

**OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 1571-09/26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
URGING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW DATA
CENTER APPROVALS UNTIL COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS, SCHOOL-DISTRICT
CONSULTATION, CUMULATIVE-IMPACT REVIEW, AND COMMUNITY-BENEFIT
REQUIREMENTS ARE ESTABLISHED**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Oak Grove School District is "to ensure every child's potential is achieved," and the Board of Trustees has a responsibility to advocate for conditions that protect student health, family stability, educational opportunity, and the fiscal sustainability of the District; and

WHEREAS, data centers and other large energy-use facilities can require extraordinary and continuous electricity service, substantial utility infrastructure, backup generation, cooling systems, water resources, and large areas of employment land, with potential cumulative effects on air quality, noise, water supply, electric-grid reliability, utility rates, neighborhood quality of life, and long-term economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, the City of San Jose Rules and Open Government Committee directed the City Manager to establish uniform standards and best practices for data centers addressing energy consumption and sourcing; potable and recycled water use; air quality and backup power generators; greenhouse gas emissions; noise; water quality; and community notification and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City has acknowledged community concerns regarding energy demand, water consumption, air quality, diesel backup generators, noise, industrialization of employment lands, and the cumulative effects of clustering data centers in particular neighborhoods, while also recognizing that data centers may produce tax revenue and support digital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, City planning and environmental-review records identify two major previously approved data-center projects in the Great Oaks area: a project for two buildings totaling approximately 386,000 square feet and a separate project at 123, 127, and 131 Great Oaks Boulevard for three buildings totaling approximately 547,050 square feet, with backup-generating capacity of up to 99 megawatts; and City records also identify an approximately 282,000-square-foot data center at 6320 and 6340 San Ignacio Avenue as under construction; and

WHEREAS, the City's current inventory also identifies three data-center applications under environmental review in South San Jose: an approximately 516,000-square-foot, 99-megawatt project at 5977 Silver Creek Valley Road; an approximately 152,676-square-foot, 18-megawatt project at 865 Embedded Way; and an approximately 444,436-square-foot project with an on-site substation at 5601 Great Oaks Parkway on the former Hitachi/Western Digital campus; and

WHEREAS, the same City inventory separately identifies a pending large energy-use project at 5087 Disk Drive consisting of up to three research and development facilities with on-site electrical equipment having a capacity of approximately 250 megawatts; and

WHEREAS, these existing, approved, and proposed facilities are concentrated within or near the Oak Grove School District and the surrounding South San Jose neighborhoods, warranting a transparent cumulative-impact analysis rather than isolated project-by-project review alone; and

WHEREAS, the City has reported that requests for new data-center demand in the San Jose area approach 2,000 megawatts and that new transmission capacity is planned, making it essential to determine who will pay for generation, transmission, distribution, substation, water, sewer, emergency-response, and other infrastructure and to prevent unreasonable costs or risks from being shifted to residents, schools, and other public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the District purchases electricity, water, and other utility services for its schools and operations, and increases in rates, capacity charges, reliability risks, or infrastructure costs may reduce funds available for classrooms, student services, staffing, facilities, and other educational priorities; and

WHEREAS, major industrial land-use decisions may also affect the availability of land for job-rich employers, neighborhood-serving businesses, housing, public facilities, and other uses, and data centers may provide fewer permanent on-site jobs per acre than alternative employment uses; and

WHEREAS, school districts are essential public agencies and major utility customers whose students, families, employees, facilities, transportation systems, and budgets may be affected by nearby data-center development, yet school-district consultation is not presently identified as a required element of the City's developing uniform standards; and

WHEREAS, proceeding with new discretionary approvals before uniform standards are adopted may allow projects to advance without consistent rules for cumulative impacts, utility-cost protection, school-district consultation, public transparency, equitable geographic distribution, or enforceable community benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Oak Grove School District respectfully urges the City Council of the City of San Jose to adopt, to the fullest extent permitted by law, an immediate temporary moratorium on new discretionary approvals for data centers and comparably large energy-use projects until comprehensive uniform standards and implementation procedures have been adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the City, to the fullest extent legally permissible, to defer hearings and final discretionary decisions on pending applications during the moratorium and to ensure that any projects proceeding under existing legal rights satisfy the new standards through enforceable permit conditions, development agreements, or other lawful mechanisms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests that the City's standards require a cumulative geographic analysis of existing, approved, pending, and reasonably foreseeable data centers and large energy-use projects, with specific attention to overconcentration in the Oak Grove School District, Edenvale, Santa Teresa, Great Oaks, Silver Creek, and surrounding South San Jose neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cumulative analysis should address total and peak electricity demand; energy sourcing; grid reliability and resilience; transmission, distribution, and substation needs; ratepayer and public-agency cost shifts; potable and recycled water demand; drought resilience; wastewater and stormwater impacts; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; generator testing and emergency operation; noise; fire and emergency response; construction impacts; public health; and proximity to schools, homes, parks, and other sensitive uses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the standards should require transparent, independently reviewable disclosure of each project's projected electricity demand, water demand by source, cooling technology, backup-generation capacity and fuel, operational emissions, infrastructure requirements, permanent employment, anticipated public revenues, proposed tax treatment, and reasonably foreseeable public costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City should require an independent fiscal and economic-opportunity analysis comparing each proposed project with feasible alternative uses of the site, including differences in permanent jobs, wages, local hiring, small-business opportunities, tax revenues accruing to affected public agencies, public-service costs, and the long-term value of scarce employment land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no data-center or comparable large energy-use project should cause residents, school districts, or other public agencies to bear increased utility rates, stranded infrastructure costs, reliability risks, or unfunded service demands, and applicants should be required to fund the infrastructure, monitoring, mitigation, and emergency-response capacity reasonably attributable to their projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the standards should require enforceable, project-specific community benefits proportionate to cumulative impacts, developed with affected communities and public agencies, which may include investments in schools and youth programs; workforce development, apprenticeships, and local hiring; neighborhood-serving economic development; energy-efficiency and electrification improvements for schools and homes; air-quality and noise monitoring; parks and urban greening; pedestrian and transportation safety; emergency preparedness; and other locally identified priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the standards should establish direct and early consultation with the Oak Grove School District and any other affected school district before an application is deemed complete, during environmental review, and before any public hearing or approval, including timely notice, access to technical studies and underlying data, meaningful opportunities to recommend mitigation and community benefits, and written responses to school-district concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City should include representatives of affected school districts, residents, environmental-justice communities, labor, utility ratepayers, public-health experts, water and energy agencies, and neighborhood-serving businesses in the development and periodic review of the standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests a public map and regularly updated inventory of all operating, approved, pending, and proposed data centers and large energy-use projects, showing project status, square footage, power demand, water source and demand, backup generation, proximity to sensitive uses, and applicable community benefits and mitigation measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board supports responsible technology and economic development that delivers clear public value while protecting students, families, neighborhoods, ratepayers, the environment, and the District's educational resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee shall transmit this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of San Jose, the San Jose City Manager and Planning Division, Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Valley Water, San Jose Clean Energy, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, local state representatives, neighboring school districts, and relevant community organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Oak Grove School District this 10th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0


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