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[00:00:03] All right, staff, please close the chamber doors. It is now 2.02 on Tuesday, July 7th. I know we have a lot of people here for one particular item that has requested a deferral.

[00:00:23] There are a couple updates to the agenda. Item 11B has requested a deferral to September 1st, 2026. and then item 11d has a requested a deferral to a date uncertain so i want to make those announcements before we go ahead and get started i am going to ask that people please maintain

[00:00:46] decorum we are now going to begin our meeting with a moment of silence all rise if you are able

[00:01:08] for the pledge of allegiance all right thank you everyone i will i know we have tv cameras and i will allow being a former member of the fourth estate i know that you need to stand but everyone else if you're going to be in board chambers you are going to need to have a seat

[00:01:45] that is not a chair jefferson thing that is a fire marshal thing and there's a cute little plaque over there that says so um so we're going to move on to item number three procedural matters um i don't think that is necessary today so we are going to skip it everyone is here so we are going to move on to agenda item number four and that is approval of the minutes may i get a motion so moved second it's been properly moved and seconded are there is there any discussion

[00:02:11] all right let's go ahead and take our votes um yes yes vote unanimous supervisor vega abstaining from vote all right thank you so very much so we are going to move on to agenda item number five

[00:02:46] and that is commendations and proclamations um can i get a motion for 5a second it's been properly moved and seconded any discussion seeing none let's go ahead and take our votes supervisor angry yes supervisor stewart yes thank you sir vote unanimous all right thank you so um to maudrey thomas and anyone else associated with criminal justice services if you would please

[00:03:16] meet me at the podium all right and 5a is a resolution to proclaim july 19th to july 25th 2026 it's pre-trial probation and parole supervision supervision week pre-trial probation and parole supervision are essential parts of the Prince William County justice system.

[00:03:56] The system's officers contribute greatly to it by supporting rehabilitative justice and helping court-involved individuals become productive residents. They maintain contact with court-involved individuals, supervise their behavior and make appropriate referrals to treatment, ensure their strict adherence to mandated conditions, including in parents in court and ensure that the courts are promptly notified of any non-compliance of probation or pre-trial conditions. Therefore today the Prince William Board of County Supervisors

[00:04:29] hereby proclaims the week of July 19 to July 25, 2026 to be pre-trial probation and parole supervision week and encourage all residents to honor these pre-trial probation and parole services officers and recognize their achievements as they truly are unseen heroes and they help underpin our criminal justice system. Would you like to offer some remarks? Good afternoon Chair Jefferson, members of the board, and County Executive Shorter. It is my privilege to be joined today by an outstanding group of leaders who represent this important work and they are

[00:05:09] with me today. Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Unit Director Ms. Kimberly Keller, District 35, Manassas Adult Probation and Parole Chief Jillian Mackling, and Office of Youth Services Pretrial Services Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Jenkins.

[00:05:26] On behalf of our local community corrections agencies, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support in proclaiming July 19th through 25th as Pretrial Probation and Parole Supervision Week. Your recognition of this week demonstrates your commitment to the professionals who work every day to strengthen public safety, support rehabilitation, and improve outcomes for individuals, families, and our community.

[00:05:54] In FY26, our pretrial probation and parole agencies monitored and supervised more than 3,500 youth and adults while providing evidence-based services and interventions and peer support. Together, we recognize the dedicated pretrial probation and parole professionals whose compassion, integrity, and commitment make a meaningful difference every day.

[00:06:18] Their work extends far beyond supervision. They provide guidance, accountability, resources, and hope, helping individuals make positive changes while enhancing the safety and well-being of our communities. Thank you again for recognizing Pretrial Probation and Parole Supervision Week and for your continued partnership and support.

[00:06:39] We are deeply grateful for this proclamation and for the opportunity to celebrate and the exceptional professionals who serve our community with dedication and distinction. Thank you.

[00:07:17] All right. Thank you so very much.

[00:07:58] We're now going to move on to agenda item number six, and that's the consent agenda. Does anyone on the dais have anything they would like to pull off for questioning or further discussion? i don't see anyone so i would like to go ahead and get a motion to move 6a through 6i forward so moved second it's been properly moved and seconded is there any discussion i see supervisor

[00:08:33] boating thank you madam chair um just very quickly uh wanted to just highlight and thank seth handler boss and his team the parks department for their continued work on the ocaquan greenway and that item 6c continues to move that project along and obviously looking forward to us hopefully cutting the ribbon on that greenway in the near future so i wanted to say that and also wanted to highlight 6a um it's going to go by sort of probably under the radar but for folks that remember there was at one point a data center proposal called the john marshall tech park um the board turned and decided they didn't want to go in that direction uh there's going to be another project there but wanted to just highlight for folks that in the past were

[00:09:12] concerned about that project that 6a continues on a path away from john marshall tech park that's towards something else thank you madam chair thank you so much supervisor bailey thank you madam chair um i just wanted to highlight uh items um oh wait a minute hold on sorry excuse me no i'm in the wrong section i apologize i'm good all right you're good then let's go ahead and take

[00:09:44] our votes vote unanimous all right i have so many papers on my desk please apologize we're going on to agenda item number seven and that is public hearings we have a lot of people here and before I go ahead I just want to give instructions we will have public comment time and we've actually moved it back we traditionally have it earlier in board meetings public hearings are different the public hearings are

[00:10:19] related to the items under number seven and that does include consolidated land use hearings. So I'm going to go ahead and open the public hearings for these items. If you're here for public comment time, we're going to get to you guys very soon. Do we have anyone signed up for public hearings? All right. Okay. All right. This is for 7A and 7D. I have one person signed

[00:10:58] up to speak on 7A and 7D, and that is Melody Miller. And just for everyone's note, when you come to the microphone to speak i would really appreciate if you start by stating your name in the magisterial district where you reside don't have to give me your address unless you want me to show up for lunch or dinner and i will probably critique the cooking because i'm picky like that melody you may come forward you have to also make sure it's on but make sure when you speak that

[00:11:30] it's closer to your mouth there it goes how about now yes sweet okay cool so for uh item 7a i don't know if you want me to roll just into 7d but um you will have a total of six minutes because you're speaking on two separate issues got it okay so for 7a um i do understand the perspective that

[00:12:08] the ordinance that we're trying to repeal is very rarely used but i have some concerns i wanted to bring to the board um so according to the staff report that was associated with this if this local license kind of uh thing is eliminated homeowners facing issues with smaller projects under a thousand dollars will be forced to file a warrant in debt through the general district court small claims and for larger projects they'll have to navigate state-level Virginia contract transaction recovery fund and that actually requires a formal court judgment before you can enter that system so that raises two critical questions that

I wanted to bring to the board before you vote on repealing this and the first is what specific remedies or resources are is the

[00:12:47] county going to offer to homeowners to navigate these alternate systems that now we're taking the county resource away, right? So forcing kind of an everyday citizen to handle the legal complexities of these two systems that they're not familiar with is pretty daunting for people that work full-time mostly in Fairfax or Arlington or not in Prince William, right? Will the Department of Development Services or our Consumers Affairs staff or somebody local in the county provide dedicated advocacy? Will they provide guidance? Will they provide educational materials to ensure that our county residents aren't left entirely on their own if a contractor walks away from a job?

[00:13:21] \$1,000 is not major, but it's something that most of us can't afford to just write off. The second thing that I wanted to ask is, how is our local court system going to handle the additional expense and the operational burden of shifting all of this consumer dispute onto the general district court? Their dockets are already bulging. They already have things that get deferred for months. And this inevitably is going to mean more cases on the docket.

[00:13:46] And that's going to lead to injustices for our citizens. So I wondered if you guys had assessed the impact this is going to have on court wait times, and if you had a plan to support our legal infrastructure as it absorbs all of these local consumer complaints. So I do applaud the intent of cutting red tape. I just want to ensure that the citizens are not left vulnerable in the process because we are removing a level of protection for the county citizens and the consumers.

[00:14:11] So I just wanted you to clarify that and think about the court impacts before you're moving forward with this one uh that is my grand sum total of 7a so i will be moving on to 7d or do you want me to wait roll on roll on got it okay cool so the rezoning of 7d is the woodbridge magisterial district um the problem that i have with this guy uh let me get to this um you know from previous uh talks that i have a giant problem with some of the environmental impacts of this

[00:14:46] um the limits of disturbance on this particular uh rezoning um it covers nearly 100 of the parcel they want to clear cut all of it which is not necessarily needed but approving this rezoning uh will totally wipe out the entire local tree canopy they have extended extensive waivers that they've requested to take all of the buffers down to the minimums um so whatever trees are left are going to be struggling at a minimum.

[00:15:17] So the buffer for Route 1, for example, in this proposal, and somebody can correct my math if I'm incorrect in this, is down to 30 feet. I don't know if you guys have been on Route 1 lately, but 30 feet probably doesn't cut anything for Route 1. It's a pretty busy or Jefferson Davis Highway or whatever it's called now after the renaming.

[00:15:36] So they've asked for complete waivers of the 15-foot landscape around community facilities, and they have taken the open space associated with this down almost 15 percent so in addition to all of the other development proposals that we're approving in this county we keep taking these it's a death by a thousand cuts right we keep taking them down by 10 percent down by 20 feet down by 30 feet down by 50 feet and we're just losing sight of the grand plan overall of the comprehensive plan of a total tree canopy we're just removing it by inches okay so i don't know that there's any benefit other than financial to taking the buffer down from 50 feet to 30 feet

[00:16:12] but this rezoning would make that just kind of a done deal um the other thing as uh the board knows and i'll say to the public i am a member of the fire and rescue services in prince william county station two this is station two's area they are not going to be able to handle this without significantly more funding they're already kind of at capacity for their call volume OWL for those of us who don't know where station two is they have a capacity right now and I'd have to talk to DFR and confirm I believe their capacity is 4,000 incidents per year and last year they had 5,300 so they're all like our schools they're already kind of operating at

[00:16:50] and above capacity and so you're going to approve a rezoning for this and kind of put a lot more strain on that so you're already operating in an unsustainable district so long story short the mitigations that the developer is offering to do this rezoning do not meet the consequence that the taxpayer is going to have to live with from a environmental quality uh environmental water quality mitigation standpoint from a fire and rescue mitigation standpoint i didn't even touch on the schools but it's there there's burden on the school as well so the environmental waivers are too high the public risks uh for public safety are too steep and i don't believe that there is

[00:17:30] county benefit that is uh relevant to approve this rezoning so thank you very much for your time i appreciate it thank you so very much i believe we don't have anyone else on up so i'm going to turn to supervisor angry um for remote public hearings thank you madam chair do we have any online remote no speakers all right we have no speakers manager back to you all right thank you very much since we already heard from someone on in person we have no one else online i'm going to go ahead and close the public

[00:18:09] hearings for agenda item number seven. I should have asked my colleagues if they have anything that they had any further questions on. Okay, if not, oh wait, hold on. Supervisor, oops, I was timing this myself too. Supervisor Bode. Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair.

[00:18:25] No specific questions, but I see Alex at the podium and I saw the applicant in the back, so they might want to respond to some of what was said. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Bode. Chair Jefferson, I do need to make a correction. The proffers for griffin height which is item 7d should be dated july 7th 2026 um in reviewing the proffers uh while the mzp is correct uh the waivers that were just talked about was missing some language so i had the applicant add that to it and i'm going to share it with the county attorney

[00:18:59] supervisor la croix are you aware of everything and you're good thank you very much so i'll give give the county attorney a moment to review it is good so i so i guess on 7d we will have to say with the proffers dated july 7th 2026 and can i respond to supervisor bode thank you chair um so uh we did vet it through the fire marshal's office fire and rescue looked at it and provided us feedback on the application uh they didn't see this as being a significant issue uh i know that

[00:19:39] There's several, you know, evaluations that are done by the fire marshal's office, and they look at all these things and they contact the relevant parties and then they give us feedback on it. And based on that, we're comfortable with the proper language and the application.

[00:19:59] We're recommending approval. Appreciate it. And one small follow-up question. Ms. Miller also mentioned buffers along Route 1. And I know in looking at the map, there's actually county-owned right-of-way between the site and Route 1. So can you talk about how big that is and the effective buffer between Route 1 and the actual parcel?

[00:20:18] So there is existing county-owned land between 80 and 230 feet. So there's significant existing buffers between Route 1 and the application's property.

[00:20:36] So, in essence, even though on parcel it's only about 15, 30 feet, an effective buffer between that parcel is about 85 to 100 feet, you said? 200. 200 feet. Thank you so much. Appreciate that clarity. Thank you. All right.

[00:20:52] There are no more any other questions, so I would like to go ahead and get a motion to move 7A through 7D for it. Second. It's been properly moved and seconded, and I would like to note for 7D, it is with the profits dated July 7, 2026.

[00:21:08] Any further discussion? Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. Included in this is Item 7B, which is the contract with a contractor to begin the design and construction of the Sudley Manor Interchange on Prince William Parkway.

[00:21:32] I really appreciate Transportation's hard work on this. We've had to work through a lot of unique challenges here because it's not just about Sedley Manor. It's about Wellington Road. We've got two intersections with the parkway. This is a highly congested area and also very dangerous.

[00:21:53] And so the fact that we are able to bring this forward, this was actually planned for a few years out. Our transportation team went to work. They found the funds, got the grants, worked with MBTA, and now we're getting ready to move forward with this contract, and we'll break ground in the fall.

[00:22:12] So, again, thank the transportation team for all their hard work on this and look forward to this being constructed and providing tremendous relief on the parkway out in the Bristow area. Thank you. Thank you so very much. Supervisor Bodie.

[00:22:28] Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to briefly mention 7C for folks that aren't aware. What this resolution does, it allows us to establish, in addition to just the Office of Elections, Registrar's Office in Manassas, as an early voting location for all elections.

[00:22:43] Also adds the DMV. I know the DMV is actually a widely popular early voting location. It's in my district, but it's used by several folks in my district, sort of LaCroix's district, sort of Angri's district, even some parts of the Coles district, and the Potomac as well. So DMV, as of this ordinance, will be adopted for an early voting location, moving forward for all general elections.

[00:23:04] So looking forward to having more folks served in early voting. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you so very much. Supervisor LaCroix. I just wanted to mention 7D Griffin Heights. They were some of the first applicants I met with. And I just want to take a minute to thank traffic and planning and the applicants like these that are helping me to correct some of the blight in the Woodbridge District.

[00:23:32] And it's going to matter in the long run. And I thank you all. Thank you so very much. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I just wanted to thank Mr. Olson and his team. This is something that they presented to us during the budget cycle, and as continuity and follow-through, here it is on our agenda, and we really appreciate the high level of service that the Board of Elections Office is providing for our citizens.

[00:24:00] Thank you. Thank you so very much. I would now like to call for the vote. Vote unanimous. Thank you so very much.

[00:24:16] We're now moving on to agenda item number eight. That is county executive time. Mr. Shorter, the floor is yours. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board. There were three new directives issued during your last meeting. One, there was a directive for staff to develop a data center buildings and campuses decommissioning policy framework.

