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary