



FROM THE DESK OF *Judith Sheets*
Mayor of Frankfort

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RE: Public Statement about Proposed Data Center from Mayor Judy Sheets

As Mayor of the City of Frankfort, my responsibility is, and will always be, to place the long-term health, stability, and character of our community first.

There has been renewed interest by Data One in locating a data center within the city limits of Frankfort, specifically within the industrial park on land that is already appropriately zoned. While no commitments or agreements have been made, I understand that a proposal may eventually come before the City Plan Commission and City Council.

Given the history of this project and the concerns expressed throughout our community, I want to be very clear about my expectations moving forward.

First and foremost, any future conversations regarding this project must be conducted directly between the City of Frankfort and Data One, the end user representative of the facility. Transparent, consistent communication is essential to rebuilding trust and ensuring that elected officials, and the public, receive accurate, timely information.

Second, should Data One wish to move forward, community engagement will not be optional. I will be asking for publicly noticed town hall meetings, held at key points in the review process, to ensure residents have meaningful opportunities to ask questions, express concerns, and understand the full scope of the project before decisions are made.

Third, I will require that both an economic impact study and an environmental impact study be completed, published, and made publicly available. These studies must clearly outline anticipated job creation, workforce development opportunities, infrastructure demands, environmental considerations, and long-term operational impacts. Our community deserves facts and not assumptions when evaluating a project of this magnitude.

Finally, I believe that responsible development goes beyond property tax revenue alone. Any project moving forward must demonstrate a long-term commitment to investing in Frankfort. This includes contributions that strengthen community amenities, support quality-of-life initiatives, and reflect a genuine partnership with the people who live and work here.



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I recognize that perspectives on this project may differ, including among members of City Council. While I do not hold a regular vote, I take seriously my role as Mayor, including my responsibility to act as a deciding voice when necessary. I will evaluate this proposal based on one standard only: what is truly in the best interest of the Frankfort community, both today and for generations to come.

I remain open to thoughtful, respectful dialogue, and I am committed to ensuring that any decision we make is guided by transparency, accountability, and care for the community we serve.

Respectfully,

Judith Sheets, Mayor
City of Frankfort