[00:24:36] This directive was assigned to the planning office and the office of sustainability. Staff was also directed to provide a status update on ZTAs, CPAs, the zoning ordinance, the draft batching schedule for the zoning ordinance, and estimated timelines for presentations to the board, planning commission, and other boards and committees. This directive was assigned to the planning office, and the update has been made to the agenda for the work session next week.

[00:25:05] Staff was also directed to review the county's electric utility consumer tax, including but not limited to how the non-residential consumer minimum billing charge can be increased specifically for non-residential customers with high energy use. I will bring back an appropriate set of recommendations to the board for consideration. This directive was assigned to the finance department. There were two directives closed since your last meeting. The response to the directive regarding the implementation of live streaming, the board meetings on Facebook Live was sent to the board on June 23rd.

[00:25:46] Last week, I sent the board the response from the Prince William County, well, from Prince William Health District regarding the Maternal Health Directive. Last week, we sent the board an update on the directive regarding responsible bidders.

[00:26:04] Since your last meeting, we have received a memo or you have received a memo sent from the planning office providing an update to the county's progress towards meeting the Metropolitan Washington COG housing targets. You also received the county's 2025 fiscal year health outlook report in the 2027 through 2031 adopted estimate for general revenue.

[00:26:31] As well, you have received a memo developed by the Office of Sustainability in response to Supervisor Bode's request from the June 9th board work session for information regarding water quality projects and programs included in the strategic plan environment goal work plans.

[00:26:48] You also received an update from the county's ongoing efforts regarding streamlining the permitting and development process. I wanted to just acknowledge and give a big congratulations to Director Shana Terry and our procurement office who earned the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Services Award from the National Procurement Institute.

[00:27:11] This is a prestigious recognition and honors the county's dedication to procurement excellence and reflects the commitment to innovation, professionalism, productivity, and certainly leadership. Also proud to announce that the county has received the Charging Smart Bronze designation, and I'd like to recognize Director Julia Mano and the sustainability team for all of their work.

[00:27:36] This achievement shows the county has met national best practices to increase energy and transportation options in this community. Prince William County is just the sixth county in Virginia to earn a Charging Smart designation, really exemplifying the county's leadership and commitment to supporting EV adoption.

[00:27:57] And I think, Madam Chair, with that, that is all for me, unless there are any questions. Does anyone on the DS have any questions, comments? Well, congratulations to Shana Terry and Julia Mano for making us continue to do great work and making us all look good.

[00:28:12] Thank you. I'm going to move on to agenda item number nine, and that is county attorney time. Mrs. Roble, the floor is yours. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. This afternoon in closed session, we will have consultation and discussion with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the acquisitions of real property for a public purpose with the accompanying legal advice from legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to probable litigation and regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding land acquisition of property interests for right-of-way at for the property located at 17555 main street in the town of dumfries the

[00:28:48] potomac district owned by cnj2 llc for the route one to fraley boulevard project and for the second one property located at 13900 noblewood plaza in woodbridge virginia in the neabsco district owned by Doty Ventures Inc. with the tenant of Gina C. Pham DDSPC doing business as Bright Stars Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics for the improvements to the Minneville Road-Prince William County Parkway Interchange where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, negotiating strategy, or litigating posture of the public body.

[00:29:21] These items are appropriate for closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711A378 of the Virginia Code. Move for approval, Madam Chair. Second. All right, let's go ahead and take our votes. Vote unanimous.

[00:29:44] All right, thank you very much. We are moving on now to agenda item number 10, public comment time, and I know that's what everyone is here for. We haven't had this many people in the board chambers in a very long time. So, again, let me just give some instructions because I want to make sure that everyone who has signed up to speak has an opportunity to speak, and I do want to make sure that we maintain decorum, respect.

[00:30:11] We don't all get along. We're not all going to agree, but people need to be heard. You will have up to three minutes, and there is a timer up there that will show you. When you are done, when I say thank you, you move on. We have a lot of people signed up.

[00:30:30] As much as I want to hear from the community, if we don't have to be here to O Dark 30, I don't want to be here to O Dark 30. Maybe you do. If you do, we can talk about hobbies later. But for purposes of tonight, I want to make sure that we get through this meeting. I'm going to call people.

[00:30:45] I believe you gave them numbers, correct? So everyone has a number. that is your winning lottery ticket, or not, I'm going to call people up in groups of five. Please, make sure that you are present. Make sure that when you hear a few numbers before you, if you have to go to ladies' room, boys' room, whatever, make sure you've done that and you're ready because once I call the number, I'm going to move on.

[00:31:08] I have already in front of me four pages of sign-up sheets, and I know there's more coming, okay? I'm looking at you, Andrea. I know there's another one, and we have people who are signed up to speak virtually as well. So what I'm going to ask is people numbers one through five.

[00:31:23] If you can go, line up in the back. We already have someone at the podium, numbers one through five. Madam Chair, I would note, too, there's green slips and yellow slips. The green slips are the residents. Okay, green. So I'm calling people because we have, thank you, Andrea, we have green and we have yellow.

[00:31:43] The yellow is for people who are non-residents. The green are for people who are residents. so if i can have green one through five i'm trying to wait to see that i have everyone lined up in the back because again once i call your number if you are not ready if you are not present i will move on no clapping no cheering if you want to do your jazz hands do your jazz hands no clapping no cheering no outbursts i maintain a tight ship again because i want to make sure that everyone's

[00:32:18] voices are heard so again start by stating your name the magisterial district where you reside three minutes look at the timer you may and also adjust the mic please i just have to say that if we can't hear you we can't hear you adjust the mic you're going to have to be on top of it you know i don't know if we disinfect from germs or anything maybe i shouldn't have said that but you know you're going to have to be right there right in center if i can't hear you i'm just going to be polite. I'm going to raise my hand, and that means I cannot hear you. So you are the test case.

[00:32:50] Go ahead. Everyone's watching you. No pressure. Bethann Kim, it's working. Yay. Gainesville Magisterial District. I am opposed to the data center. I'll be honest. I had what I wanted to say in my mind when I arrived here, and I listened as I was sitting and waiting to sign up to some of the things the people around me who are in favor of it had to say. And one of the things I came away with is that it's not so much they're in favor of the data center as far as i can tell it's that they feel like they've already been screwed by the data centers and by the power lines that are

[00:33:26] being planned through their property and all of the sort of ancillary things and i can understand that but at the same time if this goes through then a lot of people other than them are going to be screwed by data centers and power lines and loss of home value. This proposed data center project goes within two lots of my house in at least two different directions. I heard, oh, well, data centers don't really make that much noise. I drive by them and I don't hear

[00:34:01] anything. Driving by is not the same as living next to something. My dad couldn't hear a siren going off two feet away from him. The fact that you can't hear it doesn't mean other people who are living near it aren't hearing it and aren't impacted by that humming and that ongoing noise, especially as we've seen recently when something happens and they're told to use their generators for an extended period of time. Now, does that happen all the time? No. But you know what? Snow Creek doesn't happen all the time, and it doesn't mean it's not a problem. Heart attacks don't happen all the time. It doesn't mean they're not a problem. It shouldn't be allowed to go through

[00:34:39] because of the massive amount of harm it's going to do to the people who are staying here. The ones who want it are kind of definitionally not staying here. They're not going to be impacted long term. They're not going to be voting here long term. They're not here. They're going to sell.

[00:34:57] They want to retire. It's in some of the letters from them is we want to retire. We want to cash out. We want to make generational wealth. It's in something I've seen online that was circulated when they started this thing several years ago when the digital gateway was still in process. They're not staying here. They're not going to vote for you. They're not going to vote for anything going forward. The people who oppose the gateway and this project and other data centers are the ones who are going to stay here. We're the ones who are going to keep paying property tax. We're the ones whose home values are going to be destroyed. We're dealing with the environment.

[00:35:31] You already know how bad this is for all of those things. This is also bad for you if you want to stay in politics, bluntly, because Falkir hates it. Prince William hates it. 71%, I think it is, of voters hate

data centers. If you are hung with a label of being pro data center, that will follow you in every office you try and get elected to kind of forever. So it's not in your best interest.

[00:35:57] It's not in the county's best interest. It's not in the best interest of anyone who's not cashing out to approve these. Thank you. Thank you. Before I call up the next speaker, green number two, I just want to let everyone know i was asked to remind folks you could still speak but 11b and that's to initiate the comprehensive plan amendment for the savage estates and 11d the um that's a request to initiate the comprehensive plan amendment for the dulles south innovation center both of those um have been deferred so i just want to let everyone know i'm saying it again i hope everyone

[00:36:32] in the hallway can hear me we're now going to go on to green number two sorry i'm sorry you stated that they have been deferred there was a request put in for 11d but we haven't deferred anything so and i apologize um that's typically since my time on the board we have always when people have um asked for a request we have granted it i mentioned it again now i did mention it at the start of the meeting and if there was an objection i wish we would have handled it at the start of the meeting, because we are now into public comment time. I got it, but the way you iterated

[00:37:12] it at that time was not in this way, and so if that's the case, then I'm going to object right now. All right. I am so sorry, everyone, because I have some procedural questions. Please stand up there. Stay there. I am just going to give us a five-minute recess, because I want to confer with the attorney, and I want to confer with our parliamentarian, because this is not typically how we've done things, and I want to make sure that we're following the correct process. So thank

[00:37:43] you. Ask that people take their seats. So traditionally, when someone has requested a deferral, we have granted it. This is the first time on this board, I'm not going to talk about previous boards, but on this board, where we're actually going to vote whether or not to request those deferrals. We are going to start with 11B, and then we're going to go with 11D. And I'm going to say something. Sorry, county attorney, you probably don't want to hear this. One of the reasons why I typically move forward. And I don't know if the applicant for 11-D is here, if the

[00:38:22] attorney, but I'm going to say this. I actually, you don't have to come to the podium, but I just want to look at you when I make sure that I say this. I had a town hall and some of the people who are behind that project are also behind this one. And I have tried to do everything clearly and follow one straight process because I don't want to waste taxpayer money on another frivolous lawsuit. If it were up to me, I would have done things the way that I have always done things on

[00:39:00] this board as chair procedurally. I don't show any favor. I don't show any animosity. I try to follow a process, but we are going to change that process today. So I just wanted to be clear with this. First, we are going to have a motion to defer Savage Estates, and then we are going to have a motion to reject the deferral for 11d so we are going to move on with that process

[00:39:32] supervisor gordy for 11b madam chair i move to approve the deferral for 11b second been moved and seconded any discussion just for explanation the applicant or the the the developer is having to work out some contractual issues with the landowner and so until that gets resolved this is really sort of in limbo so um so we're pushing this off until a date i think a date certain is the first week in september september first september yeah thank you all right let's go ahead

[00:40:08] take our vote unanimous all right thank you very much and supervisor stewart 11d madam chair i move that we deny the request for deferral on 11d and proceed second it's been probably moved and second it. Any discussion? All right. I see Supervisor Bailey. Yeah. I want to go back just for a moment and thank Supervisor Gordy for informing us of the earlier of the deferral. It

[00:40:45] meant a lot for us to have prepper planning to digest what the deferral was with the date. Really appreciate this. Unfortunately, with this vote, we didn't have that opportunity to be prepared to think through. So I just want for the record, I want to say that it's important when we come up on the dais that we are prepared to accept a denial or deferral and respect the requesters request. But unfortunately, we didn't have time to prepare for that on today. And so Madam Chair,

[00:41:18] we thank you for not moving the process, but acquiescing to the process in order for us to have input on the deferral. Thank you. And for my 1-8th, I did check with the county attorney to make sure that I am in full compliance with everything, okay? You hear that? Full compliance.

[00:41:38] So with that, let's go ahead and take our vote on 11-D. I'm sorry, Supervisor Stewart, if you can read it. I'm moving that we deny the request for deferral and proceed today. 11-D. That is 11-D, and that one is that is dulles south innovation center gainesville magisterial district any other questions all right let's go ahead and take our vote so just a reminder there's a motion to deny

[00:42:14] and by deferring the denial we are going to go ahead and we will hear it tonight by denying the motion passes seven to one supervisor angry voting nay i'm sorry wait hold on did you want to vote to move it okay all right i just want to make sure so we are going to go ahead and we will hear

[00:42:51] we will defer 11b and we will move forward with 11d so what i'm going to do is i'm going to resume public comment time i'm going to ask green card number two green card number three green card number four green card number five and i will add on green card number six and i will again ask for proper decorum in the board chambers and also outside in the atrium because I don't want to

[00:43:31] hear people. I want to make sure that we're going through this process as orderly and smoothly as we can. So again, green card number two, you may begin. Again, start by stating your name where you generally reside and you will have time up on the screen. Thank you. Thank you. My name is Beth Waller and I live in the Gainesville District and I'm asking you to vote yes to move forward the Dulles South project. I live on Sanders Lane. I've lived on Sanders Lane since 1997.

[00:44:00] When I first bought my horse property out there, it was a quiet country lane, and now it's a major thoroughfare. There's just nothing but traffic. There's truck traffic. There's dump truck traffic. There's non-stop commuter traffic. I feed my horses at 4 30 in the morning, and there's truck traffic. There's never a point when there's not traffic. The backups at the one-lane bridge are insane in both directions, coming from Loudoun and coming from Prince William. Prince William County has added so many homes in the Hay Market and Gainesville neighborhood, and those homes put

[00:44:36] commuters past my house. Trying to mow my lawn puts my life at risk because I've got so many cars speeding past my house. And I'm now looking at having another power line put on my property.

[00:44:51] I already have one power tower on my property and I'm looking at a third one going on my property in my pastures taking my land. Sanders is going to have to be widened. At some point some board here is going to come in and say we have to widen Sanders. We have to widen the road and it's going to take my property. So yes when the last person said I'm greedy because I want to leave I'm not.

[00:45:17] I would love to stay in my house. I love my farm but my farm's not the farm I bought almost 30 years ago. My farm is now being taken over by speeders who pass on the double lines. I can barely get out of my driveway on any given day to get here. I had to wait three minutes to get out of my driveway to get here today because of traffic in both directions. That's not being addressed by any of these people who say no. I live here. I live it every day. I'm going to live with another tower going, a big one, the hums of the towers. You talk about the hums of the data

[00:45:53] centers, I get the hums of the power towers that will never not be there, and they're going to make it worse. So I'm asking you not to just say no because it's easy to say no. I'm asking you to give this project a chance to explain itself, give the project a chance to be heard and reviewed.

[00:46:12] This is not just saying if you say yes today, it's not just saying yes. You're saying give the process a chance. Give the people a chance to actually see what they're looking at building. it's not straight data centers from the one lane bridge to 234 it's not there's green space there's opportunities here there's opportunities for this county to make some money off of these data centers and to give the people who are being hurt by what the problems are now a chance to have a say in it thank you i appreciate you taking my time next speaker please good afternoon i'd like to first

[00:46:52] say thank you, Supervisor Stewart. You're standing behind your word and I appreciate you. Now, four years ago, I feel like I'm in a deja vu dream. We were here with so many people, so many people wanting to sell their land. That was a hundred, about a hundred homes trying to sell their land. I agree. We're in America. You get to sell your land. But I in America get to

[00:47:23] also tell my supervisors how I believe it should be built from that point on. Because I am, as the other speaker said, still in the neighborhood. So I'm imploring you, just like Hans and Franz said, hear them now, believe them later. The planning commission has a reason for saying don't build data centers there. And you know it and I know it. It has to do with our children's health.

