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Mayor and City Council of Bessemer, Alabama

City of Bessemer Announces Updated Development Plans for Proposed Data Center Project

BESSEMER, AL — In response to feedback from residents, community stakeholders, and partner agencies regarding the proposed Project Marvel Data Center, including concerns related to its proximity to residential areas and its relationship to the planned Northern Beltline, the Mayor and City Council of Bessemer announce a significant update to the project's planning and development framework.

Following careful review of public input, the City has identified additional land adjacent to the currently zoned parcel that will allow for enhanced site design and improved compatibility with surrounding areas. An affiliate of the data center developer has agreed to acquire this additional property, enabling the creation of substantially increased buffer areas between the proposed data center campus and nearby residential neighborhoods.

This revised approach directly addresses community concerns regarding land use compatibility while also allowing for improved coordination between the planned Northern Beltline corridor and the data center campus design. The City of Bessemer remains committed to balancing responsible development with thoughtful planning that supports long-term economic growth and quality of life for residents of Bessemer, Jefferson County, and the State of Alabama.

Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley stated, "We are grateful for the thoughtful input provided by our residents, neighbors, and stakeholders. This collaborative process reflects our commitment to responsible development that prioritizes community well-being while positioning Bessemer for future economic opportunity."

The City is currently working with the developer to finalize updates to the proposed campus design. These revised plans will be presented for review during upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meetings in the coming months. Those meetings will be open to the public and will include opportunities for public comment.

In addition, the Bessemer City Council will host a public meeting to share further information about the project and to receive additional feedback from residents. The City encourages all interested members of the public to attend and participate.

Additional details regarding meeting dates and times will be announced as they become available.