[00:47:54] they're drinking water they're breathing water you have children up there you need to look out for them i thank you for listening next speaker please good afternoon my name is neil kelly and i'm from the gainesville district i'm a resident of gainesville district i want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those supervisors who voted to halt the waste of taxpayers money on the digital gateway lawsuit i believe we all can agree that those funds are much needed and better utilized

[00:48:30] in other purposes. Today, I'm here to voice my strong opposition to amending the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan for the Dulles South Innovation AI Data Project. Our county already has approved more data centers than any other area in the world. This project brings significant risk that we cannot ignore. The negative effects on a rural community are evident.

[00:48:53] Significant increase in water and air pollution, worsening traffic condition, disruptive noises, and rising utility bills for our residents. This is a path that we cannot afford to take. If you doubt the concerns of the citizens opposing this plan, I urge you to consider the insights from the county planning office, the very experts you trust.

[00:49:13] Their analyzing this event clearly states, staff recommends that the board not initiate the comprehensive plan amendment, CPA 20260012, Dulles South Innovation Center. The request raises substantial questions and concerns regarding infrastructure adequacy, environmental impact, rural

character, land use compatibility with surrounding agricultural and forest-designated lands, and the Cat Harp and Hamlet.

[00:49:40] I strongly implore you to vote against this project and to prioritize the health and well-being of our community over corporate interests. Let's prevent another lengthy and legal course that's going to conflict with our residents. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please.

[00:49:57] Hello, my name is Wendy Wright and I'm in the Gainesville district. I'm here to ask you for something simple but critical, a thoughtful, comprehensive planning process for the future of this corridor. Because whether we act intentionally or not, change is already happening. In the nearly five years that I've lived on Sanders Lane, traffic has increased dramatically. What was once a quiet road is frequently congested. During peak hours, cars line the roadway to the point that my driveway is completely blocked. Pulling out safely

[00:50:34] has become difficult and at times dangerous. Accidents are no longer a rare event. They're becoming part of the pattern every day. And this is just the beginning. Loudoun County is already investing \$54.8 million to widen the road from Tall Cedars Parkway to the Braddock Road into a four-lane, medium-divided corridor with pedestrian infrastructure and multi-use paths. That project will be completed in the next few years, and eventually that expanded roadway will continue

[00:51:14] down Sanders Lane, only to be met by a one-lane bridge that already struggles to handle the demand. What happens then? Without coordinated, forward-looking planning, we risk creating a predictable bottleneck between Prince William and Loudoun counties, one that will push even more congestion, cut-through traffic, and safety risks directly onto the roads like Sanders Lane.

[00:51:44] This is why planning matters, not reactive decisions, not piecemeal fixes, but a comprehensive approach that considers traffic flow, safety, regional coordination, and the lived reality of residents already experiencing the strain.

[00:52:02] The question is not whether this area will change. It has. The question is whether we guide that change responsibly or allow it to unfold in ways that create avoidable risk and long-term problems. I'm asking that the board take a long view to coordinate across jurisdictions, to prioritize safety and infrastructure alignment before the pressure becomes unmanageable.

[00:52:28] because those of us who live here this isn't theoretical it's daily life and right now it's getting harder and more dangerous by the month i'm asking you to vote yes thank you for your consideration next speaker please hello my name is stephen jones from the gainesville district i am a resident of sanders lane and i'm here to ask for your support for the dulles south innovation project i live on sanders lane and my house will be impacted by future development in one way or another in the coming years by the widening road or the power lines. As a resident,

[00:53:07] I want to say in how I'm impacted by future county development, it's frustrating to hear people who don't live on Sanders Lane tell everyone how rural it is. The farmer I get my hay from takes his life in his hands multiple times a day driving his tractor up and down Sanders Lane and across that one lane bridge. Sanders Lane just is not rural anymore. Second, as a career tech executive, I fully understand the national benefits of data centers and the capabilities they bring. The battle for AI superiority is well underway, and for everyone that's concerned about the future of AI and what it means for your jobs, your children,

[00:53:44] your future, and the world, now is the time to intelligently plan for the future. Data centers and cloud computing are here to stay. Dulles South puts them in the corner of the county, away from houses, schools, and other landmarks. I would ask you to vote yes to initiate this CPA. Have the conversation. Do the studies. You can still guide the outcome and mitigate items of public concern. Thank you for your time. Thank you. I would like to now call up numbers 7 through 13. Green numbers 7 through 13. And while I do that, I want to let everyone know that this is public comment time, which is different than a public hearing. We have

[00:54:24] now pulled the sign-up sheets for a public for public comment time we pulled the sign-up sheets 15 minutes after it begins so the sign-up sheets are now closed we are going to continue with everyone who is on the list i believe we have what 80 people 90 we're up to 90 um and that is just residents so um again i'm calling green people with the green cards 7 through 13 all right you may proceed again start by saying your name and where the magisterial district where you reside good afternoon madam chair members of the board ladies and gentlemen my name is david phillips

[00:55:02] i live in the gainsville district at 4611 sudley road i support initiating this cpa study i'm a retired air force colonel who spent the last 18 years commuting to and from the pentagon in and around the battlefield and as you've heard traffic congestion is a nightmare vdot has already shown studies that 40,000 vehicles come from US-29. You got 50,000 going through Sudley, and all the access roads already impact that significantly from Sanders all the way from US-15. The only

[00:55:40] upgrades that have happened is a single red light at the intersection of Sudley, Pageland, and Sanders. And unfortunately, each of my sons have had accidents at that intersection where one almost died. The congestion has not been relieved. We need improvements. The increased property taxes over the past year, we have not seen any significant road construction or anything out in that area. The growth continues to move west, increased traffic from those residential communities in Loudoun as well as north and west of Sudley. They're trying to access the new HOT

[00:56:19] at University, Balls, Ford, and Sudley, and they come through us just to bypass 66 on the battlefield. We need this study so we, the property owners and county authorities, can help jointly shape what our commercial and residential options should be, what infrastructure and utilities might be needed, and together we can plan smart growth and preserve the nature of the battlefield. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hi, my name is Jennifer Newfield. I'm in the Gainesville District. I'm a

[00:56:55] resident and landowner in Cat Harpen. I was raised and shaped in Prince William County. My dad lives in Oaksville. My sons live in Haymarket. My aunts and uncles and cousins all live in Woodbridge. My family's here. This is my home. I care about Prince William County, and its future does matter to me. I'm not leaving Prince William County. I want to see this county flourish and not become one that increases taxes year after year. Cat Harpen land makes up 2.9% of the county. That's

[00:57:29] it. There are approximately 1,100 people in Cat Harpen out of 510,000 people. 1,100 people out of 510,000 people in Prince William County. That's only 0.21% of the population. 0.21% of the population is willing to give up land to make Prince William County a flourishing county.

[00:57:56] If the CPA study is approved, you would get much more information to consider rather than caving to anti-progress misinformationists that do not have all the facts. The developer is aware of Prince William County's deep appreciation for green space, and you should at least look at what they are proposing.

[00:58:17] Please be willing to get the whole picture rather than just shoot down what this county needs for essential services. Please vote yes to fact-gathering. Before you throw away a projected \$38 billion in revenue over the next 20 years, so many services and programs could be initiated and funded by this project that would be tucked away in a small corner of the county.

[00:58:39] An area that does not have schools, it does not have battlefields, and it does not have food-producing farms. This is land that is already slated to have Dominion Power's giant, 180-foot-tall expansion poles running through it.

[00:58:55] The opposition speaking out against this without seeing all the facts do not live in Cat Harpin. I've seen so many people chiming in after seeing a misinformation campaign confuse Cat Harpin Road, which is in Gainesville, with the actual area of Cat Harpin because they don't live here.

[00:59:15] If a proposed project that has the correct parameters to benefit a community without harming said community is shut down, that's a loss for Prince William County. The opposition is flooding social media with misinformation without knowing the facts and details. They don't even want to get them. Please be willing to initiate the study so that the facts and details can be explored openly and publicly. Please vote yes to this potential. Thank you.

[00:59:43] Next speaker, please. Hi, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. My name is Matt. I am part of the Gainesville district. I only have three quick things to say. I think there is a lot of confusion by the people I've met here today, thinking what we are asking for is more than just a study. That is what we're asking for. We're not asking for approval for demolition. We're not asking for approvals for road widening. We're not asking for approvals for data centers today. We're asking for a CPA. It's as simple as that. And as a landowner living

[01:00:22] in Gainesville, I can't understand why we would say no to this progress. There's also a lot of information out there about how we the landowners are going to be leaving the area and that we are vacating and moving to other counties and that could not be further from the truth. I personally will be staying in Prince William County. My children live in Prince William County and I plan on staying in the county for the rest of my life. We all love this county and as a small side area we believe that the work that could happen in Cat Harpen will benefit the residents of Prince

[01:00:58] William County throughout, and we ask for your approval. Thank you for your time. Next speaker. Hi, my name is Isaac Duenas, and I'm also in the Gainesville district. I live in Cat Harpen, and like Matt said, I actually agree with what he said. My family, my siblings, their kids, we all live in Gainesville. We all live in Prince William County, and we also want to hear this opportunity. Our kids go to the schools in Prince William County, and we always talk about the infrastructure the services and what great opportunity this could bring to this community

[01:01:35] so please support the the cpa thank you next speaker please thank you just got a couple things i want to say uh like a lot of these guys i've also been here for a very long time 20 plus years when we moved there we bought a 12-acre piece of property it was very rural you know the fact that we got a stop sign recently you know we feel like all of a sudden we're uh you know a metropolis suddenly. I also, in addition to owning that property, I own more rental properties in Prince William County. I also am a business owner in Prince William County. I strongly support the

[01:02:12] Dulles South study as well. I think that we need to make an informed decision. Just because we're scared of data centers and we hear a lot of the things that are happening, it goes unchecked. We got to make a responsible decision, right? And then to some extent, you know, the \$38 billion that we hear is a potential revenue over the next bunch of years. For us just to dismiss that as a board, for instance, would be kind of a dereliction of your duty to make all the facts known and make an improper decision. The reality is, as we've heard, growth has come. We are no longer rural

[01:02:51] anymore we get lots of lots of traffic I still can't get food delivered to my house so um you start talking about more housing more uh the land of pageland being bought up and being turned into housing developments you're going to need infrastructure uh to support those families and those people as well that dominion morris uh wishing star transmission line which was I guess approved at a federal level is in progress so that's coming and we can't really do anything about that and so that's just going to continue to add more and more you know to traffic and I think that if we sat back and looked at all the potential revenue that the data center could bring

[01:03:31] to us I think that you know transportation costs, residence tax reliefs, we haven't seen taxes go down since in the 20 plus years that I've been here. We hear the stories that Loudoun County's taxes are coming down because of the data centers that they've implemented there so So we'd like to see some of that come back to us as well at some point.

[01:03:51] And again, as Alaska folks, I have no intention to leave as well. But I think to be able to hide those data centers back in the corner of the counties is not a bad idea. Thank you. Next speaker. Good afternoon.

[01:04:06] My name is Phillip Harover. I live in the Gainesville District. I have resided in the area for my entire life, raised here, educated here, traveled around the world with the Army, came back and did 30 years of service in this county as a government employee. I've seen growth. I've seen good growth. I've seen bad growth.

[01:04:25] In this case, this is a project that's pushed off to the side of the county. You've eliminated the schools, the churches, the high-density housing, and you have people that are willing to vacate something that's actually very sensitive to them.

[01:04:41] I actually built a home in this area after retiring and decided to stay in the county. I would like to stay in the county, but I know that the alternative is going to be your higher-density housing. I'm very familiar with the services that you will have to provide to these high-density housing areas, what it costs, the use of water.

[01:04:57] We're talking about data centers and water. How many people are going to be sprinkling their lawns? How many people are going to be flushing their toilets? You still have the same battles you have to fight. But I'm here today to ask you to vote yes for the CPA for the Dulles South Center, and thank you for your time. Can you quickly give us your name?

[01:05:13] I want to make sure I'm getting everyone's name. Philip Harover. All right. Before I get the next speaker, thank you so much. Before I get the next speaker, I want to go ahead and call 14 through 20. Speakers, green, 14 through 20.

[01:05:31] Green, 14 through 20.

[01:05:47] All right, now we have some people kind of moving in and out, so I'm just going to wait for this to settle.

[01:06:12] The only people who should be standing are green, 14 through 20. Okay, if you're not green, 14 through 20, please have a seat. If you're 21, please have a seat. All right, you may begin. Hey, good afternoon. My name is Jay Nagasami, and I'm from Gainesville District, and I support the Dulles South Innovation Center because it's the right project in the right location, you know.

[01:06:39] Placing it on the periphery of the county helps to preserve our residential and community centers while supporting investments, jobs, and county's tax base. For the reasons, I respectfully ask the board to support this project initiation. Thank you. Next speaker, please.

[01:07:00] Good afternoon, board. I'm John Brower from Haymarket. I'm here seeking your support for the study of the Dulles South. I think it's a great location. It has, there's no schools, there's no subdivisions like Piedmont, Oak Valley, and best of all, there's no battlefield.

[01:07:23] It's a perfect location, so please support the study. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Hi, I'm Patricia Jurgensen. I live in Cat Harpin in Gainesville District.

[01:07:40] I'm here to ask you to do the right thing. and vote yes to the CPA plan. Thank you for what you do each and every day for the citizens of this county. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Darrell Blackwell, a Gainesville District Cat Harpin resident. My perspective is shaped based upon a lifetime of law enforcement service, public service. I served eight years in United States military, including service with Operation Desert Storm, and subsequently spent more than 30 years in law enforcement. Throughout my career,

[01:08:18] And by the way, I have children that are a product of your school systems, and now they're law enforcement as well. My daughter is a Prince William County police officer. So I'm taking this very personally because I think about her every night when she's coming home from her work.

[01:08:36] So throughout my career, I have seen firsthand the critical importance of maintaining strong public safety agencies and well-funded public institutions. You can't do that without tax revenue. One lesson that both military and law enforcement service taught me is that mission success depends on having the resources necessary to protect and serve the public, which I love doing.

[01:09:01] Whether on the battlefield or in the local communities, personnel can only perform at their highest level when they have proper training, staffing, equipment, and support. As Prince William County continues to grow, and it will, the demands placed upon our police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, teachers, and our probationary officers depends highly on this increase that we need.

[01:09:31] Meeting those demands require a stable and sustainable revenue. This project will be just that, a significant source of tax revenue that can help fund public safety operations, improve personnel, improve emergency response capabilities, support recruitment, and retention of qualified personnel and strengthen our schools without placing the burden on residents, on the homeowners.

[01:09:57] I'm asking you to vote yes. I put my blood on the line every day for almost 36 years, and I'm asking you to think about it. Think about my baby. She's my baby daughter, but she's out there trying to do the best she can to protect the community. And you know, my people don't normally.

[01:10:14] Based on the Reconstruction era, my people came from Louisiana. After being freed, they set up almost 100 years ago residence right here. My mother just celebrated her 95th birthday. Vote yes. Do the right thing. Next speaker, please.

[01:10:34] Yes, I am Glenn Curtis from the Coles District. Thank you, sir, for your service. That was inspiring. I've lived in Prince William County 33 years. I live right across from the Klein property, which I'm sure many of you are familiar with.

[01:10:50] It's been in battle for years. It is getting ready to be developed, and I don't even know now what it turned out to be, but many homes and condominiums and some kind of complex and whatever. And when we first moved our home where we currently live 26 years ago, Liberia had very little on it.

[01:11:10] now traffic is an after nightmare that Klein property will have bring hundreds thousands of more cars and people in traffic personally I'd much rather see or not see a few data centers over there with the proper screening trees and whatnot and much much less traffic and you know that for what we see in our county we know the development is coming one way or another

[01:11:40] And I know it's popular, it seems to be on the big bad boogeyman data center side, but I'm encouraging you to vote yes to at least have the discussion and hear both sides of the pros and cons, because I see a lot of pros, especially with our school system, the roads, and hopefully less traffic, like many of the folks out there have already said.

[01:12:07] it's only going to get worse so we should do our part to do what we can to be wise in the decision making process and not vote uh based on ideas and made up stories that probably aren't going to turn out to be true thank you very much for your time appreciate your all's work next speaker please hello my name is johnny curtis my wife and i i lived in the cat harpen the gainesville district for 30 years. We plan on going to heaven from here, hitting the coffin from this here. We're

[01:12:43] staying. We live on the awesome bull run. Our property borders heavy industrial land, the stone quarry. It borders the buffer of the stone quarry, all trees, and we love it. We love that preferable to housing developments. I'm asking you today to please vote yes as someone that's staying to explore opportunities, to open up your mind, to see, man, there's some real issues that we could deal with here, not just to say no, not just to preserve, but to dramatically improve the battlefield, Cat Harpin, and Prince William County. We love the battlefield. We don't live

[01:13:22] in a community with community trails. We're on a 55-mile-an-hour road. We are in that battlefield at least once a week on the trails. Hopefully through this, we could have more trails to open that up. But the big black eye for the battlefield, a disgrace, is the commercial truck traffic that's there every day. Since I moved into the area, some of the first people we met were talking about how we got to get the truck traffic out. It is expanded, and there's no answer. Right now, it's funneled in there. There's no through truck traffic on Pageland. There's no through truck traffic on Cat Harpen

[01:13:57] Road. The trucks can come down Sanders, which you've heard is a death trap, one lane bridge, and no one's mentioned this but where sanders comes out on 234 there's a freaking mirror to help you see around the blind curve so in these trucks going 50 miles an hour to try not to kill you so my request is there an opportunity that data centers can fund better roads have pageland have sanders go four lanes have the data center money when eminent domain comes in have them pay them the real money to take their land to build these roads get the truck traffic out of the battlefield make it

[01:14:32] better. That's a great possibility. I also believe this is a great place to put the data centers. Get them away from schools. Get them away from housing communities. Put them back in there. Require them like a data center campus, but they're in the middle with massive buffers. Put new trails in there. They've offered this. We want to see them. We want more trails. People don't have communities, maybe in townhouses, apartments, having more places to get out in the nature.

[01:15:00] That would be awesome there. And then lastly, for the sprawl, this could help control the sprawl. I'm driving through this community every day in my line of work. I've seen the Rural Crescent breakdown from agricultural land.

[01:15:16] Now it's a PMR, even on Cat Harpin Road, the Smith Family Farm. A unanimous board vote said 234 acres is now going to be 375 new houses on it. Lighten the road, 80 acres, wiped out every house and tree, 222 new acres coming.

[01:15:33] So my request, please vote yes to at least explore some options to help us that are staying behind. Next speaker. And before you come up, ma'am, I just want to call the next group. I want green 21 to 26. Green 21 to 26.

[01:15:52] And I recommend if your number is going to be soon called up, please.

[01:16:11] have a little bit more seats in the board chambers i recommend that you may want to come in here if you have a seat all right if i did not call your number i would request that you have a seat all right there are a lot of people standing i did not call your number all right you may proceed thank you my name is julie brown gainesville district and thank you for hearing out some

[01:16:47] of your constituents today i've been a resident of prince william county for seven years and a Northern Virginia resident for much longer. My husband and I chose Good Harpen because it seemed like a good mix of agricultural land near commercial areas. Having grown up here, I knew how rare a thing that was. As soon as we moved in, neighbors told us of the increase of traffic, construction, and ongoing county development proposals. It seemed the quiet country life wasn't going to be for us after all. In seven years, I've noticed an uptick in cut through traffic on Sanders Lane, an electrical substation warehouse built right over the bridge,

[01:17:25] bearing of tons of electrical fibers, new towers, notices of eminent domain. In the coming years, the list goes on. This paired with the drive to any commercial area being littered with new construction and data centers left and right has irrevocably changed our small town experience.

[01:17:41] Prince William County is changing, just like in its constantly developing neighbors. Let's have a and how it's developed please vote yes today and consider the cpa thank you next speaker please good afternoon my name is jason brown i live in uh cat harpen i'm a part of the gainesville district i want to thank you all for your service uh chair jefferson board members uh very much appreciate what you do and and your integrity in leading our uh our county uh just as my neighbor shared a minute ago i almost almost kind of paired exactly what he said about service and uh and caring for the county and you know all those things is absolutely wonderful i uh i served for

[01:18:21] 12 years in the navy as an officer i'm currently a leader at a local church i'm a husband a father of three just heard my wife uh share uh our story about how we arrived in cat harpen so um you know it's important to me that uh that in leadership i think what i'm going to do today is just simply appeal to your character uh in in leadership uh we're called to integrity right um it's easy to say no. It's difficult to say yes

often. I sat in in courts marshals with sailors under my charge and had to advocate for them or lead them in those difficult situations. I've been, believe it or not, falsely accused of different things in other positions of leadership. I've sat with

[01:19:00] my children in school administrators' offices, so I understand what it means to be in difficult situations and controversial leadership opportunities. So I appeal to you. This is your opportunity to make that kind of a decision and make a decision that's based on the facts.

[01:19:19] I think the easiest thing to do is hear the feelings of your people and follow along with what those are, right? But instead, you have an opportunity to address the facts. And as you've heard many times today, I'll just say the same thing. This is an opportunity to study those facts, Gather those facts and make a fact-based rational decision, not one born out of feelings.

[01:19:38] Your people will adjust their feelings when they see that you've made a decision of integrity. So that's my request to you today. I'll close by saying I noticed that Governor Spanberger the other day made a similar comment that, you know, walking away from the data center industry is not a wise choice.

[01:19:58] It doesn't benefit our county or our country. And so as we celebrate 250 years of freedom in our country, I think it's an opportunity to act accordingly. So thank you again for your service, and please support the Della South Innovation Center.

[01:20:14] Next speaker, please. I have a picture to put up on the board. Am I able to do that? Elmo, give us a few seconds. You can put it down, but it's going to take us a couple seconds to get it going.

[01:20:53] Hi there. Thank you for letting me speak this afternoon. My name is Lori Miller. My family has lived for 35 years on Circuit Court off of Cat Harpin Road. We have a five-acre farm, horse farm, donkeys, we have everything, all kinds of animals. Wonderful when we moved there 35 years ago.

[01:21:09] We could not afford Fairfax. My husband's a detective in Fairfax. We still cannot afford to live there. We came out to Prince William, raised our kids. They now live in Lake Jackson and throughout Prince William County, so we will be staying here. We're not moving, and my job is in Lake Jackson. I used to ride these trails.

[01:21:27] This is the hunt club, the hounds that used to run beautiful, beautiful trails from Cat Harpen. They would run, believe it or not, to Fauquier County. You could go to Long Park, and some of you might know Long Park has a riding ring there. Nobody uses it, but it's there.

[01:21:45] Maybe back in the day when I first moved here, people used it. I think Noakesville, some club in Noakesville used it. Used to ride. The trails here were beautiful. Guess what housing development that took over, that farm? That is now Oak Valley. There was also a farm, beautiful horse farm, Show Barn, where Heathcote is.

[01:22:07] That is now Heritage Hunt. The Royal Crescent means nothing to me with horses. I mean, my horses got out. My husband, unfortunately, left the gate open. I am calling 911 because you know why? Cat Harpin Road is not like it was 35 years ago when I first moved there.

[01:22:24] It is 60 mile an hour. People are racing up and down Cat Harpon Road. I called 911 because I don't want someone to get killed when unfortunately my husband didn't lock the gate and my donkeys and horses are running down Circuit Court to Cat Harpon Road. It has changed. It has absolutely changed. When I used to ride through Oak Valley, I tried that. My boarders and I would ride through Oak Valley. Do

you know people would follow me? Most people liked it, but I'd have people follow me and tell me I can't stand the poop that the horses leave behind. Do you know what it was like to go home after riding for a couple hours? Go home, put a trash bag in my car with a shovel

[01:23:01] and go ride over to Oak Valley and shovel manure and bring it home and put it in my garden. I mean, that was ridiculous. It has changed out there. I'm sorry. We're not moving away. We're still going to vote we're still going to work it is change and you guys have an opportunity to decide what that change is going to be it doesn't have to be full on whatever is in that cpa but i hope you guys really don't think the rural crescent is going to is going to be there and last with with

[01:23:35] with what's coming off of 29 the commute commuting that's through from falk here and loudon county coming over our way i mean it's just crazy but thank you for listening next speaker please My name is William Williams. I live in the Gainesville District, and I urge you to vote yes on this CPA study.

[01:23:57] Let the county staff talk to everyone. Talk to the opponents, to the supporters, architects, engineers, everybody. Listen to the advancements in energy consumption and water reclamation and hear what the experts have to say about traffic and open space and, of course, tax revenue.

[01:24:16] It's simple. Hear what everyone has to say. So I ask that you please give fair consideration to the proposal and allow this study to be completed. And remember, this is just the beginning. It's not a final approval. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon.

[01:24:35] Please adjust the mic. We cannot hear you. Do I need to stand closer? Move it closer to your face, please. Okay. How's that? Better. Good afternoon. My name is Karen Fonce, and I live in the Prince William County Cat Harpen area for more than 20 years.

[01:24:53] My family built our life here, and this community means a great deal to us. Our family supports moving forward with the Dulles South CPA because it would allow the county to begin its full review process, including traffic analysis, environmental review, fiscal impact, resident input, benefits to all PwC residents with board oversight before any final decision is made.

[01:25:23] As a part of a family that owns property in this corridor, I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you directly and to share our perspective and for you to hear my family's request. Please vote yes to move forward with the CPA. Thank you.

[01:25:41] Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Chair Jefferson and members of the board. My name is Teresa Dunbar. I'm in the Gainesville District. I have lived here for many years. I've raised my family here and I care deeply about our community.

[01:26:01] I'm here today because I believe our community deserves a thoughtful, transparent public planning process. The question before you is not whether to approve development. It's whether to begin a transparent public planning process. That's why we're here. A yes vote does not approve development or rezone anyone's property. It simply allows the county, residents, and landowners to examine the facts, understand the potential impacts and opportunities, provide meaningful public input,

[01:26:42] and make an informed decision. Voting yes today does not predetermine the outcome. It ensures that your eventual decision will be based on a complete record rather than an incomplete one. As someone who calls Prince William County home, I respectfully ask that you give our community the opportunity to fully understand this before making a final decision.

[01:27:11] Please vote yes to initiate the CPA and allow that public process to move forward. Thank you for your time and your service. Next speaker, please. Hi. Thanks for having us here today, and we appreciate everything y'all do.

[01:27:32] My name is Kristen Weber-Moore. I live on Sanders Lane in Cat Harpin. I've lived there for over 26 years. I've seen five cars go up and down the road, and now we're at at least 20,000. Every day, all of us put our lives in danger, dealing with what I call Hell's Highway, quote unquote.

[01:27:49] There is no excuse for what's going on right now. Nobody wants to do anything about it. We've tried for years, and we're still trying. All we're asking is if you guys could please consider just looking into our future a little bit and helping with the safety of everyone's lives on Sanders Lane, including Pageland into Route 234 where they do have the death mirror and the death light where somebody literally was stopped at the red light and turned around in the non-turning lane of the left to go around me onto Pageland at a dead red light. That was yesterday. Today, who knows? Who knows what's

[01:28:28] going to happen when I go home? I never know because these people are crazy. Absolutely crazy. I just wish you guys would consider a guest to at least look at our studies and I appreciate your time and y'all have a good day. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the board and members of the community. My name's Lynn Horton. I'm a property owner on Sanders Lane and I'm here to ask for your support of this proposal. You know, many people describe a rural

[01:29:03] area as something like open spaces, quiet roads, a slow pace of life. Well, years ago, we did ride horses down Sanders Lane. We would hear an ambulance and all the neighbors, we'd call each other, you okay? You okay? Checking on each other. But come on, let's be honest. This is no longer reality. Our road is struggling with an abundance of vehicles today. Oversized trucks, 18-wheelers, dump trucks, EMS, and even, if you would believe, tour buses. And sadly, an alarming number of

[01:29:41] accidents have occurred and even death. My point is traffic growth development has transformed our area. We can't pretend that we're conserving the same rural community that once existed. Unlike any other types of development, data centers don't bring daily communers. District Supervisor Stewart said, stated that a data center doesn't fit in the area, but I respectfully ask what will fit in our area? Do traffic and accidents fit in our area? Does plowing down trees, maybe perhaps building

[01:30:21] McMansions fit in our area? Does taking my own life in my own hands, getting to my mailbox fit in the area? As a property owner, I believe I should have the opportunity to make use of my land that benefits my family and my county. I've invested in this property, I've cared for it, and I pay tax on it. The question is whether we embrace change that provides long-term economic benefits, or do we continue to pretend we are something that has already disappeared? I respectfully

[01:31:00] ask the board to consider the economic benefits and the safeguards that can be put in place to address any concern, the concerns you may have heard today. I believe this project represents a responsible investment in our county's future. In closing, I ask for your support to move forward with this project. I also ask for your support for my well-being as I embrace a terrifying Olympic adventure as I retrieve mail from my mailbox when I go home to my rural area. Thank

[01:31:35] you for your service and dedication to this county. All right, I'm going to call up the next group of speakers and again i'm asking people if you have not been called you do not need to stand in the back

i'm going to have numbers 27 through 32 green numbers 27 to 32 and while people are shifting about if there are folks in the atrium who would like to come into board chambers or if your number

[01:32:04] is called up soon and you want to come in please do so now so again i'm calling green numbers 27 the 32 and other folks if they want to come send to board chambers this is your window of opportunity for now i see a very cute dog the dog please make sure that he behaves all right you may proceed

[01:32:40] hi my name is lauren smarbeck i've lived in the gainesville district for 22 years and i'm asking you today to not do what loudon county did to their residents please don't drop data centers helter-skelter throughout the county like Loudon did. There are data centers in neighborhoods at every street, on every highway, and we are offering something today with Dulles South to contain the data centers. Not only will it contain the data centers, but we've already dealt with the problem of the power line. We've already dealt with the problem of the repeal of the rural

[01:33:18] crescent, which is probably why the vast majority of people moved to the area in the first place. I've lived here for 22 years. My husband developed my community and built my house. So those who say that it's easy for us to take the money and run, it is not.

[01:33:33] My husband died eight years ago, and I'll be leaving the home that he built. We have a huge problem between Page Lent and Cat Harpen. It is dangerous, and unfortunately, the addition of the red light only made it worse.

[01:33:50] Every time I go to that light, I hold my breath and pray that someone doesn't come around that curve and slam into me. We have wrecks on subtly at Cat Harpen on a weekly basis. This is going to allow the county to tie Loudon and Prince William together because what's holding them from doing this now is a one-lane bridge.

[01:34:15] How many one-lane bridges are left in Prince William County? With the traffic that we have, this is ridiculous. Sanders is dangerous, Sudley is dangerous, Pageland is dangerous, and so is Cat Harpin. Data centers are here to stay, unfortunately.

[01:34:34] I believe that Dulles South gives a comprehensive plan to corral the data centers away from the battlefield, away from communities, and away from schools, and it keeps them in one spot. Hopefully it will open up Common Area so people can enjoy more space because right now you cannot.

[01:34:52] I respectfully ask that you consider accepting this CPA study so we can see what's best for the community. We need it. We are hurting out there. Thank you. Next speaker, please.

[01:35:12] I guess I can lean down a little bit. Oh, there we go. Good afternoon. My name is Todd Tennant. I've lived in Northern Virginia for 54 years. My wife, Nancy, and I moved to the Gainesville area in 2002. We built a horse farm, or she built the horse farm, and raised our family in what was then considered the Royal Crescent. Since we moved in, we've seen three high schools, massive high schools, one of which our three children attended, serving around 3,000 students each, have been

[01:35:47] built, they were all built within 12 miles of one another. We've seen massive housing expansions, Massive traffic, massive retail expansion, sorry. I don't understand how, you know, these social media activists and coalitions can say this area is rural.

[01:36:04] The rural christened died 10 years ago. I'm here to actually talk about the board's fiduciary obligation to the citizens of Pritzewin County. An obligation that exists no matter how you feel about data

centers. Two weeks ago, QTS withdrew its digital gateway appeal.

[01:36:24] The project is dead. It represented a real piece of this county's projected commercial revenue growth, revenue this board had already built into its long-range fiscal planning, and there was cheers from the rafters about that. No one, no staff, no opposition group, no one in this room has proposed a concrete plan to replace that lost revenue.

[01:36:48] Meanwhile, PwC's own BPLO data shows the county's non-data center revenue commercial tax base has been shrinking as a share of the whole for years. Initiating the CPA study doesn't approve a single building.

[01:37:06] It doesn't commit this board to anything except doing its homework. It gives the analysis you need to responsibly manage a revenue base that just lost a major pillar. Voting no on this study isn't caution.

[01:37:22] It's choosing to fly blind on a fiscal risk you already know exists. This board has the duty to study it before it decides. Please initiate the study. Thank you for your service. Next speaker, please. Hi, I'm Anna Marie Bianco.

[01:37:46] I'm in the Gainesville District, and I'm here tonight to urge your approval of this comprehensive plan amendment. A comprehensive plan is not a monument set in stone. It's a living blueprint. It is meant to guide our county toward forward thinking and to do that effectively we must reflect the world we actually live in today not the world 20 or 30 years ago the reality on the ground is that our community has already changed as you heard from many of my neighbors the traffic is here and the infrastructure demands are here now and the financial pressures on you all and

[01:38:20] our communities are great denying the CPA won't freeze time it won't erase the heavy trucks from the roads of magically restore the quiet pastures of the past. What it will do is lock us into an outdated framework that prevents us from managing this growth intelligently. So in my mind, you must approve to do the study and see what the possibilities are and how you can have a hand and we all can have a hand in how this development goes forward. The amendment is about fairness. It allows landowners who have invested in and cared for this county to put their land to use that benefits both their

[01:38:58] families and the larger community at large. Many of my neighbors have talked about the fiduciary responsibilities of this board. It is be incompetent not to look forward, to look at this small portion of our county where the location is perfectly positioned for this type of development. Change can be unsettling, but stagnation is worse. We have the opportunity to implement strong safeguards, guide the development responsibly, and secure long-term economic stability.

[01:39:34] When we talk about that development and responsibility, it is our responsibility once, if something gets approved beyond the study, to hold those developers to what we agree to, what those buffer zones should be. I heard earlier today about a different area where buffer zones are being asked for waivers and reduced.

[01:39:56] But we, the county, need to be smart. And when those plans come before you, think about the schools, the playgrounds, my children, your children, the future generations to live here, density housing.

[01:40:14] There's so much that could be gained. I know my adult children can't afford to buy a home right now. They're living at home, working from home. And so I really implore you to approve the CPA, to see

the possibilities, to see that we can include affordable housing.

[01:40:34] This is a large parcel. It's not just data centers. It's green spaces. There's a lot more that can be done. We have to do it responsibly. So please approve the CPA. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Chair Jefferson and members of the board.

[01:40:57] My name is Brian Dunbar. I'm from the Gainesville District. I was born in Prince William County and I've called the Royal Crescent my home for the past decade, so I care deeply about what happens in this county. I urge you to vote yes to initiate the Dulles South Innovation Center CPA. The digital gateway rulings addressed failures in the public notice process, not the merits of data center development. That is a reason to conduct this process carefully. This vote does not approve development, rezone property, or commit the board to any specific outcome. It authorized a study, public input, and careful comparison of alternatives.

[01:41:35] In 2022, the county changed the planning framework for the former rural crescent. Whatever one thinks of that decision, voting no today does not restore those protections. It simply prevents the county from studying one coordinated alternative. Residential development pressure is already here.

[01:41:54] In 2024, the board approved Smith Crossing for 375 homes, replacing the county's only certified century farm. A pending proposal for Cat Harpen Valley Estates seeks residential designation for 1,000 homes on 214 acres.

[01:42:13] That is what the future currently looks like without a plan. Piecemeal development, one property at a time, with roads, schools, and public safety addressed after the fact. A coordinated plan would let the county address impacts up front. There is also a fiscal reality. Raising the tax on data center equipment was a smart decision, but Prince William's effective rate is now comparable to neighboring jurisdictions.

[01:42:38] Future revenue cannot safely depend on further rate increases. The county's adopted five-year plan shows mounting fiscal pressure by 2031. If the county keeps expanding expenses while rejecting future data center growth, residents deserve to know how the budget will be managed.

[01:42:57] Higher taxes, reduced services, or residential development, with the related increased expenses that that would bring. Staff has raised concerns that should help define the study, not prevent it. But the recommendation does not appear to fully account for the development pressure already demonstrated by Smith Crossing and Cat Harpin Valley Estates.

[01:43:20] The realistic comparison is not this proposal versus a permanently preserved rural landscape. It is this proposal versus the development that is likely to occur. I could understand opposing a project after studying the facts I do not understand opposing the study before the facts are gathered as someone born here and a rural crescent resident for the past decade I urge you to vote yes and initiate the study and I'll take one extra second since today is my birthday as a birthday present I ask you to vote yes thank you next speaker please

[01:43:56] hello my name is dominic bianco and I reside in the Gainesville area Cat Harpen I also own a small business here in Cat Harbin. And people that know me know that I care for the community greatly.

[01:44:12] I've always got my eyes on everything. And I see what's happening and things are changing. They're always going to change. Change is good. Change could be bad, but it's going to change. Now how

you embrace your change needs to be an educated change. You can't just move forward without a plan. If you just renege the plan, then we don't have a way of moving forward.

[01:44:38] But we have to move forward. Every day, things are moving forward. So please, take a look at this CPA and approve it. Thank you very much. If folk can please silence their phones, I'm going to call up before the next speaker.

[01:45:04] Speakers 33 through 38. if green i should say green speakers 33 through 38 you please come stand in the back and again to remind folks when it's your turn to speak start by stating your name in the magisterial district

[01:45:31] where you reside so green 33 through 38 you are on deck all right i guess we are good all right You may proceed.

[01:45:47] Good afternoon, Board of County Supervisors, Madam Chairman, and County Exec. My name is Brian Jurgensen. I'm in the Gainesville-Dix District, specifically from Cat Harpin. I just retired 32 years from Prince William County Fire and Rescue, and it was an honor to serve you as well as the citizens of Prince William County.

[01:46:06] I've been with the county since 1994. I've seen the county explode exponentially, honestly, residential and commercially, and mostly on the west side of the county. The east side of the county was already pretty well developed, and now the west side of the county has been pretty well developed. What was quiet, rural communities such as Haymarket and Gainesville and Bristow are no longer, and we're never going to get that back.

[01:46:32] I bought my house in 2008 in Cat Harpin. It was quiet. It's what everybody's imagining rural district life was about. It was quiet, maybe one car every five minutes down Sanders Lane because there was a gravel road in Loudoun County. Nobody wanted to go down the gravel road. That's all changed. It's not been that way for 10 years, and it's never going to turn back.

[01:46:52] In Fire and Rescue, we think about every decision as a risk and reward. We do a scene survey. We gather all the information we can, and we decide what's best. We decide what's the best thing to do. How much are we going to risk versus what's the reward? And I'm asking you to vote yes for this CPA because that's exactly what you're going to get.

[01:47:10] You're going to get the facts. You're going to get the hard data. You're going to get the viewpoints. And only then, when you put them all together, can you really come up with a logical and responsible plan on how you want to handle it, if you want to handle it, what your rewards are versus what your impacts are.

[01:47:28] You can see the wave of support for this. It's overwhelming. And there's a whole bunch more outside. And this is your community in Cat Harpen asking you, let's just get the facts. Let's understand exactly what we're dealing with. The only people that are going to know that data center project is there are the commuters that are coming in and out of Loudoun.

[01:47:48] Those are the only people that will ever know it's there. It doesn't affect any residential communities because those communities are going to be part of this program. So I'm asking you, let's do our due diligence. Let's put the citizens and, again, the risk-reward, and let's gather all the facts, the hard data, the viewpoints, the pros, the cons, the benefits, the impacts.

[01:48:11] And then we can make a sound, responsible decision. after that's done. Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Jerry Miller. I'm Gainesville District, Cat Harpin resident. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak today and for your attention to this matter. I'm currently retired after serving 22 plus years in federal law enforcement. Why do I ask you to vote yes to approve the study? Because the study will provide the opportunity to gather the facts. As a law enforcement officer, I had to gather the facts

[01:48:47] every day. That was the only way that I could make an informed decision. And if I didn't have the facts I couldn't make the decision. You've had many people today that seems to probably if we did a search on all the topics today fact was probably the biggest word that's going to come up most often. That's all we're asking. We're asking for the opportunity to bring the facts forward. Your vote of yes will push the study. The study will then provide the facts that will give everyone

[01:49:22] the opportunity to understand the full complexity of this total project I'm you know part of that area I don't even know all the facts I'd like to know more about it the study will provide that opportunity for myself and for all of you and that is all we're asking thank you next speaker please hi my name is Lana hair I live on Sanders Lane I have been there for 47 years 61 years in

[01:50:00] Prince William County. I worked for Lockheed Martin and retired there, and have been in my home forever, and I always thought it was going to be the place that I reside and live happily ever after. I would like to ask you, the BFC, a question. How many, with a raise of hands, of you have actually visited that rural crescent area? First of all, this is your opportunity to speak to us. There's no call and response. Okay, so I can't get that information. Well, I'm here to

[01:50:35] ask you to vote yes on the Dallas South CPA. It's vital to the future for all of the families who reside there. We have been living in limbo with all the things that have occurred in the past, from Disney to Pageland, the Bay County Parkway, and it just seems like it's never-ending. The development is non-stop the traffic is hiroitious and it it doesn't get better so think of the people

[01:51:08] and think of the future of the cat harpen residents make it a win-win situation what is a study gonna hurt it's only gonna improve our knowledge of where we need to take cat harpen for the future and i thank you all for your service god bless next speaker please hello and my name is mike uliano and i live on sanders lane and like other people the road's getting dangerous i get up every

[01:51:43] morning monday through friday i leave the house at 4 30 in the morning and i have to stop the end of the driveway because the traffic is bad there's 10 15 people sometimes more and i might have to wait two, three minutes just to get out the end of the driveway. And you heard other people talk about the area. We've recently, well not recently, but we have had Dominion Valley's substation that was supposed to go into their neighborhood put into ours. And in this area, it actually resides

[01:52:22] in Loudoun County, but it affects us because of the power line that comes through. It would be an ideal place for this area to be developed into what everybody's talking about. We know we need the studies, but we're just asking for help. A good neighborhood and a community is a well-balanced community. And with having that, everybody could benefit from it. So what I'm saying is just look

[01:52:59] into it and thank you. Before I call the next speaker, I want to remind folks, unless you are in queue to speak i do need everyone to have a seat this is not my rule there's a sign over there it's what the fire marshal and i have been enforcing that so if you want to stay in board chambers i ask that you have a

seat if not you are free to be in the atrium all right next speaker good afternoon my name is robin ellison grove i'm a fourth generation resident of sanders lane and the cat harpen community i was actually born in fall care hospital because in 1961 prince william

[01:53:36] didn't have a hospital i'm here today to ask for a yes for the study of the dulles south innovation center you have a responsibility to all the prince william county residents saying no and closing the door without an educated study and evaluation is irresponsible our county has severe resource voids and needs our shortfalls are embarrassing to me as a resident of this many years. I think it's pathetically sad that we live so close to

[01:54:11] the D.C. area and we have families in need of housing, food insecurities. It's unacceptable to be next to the nation's capital and have families struggling. We have to be responsible with our budget. We have to look and make educated decisions for opportunities that could change that. And we have constantly, as residents of Sanders Lane, had to hear how we don't have resources to even monitor the traffic violations that you've heard my neighbors talk

[01:54:46] about. You know, more housing will just drain our resources. Commercial businesses is properly placed. We'll help the funding so we can help people that maybe aren't as privileged as a lot of the ones that are here today. I grew up as a kid on a farm kid in Cat Harpen. I grew up with a community that respected one another, helped each other, and sincerely cared about the county and its direction, regardless of whether you were a farm kid or the son or daughter of a professional. There was no them and us. It was all our county. I am so disappointed by the narrative

[01:55:26] of recent years. It is unfair to the citizens of Prince William County that a small, loud group of pretentious and insensitive people with money behind them control the narrative many don't even resign it reside in the county the lies and the lack of integrity in the local media is unacceptable and by the way speaker number one many of us wish to continue living here in the community it is our home it is where our families are at thank you for your time and appreciate all the work that you do for our county all right next speaker please do you want to call the others up

[01:56:03] before I go? You have one person behind you and that's when I'm going to do it. Okay. I've got something to post. Can I get access to the screen? No problem. I hope everybody can see that. So my name is Josiah Hunter and I live off Sanders Lane in the Gainesville District in Cat Harpin. I grew up in Fairfax. My wife grew up in Centerville, born and raised in the same home. When we moved here 20 years ago, four years ago, we learned about Pageland. We got our neighbors together to figure

[01:56:40] what's going on. So I've spent the last four and a half years, for the most part, speaking for my neighbors, and they're here today. You know, no developer approached us. No broker pushed this on us. This has been community-driven from day one. Most of you have received multiple emails from me over the last several weeks. But what I want you to look at is what actually exists here today, right, that surrounds this site and what doesn't. There are no schools. There's no battlefield.

[01:57:07] There's no home developments encroaching. Instead, the parcel is framed by infrastructure already built for this scale of use. The largest substation on the east coast anchors the north edge. Sudley Road bounds the south. A rock quarry sits to the east and low density land along a dirt road to our west. The primary north-south transmission line runs directly through the center of the property and this isn't a case of industrial use encroaching on a rural or residential corridor. It's a corridor already defined by heavy infrastructure where a business district is the logical next step rather than disruption. People have

talked about Sanders Lane already. If you go to the other side of Sanders Lane where North Star Boulevard is, it's already a four-lane

[01:57:44] divided highway. Now, Chair Jefferson and I had a conversation shortly after she was elected where she actually said, one day I could actually see a four-lane divided highway on Sanders Lane. That was a conversation she had. I believe she means that, right? And it is going to come. But what that means is more than 100 neighbors on my street lose their property to eminent domain. They lose their property to benefit others, and they bear the brunt of it. The same goes for looking at the power lines that are being built. We're going to be asked to bear the burden, the industrial burden, of those power lines expansion to feed 40 megawatts of power going to Loudoun County, where Loudoun County will benefit from the economic

[01:58:23] growth. We will not. What we have today, and I believe, and I believe I can say this, part of why the deferral was requested is because our developer, who we have worked with, who we have told what we want, is willing to work with the county and to see your vision, to adjust their plan, to make sure it meets your vision. I can say that because I texted them while I was here and they said make sure you get that point across. That's part of why they asked for the deferral. It's not so they can force something on the county. As I sat in supervisor Stewart's office and he and I had a

[01:58:58] conversation. He made a campaign promise to listen to us and if he votes no he's going back on that promise. He won by 450 votes. 600 people in my neighborhood voted for him and a vast majority were Republicans that crossed party lines to do so because Patrick Harters was a hard no, and he wouldn't even listen to us. I can tell George Stewart he won't sit in that seat if he says no. All right, before we go on to the next group, I am going to, I'm sorry,

[01:59:30] before I'm in the next speaker, we're going to call up 39 to 45. So green, 39 to 45. If you are green. Between the numbers are starting with 39 to 45. That is you. This is your opportunity.

[01:59:46] Please come up here and get in queue. All right, you may begin. Good afternoon. My name is Stanley Grove. I'm from the Gainesville District. You can call me Stosh as all my other neighbors do.

[02:00:22] I'm here to ask for support for the Dulles South Innovation Center, but I want you to know how much we've given as a community to Prince William County, to the state of Virginia. Through our community, we have two high-voltage power line easements. We have a transcontinental AT&T phone line easement. We have a high-pressure gas line easement. We have fiber lines that run down our road that have never been there before that support other data centers. And then there's the road.

[02:00:56] Everybody's told you how busy it is, but nobody's told you our road is not wide enough to handle what's going up and down it. If you would just take time to come out to see our road, you'll see a lane of tire tracks going down the gravel part of the road where people don't fit on it. I'm very proud of my house. My wife is proud of our house. We plant flowers. We cut our grass.

[02:01:19] But every time we go to cut the grass between the V-ditch and the road, we say a prayer that we're going to live through it. Because we know there's vehicles that are going to be riding down the edge of the road that are not wide enough to handle that road. So I'm just asking you, please just look at it. See what you can do. Don't take any more of our property because whether you do it or not, somebody's taking it. It's going to be a road. It's going to be a power line. And we're tired of giving our land up for nothing.

And that's what's going to happen. So please consider it. Thank you. Next speaker. Hello. I'm a local farmer. I know most of the people that's

[02:01:59] already spoken today love them dearly. And I really don't like to leave the area, but it's kind of like forcing us to leave and i seem to think that if they're offering us great money to relocate and it would take a lot of money to actually relocate me because we have two huge farms and the one lane bridge well i hold the record of crossing it the most at least eight times a day i've seen cars upside down in the creek in the creek upright tractor trailers head on i've seen everything but nobody wants to do anything about the bridge because it's v-dupped Prince William County, and Loudoun, but nobody claims it.

[02:02:36] But it would be nice to actually just get away from the bridge. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. My name is Will Kennedy. I'm in the Gainesville District. I'd like to ask you for your support for the Dulles Innovation CPA.

[02:02:53] This will place data centers away from the schools, high-density housing. It will produce fantastic funding for our public schools. This area has changed a lot in the past 10 years, already has, and will continue to change. The change with the new power lines that we did not request is already coming through.

[02:03:12] It'll support somebody else, not us. This gives us an opportunity to fund some of our changes that need to happen within the county. Again, this area is not surrounded by schools, people, or pertinences. It's a great opportunity for the county. Thank you much for your time. Thank you, sir.

[02:03:28] Next speaker. Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Povey. I live in Cat Harpin. I live on the power lines that everyone's talking about here. I also live on the gas line that runs for the county. And my children, my wife and I planned to raise them for their whole life.

[02:03:46] And now we're all being displaced by these huge power lines that are on our land. The kids have to stare at them. We have to hear them. The buzzing is not going to be a new thing. The power lines can be heard wide and far. And I just ask you all to at least consider the facts of this case.

[02:04:05] And maybe drive down our road during rush hour one day and, you know, put your life on the line that we do every day with our kids. and just kind of see what you think after that. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, and thank you to the board for your service to this community. My name is Aby Agrawal. I'm a local physician, a resident of the Gainesville District, and my family and I live in Cat Arpin. I grew up next door, just in Loudoun County, and I've seen firsthand how quickly a community can change. Today, I see those same changes arriving here. The traffic has become so

[02:04:43] heavy and the cars speed so fast in front of our home that I had to build a fence around my property just so my young kids could be safe. Change is already here. Today's vote is not an approval of a data center. It's simply a vote to continue an open, transparent, public process where every question can be asked, every concern can be heard, and every voice will be addressed. I respectfully ask each of you to vote yes today and allow that process to move forward. Thank you for your service.

[02:05:14] And thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Amy Vineyard. I am a resident of the Gainesville District. And today I asked for support for the Dulles South Innovation Project. So I am born and raised Northern Virginian, which often in this area is hard to find.

[02:05:34] Grew up in Fairfax County. My husband and I decided to start a family. We bought our first home in Prince William County in Manassas. Had two beautiful children there. thought, hey, the grass is green on the other side. Let's move to Loudoun and start a life there. And it ended up, not even a year later, we decided to move back to Prince William because that's what we love.

[02:05:54] We love everything about Western Prince William County. We love the schools. I have two small children and my investment is in the future for them. And it's in Prince William County. We have no desire to sell off our beautiful home that we love, that we designed, we built to move anywhere else.

[02:06:11] This is the county that we look to invest in and for our children's future and for their children's future. So with that said, right, the area that we live in today, that is Cat Harpin, and even in the close to five years that we've lived in our neighborhood, it's, as everybody has said, what was considered rule is no longer rule.

[02:06:31] Expansion is inevitable, and with that, change has to be made. And change, as we all know, is very uncomfortable. People don't accept change. They don't want to adopt a change. But you guys, as the Board of County Supervisors, are the change agents for this county and to make all the right decisions for what makes fiscal sense for the investment and future of this county.

[02:06:54] And with that said, there is a proposal in front of you with the technology investment for an area of land with an assemblage pulled behind it to agree to allow that investment and advancement in technology to occur.

[02:07:09] And that would be to the benefit of every homeowner, resident, every child, facilities, services, whatever you have to do for the future of the county residents and its people. So with that said, I just remind everybody today that this vote is not about approving a development.

[02:07:29] We keep going back and forth, and I'm sure we'll hear the opposition and the rhetoric and the party lines and everything in between the environmentalists. It's not what it's about and what we're asking for today. A lot of time and consideration and careful thought and planning has been put together for the Dulles South Innovation Project, different from Pageland.

[02:07:49] I know there's probably a lot of apprehension about everything that you guys have endured with that project. Our project is different. It should be given the same due consideration as its own unique project for all the advantages that it brings to this community and to the county. So with that said, I respectfully urge you to support this study and allow the process to work for what it is, to have an unbiased opinion going into this and understand and make informed decisions based on facts.

[02:08:17] Thank you. All right. Before the next speaker, I'd like to call up my next group, and that is speakers Green Card 46 to Green, no, forget, don't worry, but Green Card 46 to Green Card 50.

[02:08:33] all right we may i'm sorry sir if you can find a seat but we otherwise we may proceed please

[02:09:20] close the door thank you all right we may proceed good afternoon chair jefferson and members of the board my name is scott dibler my wife and i have lived on sanders lane for the last 26 years i want to be very clear about what's happening to our property and why your vote today matters right now we are losing land dominion power is expanding the transmission right away across our property by roughly half an acre to serve regional demand.

[02:09:48] On top of that, there are ongoing proposals to widen Sanders Lane, referred to as the Bi-County Parkway, and even the new name, Cat Harpin Creek Parkway, which would take even more of our land and further reduce our home's value. And here's the part that should concern you about these changes.

[02:10:05] The people who benefit from the projects are not the people paying for them. I know you're hearing from Prince William County residents and other individuals who do not live in Cat Harpin or even in Prince William. They're all asking you to stop the data centers, and some are asking you to build this Cat Harpen Creek Parkway to lessen their commute.

[02:10:24] But those individuals that you're hearing from do not live in Cat Harpen. They're not the ones losing acreage. They're not the ones living on Sanders Lane with hundreds, if not thousands, or more cars driving past their home each weekday. They are not ones worried about the value dropped of their property. My wife and I are, and we're not alone.

[02:10:41] My wife and I are joining over 250 property owners in Cat Harpen who are asking the board to update the current comprehensive plan so property owners along Sanders Lane have an option to sell to data center develops if they choose. The current comprehensive plan is outdated. It designates Cat Harpen as an agricultural forest area, and in reality, that's not the case.

[02:11:01] It's a residential community with half-acre to 10-acre homes and some larger parcels, and it is already being changed by infrastructure decisions being made outside of this room. So if you vote against initiation, understand what that means. You're not stopping change in Cat Harpen, and you're leaving hundreds of property owners, including my wife and I, to absorb the impact of Dominion Power and road expansion without a plan, without protections, and without the ability to make decisions about our own property.

[02:11:31] Voting yes is not initiation. Voting yes on initiation is not approval. It's the minimum responsibility of the board to update this outdated plan, study the impacts, and allow a real public process to take place. An updated comprehensive plan gives tools to set standards, require buffers, and plan around the infrastructure that's already coming.

[02:11:52] With a thorough review of the Dulles South CPA, all affected landowners and every Prince William County resident will have the opportunity to review and comment on the merits of the proposed plan. Right now, Cat Harpen is being changed without a current plan and without fairness.

[02:12:08] I'm asking you to fix that. Please vote to initiate the Dulles South CPA review. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello, my name is Aziza Yuldasheva. I am a resident of Prince William County in the Gainesville District. I live here with my teenage daughter and my elderly mom. I support voting yes to initiate the Dallas South study. We moved to Prince William from Fairfax County during the pandemic, and I thought my dream of having a forever home with space, nature, and privacy came true. My mom planted a beautiful orchard. We built a barn, and my daughter got horses, one in Rome. We hike and

[02:12:46] forage in our woods and our dogs roam freely. We even have a permanent stand in the hay market farmer's market. But as we lived here, I've become keenly aware that this scarcely populated but high traffic corner of the county with such close proximity to D.C. is a prime target for expansion and development, and rightfully so. Development of this area is inevitable given the population growth, technology changes, and the county's economic needs. And with talks of development of the area constantly brewing, what worries me is the uncertainty. What is next?

[02:13:20] When? How will it impact us and the rest of the county? The Dallas South Innovation provides certainty for us as a family on what will happen with this area and with our property in our future. By the way, we do plan to stay in this county for years to come, even if we sell and move. Now, as a lawyer who makes multi-million dollar worth decisions every day, I know that the only way to make an appropriate decision on this matter is to assess complete information, costs and benefits, pros and cons. I urge the board to initiate the CPA process to do exactly that, to study the facts fully, the most up-to-date data, expert knowledge, and views of the entire

[02:13:59] community, including those living in the area like me. Voting yes means having a transparent discussion focused on solutions. What if there is a way to approve the CPA, which is requested by hundreds of local households and which could benefit the county's budget for years to come while also addressing conservation, water, energy, and roads. Why would anyone say no to exploring this? I was going to stop here but I will add something. When we came in here my mom said this is very refreshing. Now we are both immigrants and both naturalized citizens and this process of governing and decision making is just very, very refreshing to us and that's why we came here

[02:14:36] to this country. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Parise Yousefi. I live in Gainesville District. 24 years ago, we moved to Prince William County in that area, and then I raised my children and my six grandchildren in that district. And we're all very, extremely happy.

[02:15:04] And then we are asking you to go ahead in the project and approve the project. And then saying yes that's exactly i'm a grand example of saying yes 20 i'm sorry uh 36 years ago i came to this chamber i was sitting right there and they gave me the yes the project that we are presented that was opening the gymnasium and they never ever said no they gave me the opportunity to open a gym we gave the opportunity to all the kids around the county and then we developed a strong program

[02:15:43] through the county where every year we're holding the mega meet more than 1 000 gymnasts across the nation to compete in in our gym and all the revenue going to the research for the cancer. That's the consequence of saying yes. And we would like you to just go ahead and then say yes to this project. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Thank you. My name is Ben Blakeslee. I'm a resident off of Sanders Lane in the Gainesville District. First off, thank you all

[02:16:22] for your service. I know it can be trying, and I wanted to say I appreciate it. I'm here today because I'm in favor of approving a study that reviews the economic development in the area and the land that I live in. My worry is that if it doesn't pass, the growth will happen without the say of those that live there. The growth is not whether it's going to happen. It's going to happen.

[02:16:47] Many residents have already had the opportunity to explain how that's already impacted us. And I've been there the past several years, and I love the song Country Road, but when you go up to the one-lane bridge on a rush hour, you're not humming that in your head. You're thinking something completely different, a different terminology. It's impacted everybody there.

[02:17:07] And turning away and thinking that not studying a project that's come this far is going to make a positive impact. I just I don't understand why more information is not better. So the question is, with this change and with this growth, how are we going to do that?

[02:17:28] Having a study just to see viable options that involve the residents that could help the county's future, I feel like is a great choice. And I ask you to urge you to vote yes for that. Thanks. Next speaker,

please. Hello, I'm Evelyn Parks with the Occoquan District, and I respectfully request that you deny initiation of the Dulles South Innovation CPA.

[02:17:56] With each data center vote, our county's well-being is at stake. Let's give the frameworks that county employees have worked tirelessly on time and a chance to work. This includes our strategic plan, our comprehensive plan, and our community energy and sustainability master plan.

[02:18:13] My late father, A. Jeffrey Parks, was the lead consultant in helping to create the 2025 to 2028 strategic plan that is now being implemented. He was a Prince William County resident for 30 years, and Prince William County was his dream client. He and his team worked diligently to interview county staff and residents and share their feedback on what they desired for the future of Prince William County.

[02:18:39] This feedback is the basis on which the strategic plan goals were created. Oftentimes, with each proposal, the strategic plan information is reviewed. I am sorry, but you're number 70. Yes. We haven't gotten there yet. Did you change with somebody?

[02:18:55] Somebody switch with me so I can go home to my ill mother. All right. You may proceed. Okay. Thank you. With each proposal, the strategic plan is reviewed and often ignored. Please take our feedback into account. If this proposal were to move forward, it directly contradicts the following strategic plan goals.

[02:19:14] Environment. There is an objective under Environment to safeguard the quality of the county's air, water, and natural resources to ensure they are not compromised for future generations. This proposal would add pollution from an extra 42,000 daily vehicle trips and thousands of diesel generators with limited regulations.

[02:19:35] It would also place extreme strain on our watershed and our power. And this would remove forest and replace it with impervious surfaces. The next goal, quality of life. This goal statement is to enhance quality of life, including retention, resident retention, by creating a resilient and healthy community where residents can afford to live, work, play, and retire.

[02:19:59] The Cap and Harpin Spray Park, which just opened, could be surrounded by data centers if this proposal goes through, forcing Prince William County children to breathe toxic generator air while trying to have fun and cool off. Data centers like this would use up our power and our water supply and drive up our electric prices while driving down our home values.

[02:20:20] That does not sound like quality of life to me. And the SMART Growth Goal includes an objective to ensure Prince William County's growth holistically addresses the impact on natural resources, enhances community, and economic resilience. This can't be attained if the comprehensive plan is changed every time there's a request.

[02:20:40] Please protect our natural resources. These are things that we cannot get back. Please learn from the Prince William Digital Gateway, listen to your planning staff, and listen to your constituents. Vote no on the CPA initiation. Thank you. Thank you. Before I call up the next speaker, I would like to call up speakers 51 through 55.

[02:20:59] 51, green 51 through 55. And I was going to say, yes, if you want to trade spaces with somebody, just let me know because we have sign-up sheets. And I'm doing my best to try to go through and make sure that everyone who is speaking has signed up so please help me help you and if there is anyone else

before you go melody if there's anyone else who wants to come into board chambers this is kind of the time to come in and come out so if you want to come in come out let's quickly do that all right find a

[02:21:35] seat please thank you very much all right next speaker uh okay uh here i am again my name is melody miller i live in neabsco uh as many of you know i also run on the west end of the county and Supervisor Gordy and Supervisor Stewart's area. So I'm asking you to vote no to the change in the comprehensive plan.

[02:21:54] We have a plan for a reason, and there are many things that I could say, but I'm going to give you the top ones that I'm concerned about. The first one is water. The site that they're trying to propose through this amendment is nearly 2,000 acres, and it sits right on the headwaters that feed local rivers and provide drinking water to millions of people in northern Virginia, like 40% of the people in northern Virginia, not just Prince William County.

[02:22:17] So data centers of this scale, 43 million square feet, depend on enormous amounts of water for both evaporative and closed loop cooling. And the industry promises around closed loop cooling have not held up in other approved projects. I have friends that are working in data centers that I talked to about this. We should not be gambling with the water supply of our citizens, our neighboring counties, or the state to accommodate this scale of data center on land that holds one of our most precious irreversible resources.

[02:22:46] Second, the pace of the development in this county, as I've mentioned before in other meetings, has completely outrun our infrastructure. The taxpayer-funded staff report, actually, on this one, says that this project would raise daily traffic on Sanders Lane and the surrounding rural road network nearly 27 times to the current levels.

[02:23:03] We simply don't have the roads. We don't have the water lines. We don't have the electrical substations. A lot of Cat Harpin Road remains rural water, or the emergency services, for my own personal interest, to support a project to this magnitude. Approving the land use now and hoping the infrastructure catches up is something that we've been doing for years and it hasn't worked out well.

[02:23:19] But it also ensures that taxpayers are going to foot the bill while living in the chaos. And that's kind of where we are now and most people here are tired of it. Our right to a livable county is one of the things that we've heard a lot of concern about. We didn't move here to live beside an industrial complex 10 times the size of some of the projects that are already under federal scrutiny elsewhere in the country.

[02:23:38] Our most basic expectation as citizens is that the county's own comprehensive plan which by the way took years of public input and was paid for by tax dollars actually means something and that it's followed which doesn't mean that we amend it every time it's convenient right now the plan operates a little bit less like a blueprint and more like a list of suggestions that we amended every time a developer assembles enough parcels to ask for a waiver I'd love for the board to remember that the responsibility of the board is to hold the plans that the citizens have approved finally the cost burdens don't add up the applicant claims on this that the project will require minimal demand on public infrastructure but that's just not the truth at a minimum this is going to require new roads infrastructure

[02:24:17] power lines substations city water city sewer and new capacity across the board just for this one project all of which will ultimately be paid by taxpayers and rate payers residents are already seeing double-digit electricity hikes tied to regional data center growth not just this one but all over the region I

think we've got 44 more in the pipeline plus the 40 some odd that we've already got. And it is fundamentally unfair just to ask residents to bear those costs while absorbing the traffic. I'm asking you to listen to the recommendations of your planning office, the exaltations of your citizens, and vote no to the comprehensive plan amendment. Thank you so

[02:24:49] much for your time. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Board of Supervisors. My name is Lisa Polgar from the Potomac District. And as a previous speaker said, today is my birthday.

[02:25:06] So please, on my birthday, please vote against approving the CPA for the Dulles South Innovation Center. I turned 70 today, believe it or not. The major issue before this county has been and will continue to be the strain on our grid and water systems.

[02:25:22] Please protect Prince William County from becoming a home to 43 million square feet of data center space. Double the Prince William County digital gateway. The board approved the Energy Sustainability Master Plan.

[02:25:40] What is the point of passing a master plan if we are allowing the continuous expansion of data centers with their massive energy demands and greenhouse gas emissions, which pose significant risk to achieving the county's climate goals, if we're going to violate those goals all the time?

[02:25:59] We have 85 million square feet of data center already. The Dulles South Innovation Data Centers would add 45 million more square feet. That's 50% more than what we currently have.

[02:26:16] The existing data centers are already gobbling up enough power to serve 646,000 homes. That's about four times the actual number of households in Prince William County. The county endorsed a goal to source 100% of its electricity from renewable resources by 2035.

[02:26:37] Even under current data center development, not including what has not been built, and the greenhouse gas emissions, we will not meet those goals. For the sake of our county, please deny this application for CPA. Next speaker, please.

[02:27:00] Good afternoon. To quote Monty Python, now for something completely different. I'm not here to talk about data centers. I'm here first to thank members of the board. Janine LaCroix, Shona Jefferson, Kenny Bode, George Stewart, talking to you, dude.

[02:27:18] Andrew Bailey, thank you so much for supporting PwC Hunger Free. I would like to say that our rally last month, we raised over our goal of \$10,000 for our local food pantries. I want to start today by saying that we welcome the resolution to add a volunteer coordinator and liaison.

[02:27:37] This position would connect our county government with those working to help feed residents in our county who are struggling with food insecurity. A position dedicated to strengthening strategic partnerships and battling hunger is a step that our county has needed to take for a long time. According to the Capital Area Food Bank's 2025 Hunger Report, 43% of Prince William County residents are experiencing food insecurity, and this is the second highest rate in the DMV.

[02:28:00] Chair Jefferson, you described the goal of this new position as strengthening partnerships so Prince William County can better coordinate our efforts to address important issues like food and security and connect residents with opportunities to serve. The Prince William County Food Council exists to create a sustainable and equitable food system that benefits our community, our economy, and our environment through community-driven solutions and collaboration.

[02:28:23] I ask today that this resolution explicitly states that this position would work with the Food Council. If the goal is really in coordination and connection, then the people already coordinating and already connecting residents to services should be named partners in this role. I'm asking this board to direct that food insecurity be named explicitly within the service delivery goal.

[02:28:45] Using the exact language already in the plan, the service delivery goal commits the county to filling current gaps in service needs. Food insecurity affecting 43% of the households in this county is exactly that kind of a gap, and it deserves its own key performance indicator. The KPI could be as simple as tracking how many residents this new liaison position actually connects to services each year.

[02:29:06] It needs to be a number that the public can see. I strongly recommend coordinating with experts such as the Capital Area Food Bank to define the most meaningful metrics. I'm asking that this progress be reported where the public can see it as a quarterly board work session, not only through an internal strategic team's accountability and reporting.

[02:29:26] If food insecurity is worth naming in this plan, it is worth the boards hearing about this in public, on record, and on a schedule. This resolution calls for a position to strengthen partnerships. We are asking you to build it with the existing partners and make this position accountable with metrics.

[02:29:42] Thank you for your time today. And again, thank you so much for your support at PwC Hunger Free. Thank you so very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Alfred Smith. I come from the Gainesville District.

[02:29:58] I've been in Prince William for over 23 years. I retired from the military, worked with an engineering company, took over the company, sold the company. I've had plenty of people that work within Prince William County that have worked for me.

[02:30:15] Forgive me for saying a Republican at heart. I did vote for a Democrat. And thank you so much for demonstrating the strength that you did at the beginning of this session. that validates the vote that I did give to you. So thank you so much, Mr. Stewart.

[02:30:31] And Madam Chair, thank you for showing the leadership of stepping outside of your comfort zone and making sure the right things happen earlier in the session. So that's enough of that. I'm asking you to vote yes to advance the CPA for the Gainesville, I'm sorry, for the Dulles South innovation.

[02:30:53] I am an owner in Cat Harpen, and you've heard so many owners come up here. The uniqueness of this particular project that I wanted to get through to you is there's a lot of debate about, well, they're going to take the money and run. Well, a lot of us have been here for 20-plus years.

[02:31:08] My church is here, a very faithful individual. I've invested in businesses in Manassas, and I have no intent of leaving those investments on their own. We plan to stay here, me and my wife, here in the area.

[02:31:25] I hope to find a home in Prince William County if this overall plan goes all the way through. Again, we love our church, we love our home, we love our family who are all familiar with this area. I would say that it's very rare that you have a constituency that's standing in front of you in the numbers that you have today.

[02:31:47] I know this is a long session for you guys, I really appreciate that. but everyone who lives there is telling you this is a good thing we've been looking at this plan for two years we've been working together

trying to figure out how to make this work the best for everybody across the board many of us love Prince William County we've been behind you many many times we've worked on your campaigns we've voted for you a lot of it is predicated on we really believe that this is the best way to fill the budgeting gaps for Prince William County and we think that it's wonderful that there is a financial upside but many of that financial upside for each

[02:32:26] of us individual families get reinvested into the community here at Prince William County as evidenced by the small businesses that we've already invested in. So I ask you, urge you to vote yes on this initiative and I pray that God blesses you with the wisdom to do all things that right. God bless you. Next speaker, please. Hello, my name is Laura Harders and I live in the Gainesville

[02:32:58] District. I just want to say thank you, Al, for sharing that you voted for Supervisor Stewart. I know a lot of people did because they thought that you were going to vote yes on certain projects involving data centers, but I know that you are doing your job in talking with the whole community and looking at the actual impacts i'm asking you all to vote no on the cpa for dulles south innovation center also called dulles cloud south and aka cosmos with a ridiculous website of aliens

[02:33:36] attacking earth i've heard wow great job to the citizens on sanders lane though for showing up So far, I've kept tally, and over 40 landowners have come and spoken.

[02:33:52] I know you all want this project to go through. You want the CPA initiated. And so you're going to also hear from other citizens who live very close by, who are concerned, who are also residents of this county. And I don't believe every time a group of landowners decides to assemble and sell to big data centers so they can get a million dollars per acre means it's justified for you to have a comprehensive plan amendment and then to just do the bidding of ex-politicians like Pete Canlan and Corey Stewart who are also involved in lots of different land deals in the Gainesville district right now.

[02:34:26] It is the same old story. I'm seeing people getting up and talking about the roads need to be widened. It's not a rural community. Well, guess what? I live in a rural community. That's why I can't get food delivered to me. It's because I'm rural, and I just got high-speed internet within the past few years. My husband and I live off of Sedley Road. We are a part of Sedley Mountain Estates, part of which is in Katarpen. We are in Sedley Springs, and we love where we live and we will fight and make sure that truth is heard regarding projects and citizen

[02:35:04] approval and what the popular opinion is. So you have 252 parcels. They're asking for you to switch it from AF Agricultural and Forestry to I3 Industrial and MU1 Mixed-Use Hamlet. But is that the proper siting for this? We're talking about 1,940 acres, 43 million square feet for data centers. I drive down Sanders Lane quite often, thank you, and it is a one-lane bridge. It is rural. Where I live is rural, and data centers right now are under more scrutiny than ever before,

[02:35:44] not just at the local level, but at the national and international level. So I ask you, is this fair? I ask you to vote no on the CPA, and I thank you for your time. All right, Jessica, before I call you up, I just want to get the next group, and that's 56 to 60.

[02:36:02] If you have a green card, numbers 56 to 60, please go and join the line in the back. And if we have anyone else who wants to come into board chambers, this is your opportunity.

[02:36:43] All right, you may begin. All right, good afternoon, Chair Jefferson and board members. My name is Jessica Grove, and I live in the Gainesville District. I listened to the town hall in Loudoun County

last night with Chair Phyllis Randall, and she made it clear that buy-write is no longer allowed in Loudoun County and that siting is the most important thing to consider.

[02:37:10] She said that many times, and data centers do not belong near homes because it does affect their quality of life who live nearby. So how much will the community gain when sacrificing the over 300 lives of those who live directly adjacent to this project?

[02:37:27] I live less than a mile. My mom lives even closer. My brother lives on the line. But don't worry, he will be thoughtfully planned around. I wonder what's going to happen to his water. Also, I met a very nice lady, Ramona, last week, two weeks ago, at Senator Lucas' town hall.

[02:37:50] She lives right on Sanders Lane. She's growing up. She's living in her family home from when she was a child. And she hopes to pass that to her brother and sister so they can live there also. She's not selling because she wants to live in the rural area that she planned on.

[02:38:07] and the rest of us who are left behind also deserve that right. Will the revenue that this project may bring in cover the disruption of the lives of my family and the families along Aldi Road, Log Mill, Sudley, and over the Loudoun County line in Willowsford and Jawaher Place?

[02:38:27] Is it worth it to displace all the wildlife that Cat Harpen calls home? Is it worth it for the kids who play at Cat Harpen Park to breathe toxic fumes? Even if the revenue does show up someday, Is it possible that the energy costs will outweigh the benefits? Last week, Henrico was asked for the teachers to turn off the lights and unplug chargers that aren't in use because their electric bills are going up too high.

[02:38:52] So they're going to try to do their part. But Henrico County has 37 data centers. We have way more. When is that going to happen in Prince William? Is the revenue going to make up for that? Harvard did a study on the Vantage Data Center in Loudoun County, which uses on-site gas turbines for power in one of the densest corridors in the world.

[02:39:14] with an estimated \$53 to \$99 million in annual health damage from associated air pollution among the largest health damage estimates produced for a single facility. A single facility. What is this going to do to the community that surrounds it?

[02:39:30] You might say this is not farmland, but there are people that are being sacrificed right next to this. I ask that you vote no, and I thank you for not deferring this vote today.

[02:39:47] Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Michael Slater, and I live in Four Seasons. That's a different story. I stand before you once again to plead, to ask for clear thinking about the detriment of even more data centers in our county, especially when you put them next to homes and schools and other places where they will drain the life out of human vitality.

[02:40:22] And I use that word drain very solidly because the folks who live in the area in question here, I hope you're not on well water. because you won't be. You see, the facts behind all of this are very plain. We have talked about it ad infinitum over and over again. And if you don't know the facts, you haven't been paying attention. Who in their right mind would want to invite health risks, pollution, skyrocketing electric bills, drying up water resources, not to mention destruction of the beautiful

[02:40:58] Virginia countryside? Some of you think this is funny. It's not. You know, there's no county that doesn't have a few problems with traffic and other things like that. I appreciate that. My heart goes out to you, but the solution is not to drop a monstrous data center down the middle of it. I'll tell you what it

comes back to. It comes back to the greenback dollar is what it comes to. That's what's driving the whole thing. Don't be fooled by this Trojan horse approach, people. That's what

[02:41:32] it is. Don't let the glitter of the dollar fool you. And while you're thinking about money, it has an incorrigible, enchanting effect on clear thinking, and it distorts what would be otherwise seen as short-sighted, illogical, unwise, inhumane. And while you're at it, ask your board where their contributions came from. Talk to them privately and say, where did your money come from and who

[02:42:06] did it go to? Seems to me that loyalty has found a new, lush, comfortable home, and sometimes it's not with the voters. So ask yourself, whose side am I on? How will I sleep at night? Have I misused the office that I am elected to? You know the answer. It comes from a quiet, still voice of reason, of grace, of wholesomeness. Don't let this be the continuation of a precedent that's going to

[02:42:42] affect the whole county. It's not limited just to the Gainesville area. It's not limited just to Dulles South. You're lighting the fuse, folks, and I don't know what else to say to convince you.

[02:43:01] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Miss Madden, could I use Elmo, please? Good afternoon, supervisors. My name is Liz Martirana, Gainesville District, and in about two more weeks, my husband and I will be celebrating 50 years since we moved to Prince William County. We've

[02:43:40] been here a long time, too. We've seen the good, the bad, the ugly, and I would say the data centers are by far the ugly I would ask you to vote no on the CPA before you today I'm a pretty visual person and this map is a study that VCU did and released back in February this happens to be the spray of particulate matter in this particular map also they took into consideration data centers that are in application and have not been built yet.

[02:44:19] So I'm going to read that the goal of this research is to examine the extent of current and potential future air pollution emissions from data centers in Northern Virginia. The focus is on the direct criteria air pollution emissions, pollutants such as carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides that directly harm human health, resulting from the data center's use of backup diesel and natural gas generators.

[02:44:46] This happens to be showing only particulate matter. And I hope you know particulate matter, you cannot see. It's the size of not even a strand of your hair. You can't smell it. It has no odor either.

[02:45:02] That's why it is so darn dangerous. And within a month of that study, the Piedmont Environmental Council also released a study they commissioned with Harvard and that study only spoke to the natural gas turbines at the Vantage VA2 data centers up in Sterling. They reported and I quote, fine particulate matter is widely recognized as one of the most harmful air pollutants to human health. Extensive scientific evidence shows that long-term exposure including at levels below current federal standards is

[02:45:41] associated with increased risks of heart disease, stroke, respiratory illness, asthma, exacerbation, and premature death. So back in the first quarter of 2023, the DEQ held hearings down here in Woodbridge. The purpose was to grant data centers in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax 24 extra hours of runtime. And I said at that one of those hearings that someday the congressman in Washington as they're gasping for breath and coughing and hacking are going to say, who the hell okayed that in Prince William and Loudoun and Fairfax counties?

[02:46:21] This is dangerous. I say we are drowning and we are gasping here and we cannot do this to our citizens. We cannot do it to our children. I ask you to vote no. We don't need any more data centers approved.

[02:46:38] Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Hey, good afternoon to the Board of County Supervisors. My name is Mohit, and I am a resident of Prince William County. I live in Cat Harpin.

[02:46:53] I was born in Fairfax County, moved here in 2001. I went to various different schools, Tyler Elementary, JWL, Glenkirk, and then Gainesville Middle School and Battlefield High School. So I've seen this area grow, this county grow, change, come to this county.

[02:47:12] And I'm here to request you all to please vote yes. to the initiation of the Dulles-South Innovation Center. As we all sit here, listen to the supporters and the opposition, I couldn't help but notice that when the opposition speaks, the cameras just show up for them.

[02:47:33] And that's just something that I want to point out to everybody. I thought it was kind of odd, but I don't want to take up too much of your time. I do want to request that you all vote yes to this initiation. Thank you. Thank you, sir. before our next speaker is number are you number 60 sir 59 or 60 59 you're 58 59 okay so uh number 60 through 65 green cards i'm i'm taking that you can line up to speak and sir go ahead next speaker

[02:48:05] good afternoon my name is reminder saying i live in gainsville district and i moved here i bought my first home and gained a broader community in 2001 that time the linton hall road there was a only one shopping center, giant shopping center, and two, three restaurants and one gas station in 2001.

[02:48:30] And right now, look at that, how much development is on Linton Hall, Gainesville, Linton Hall interchange, all these things, because all this thing has happened for the revenue, extra revenue. And the second, my point is, I heard on the one speaker before she say, these people who sell their land, they can move from the county.

[02:48:54] I moved in 2001 in Prince William County. After that, almost 11 family member, household family member moved in Prince William County. My brother-in-law, he lives in Somerset. Another brother-in-law, he lives in Linton Hall.

[02:49:09] My aunt lives in Dominion Valley, Piedmont. Because of that, because we love Prince William County and I never ever even I sell my land to the data center or not. I live in here, and I die here.

[02:49:25] And that's why I request you to please vote for this initial study. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the board.

[02:49:53] Catherine Kulik, Vice Chair HRA Roundtable of Northern Virginia, Gainesville District. Well, here we go again. Another massive industrial data center project. And Dulles South Innovation Center is really huge, bigger than the defunct digital gateway and the most ill-conceived development ever proposed in the history of our county until now.

[02:50:14] And this one is shockingly larger than Loudoun's data center alley. It's a cavalcade of naively compiled dangerous ideas such as powering the gigantic site using gas turbines. Those would be heard and felt far from the site as well into Loudoun and Fairfax counties.

[02:50:30] This insane proposal is dressed up as an appropriate alternative to the digital gateway and that the requesters are merely seeking a conversation with this CPA initiation. Where were these folks during

the last conversation? In a coma?

[02:50:46] Does anyone want a repeat of the five years of agonizing frustration the Digital Gateway brought to Prince William County? Staff got the dullest South CPA right in nearly every aspect of their excellent report, and we should all acknowledge that and thank them for their fine work.

[02:51:02] A Gallup poll from May found that 71% of Americans would oppose a data center in their area. 71% of Americans agree on nothing except this, and sending early warning shots that they are willing to choose their local leaders based on the data center issue.

[02:51:20] In the small town of Festus, Missouri, residents ousted half their city council after those members approved a \$6 billion data center development. Data center bans were recently passed in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Monterey Park, California, Seattle, Washington. Last month, Eustace State Senate President J. Stewart Adams, one of the most powerful elected officials in the state, lost his primary election after supporting a major data center development near the Great Salt Lake, as did multiple county officials.

[02:51:47] It is one of the clearest signs yet of the growing political risks tied to this industry and suggests the opposition to data centers is no longer confined to planning disputes, but is emerging as a voting issue capable of reshaping elections.

[02:52:02] In May and June, voters in California, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas launched efforts to recall elected officials over their handling of data center proposals. The anger and frustrations are real, and they are growing.

[02:52:19] But the biggest lie is there's only two types of development, data centers or dense housing. Pick your poison. Wrong. PwC needs to look to new economic opportunities, ones that showcase the beauty, natural and historic attractions that the county intrinsically has.

[02:52:36] Let's make and promote Prince William as a destination for a thriving, diverse, and broadly popular economy, rich in employment opportunities. Localities nationwide promote Tourism as an industry that brings joy, revenue, and lower property taxes while protecting and preserving the things we love rather than those your constituents have grown to hate.

[02:52:55] That conversation has already started. Let's make it a reality. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Bobby Kelly, and I have spent the last four to five years of my retired life in this chamber saying the same things that I would like to say, but deja vu, I'm not going to repeat them.

[02:53:25] But I'm strongly opposed to the opening of the CPA for the Dulles South Innovation Center. That's a proposal set up 43 million square feet of data centers, 43 million square feet. That's unbelievable. But I want to say that you as a board have an opportunity here.

[02:53:44] You all must by now be painfully aware of the negative criticism of the previous board's decision on the digital gateway. I was amazed at the coverage it received with its demise. It spread far and wide. The celebration was felt throughout this county, the whole commonwealth, and the country.

[02:54:04] Social media had a field day because it was a successful David over Goliath story. And that's a good news story that we need in this current time. So wouldn't you all as a board rather be the reason for a feel-good story than the reason for a story about bad governance?

[02:54:23] You have a golden opportunity to right the wrongs of the previous board and be a leader in good governance. Be a positive benchmark, not an example of how not to do land use decisions. And the facts support that decision.

[02:54:39] The facts support saying no to this opening of the CPA for reasons that we've covered over the last few years. And many of you sat through those meetings, a 27-hour meeting to talk about the benefits and the demise of data centers.

[02:54:55] So you have the information. Your staff obviously has the information because they recommended to not move forward with the CPS change, a CP change. So listen to them. So the gig is kind of up.

[02:55:13] You know, the country's gotten onto it now. And we learned a lot from the digital gateway. This new study isn't going to produce anything different than what we've talked about for the last four and a half years. It's all the same. So let's not go down that rabbit hole again. Enough is enough.

[02:55:30] I beg you to do the right thing. I did learn today that traffic problems are going to be solved by data centers. That's amazing. What else can data centers solve? Certainly not traffic issues. So I would encourage you to say no.

[02:55:46] I would also encourage you when you talk about the financial benefits to look at the analysis that was done during the Digital Gateway because there's creative math going on, and you really need to look at the facts. So I suggest we have the facts. I suggest we don't have to reopen the CPA.

[02:56:04] I strongly encourage you to become role models for how to do land use, And I support strongly the opposition to opening the CPA and just say no. Enough is enough. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. I want to remind everyone the rules were set early. No laughing, no talking, no discussion.

[02:56:21] You can use your hands if you want. The first group did very well with that, so I'd ask that you honor that request. All right, next speaker, please. Hi, my name is Annalee Gallagher, and I'm from the Gainesville District. i've been a resident of prince william county for my entire life so the last 30 years i grew up here and i plan to raise my family here you here today are on the side of developers and data centers or the people of this county there's no in between right now we're at a tipping point in the history

[02:56:56] and trajectory of this county we always look back as community members to a few years ago when all of this began and say those board members betrayed us and that is their legacy. They may have done a ton of good, but what will they be remembered for? What will you be remembered for? Who will you stand with? It's no longer about party lines. We are united behind opposition for turning our land into a dystopian industrial wasteland. We are united in protecting the watershed and the thousands of residents who rely on its drinking water, as well as the thousands of well water that residents

[02:57:33] rely on in the area of this proposal, including myself. This Dulles area is beautiful, full of wildlife and smart development with a mix of multi-acre developments, farmlands, and streams that directly support the watershed. People have invested their money to live here, including myself. There is a reason for the comprehensive plan and the zoning that is in place. Everyone saying that this is the perfect place to put data centers? No. We have to keep what is left of that end of the county there are working farms down 15 that would be negatively impacted you all saying

[02:58:09] the royal crescent is dead well you don't live along the roads that this impacts there's thick woods there's quiet there's open fields it's very rural there are a large number of homes there as well that will feel this directly our children will feel this directly when it destroys our water if the power lines that you all speak about are heard far and wide how much will 43 million square feet of data sound like. The perfect place for these data centers is zoned industrial. Put them in the industrial overlay. Listen to your staff who advised against this. The residents in favor of this absolutely have a right to sell their homes, 100%, but not at the detriment of the rest

[02:58:48] of us. I understand there are more power lines. There's traffic. However, smart development and solving traffic problems is not approving 43 million square feet of data centers. Unfortunately, these residents are dealing with decisions approved by previous boards and ignoring their concerns. We can't make that mistake here again today. They say over and over this project will be tucked away and impact a small group of people. That is not true. It would impact surrounding counties, states, increase traffic, and impact all of our water. And that we do not, if the data

[02:59:25] centers are not approved, what will we put there? Nothing. We can't handle additional homes. The grid can't handle more power. To me, it sounds like we need a traffic study and ended at that. So I'm begging you to please vote no today and no more rezonings and no more data centers. Thank you.

[02:59:42] All right. Thank you. Next speaker. Hi, I'm Kerry Needham, 40-year resident of the Gainesville District in Cat Harpin. I live very close to the subject property. I asked the board to vote no on initiating the proposed CPA. This application is grossly incompatible with the comp plan and all surrounding land uses, and it asks the Board to abandon the 2022 Comp Plan, the pathway

[03:00:19] to 2040, before we've even addressed the impacts of the 36 million square feet of already approved but unbuilt data centers. Converting 2,000 acres of low-density agriculture and residential use into the largest industrial data center complex in Virginia is a paradigm shift from the Board vision adopted in the 2022 comp plan after years of public engagement. Residents, businesses, and property owners have relied on that plan to decide where to live, invest, and raise their families. Nobody wants to live near a data center. This application does not address any compelling

[03:00:57] public need appropriate for an out-of-turn amendment. Local traffic concerns do not justify mass industrialization. The question is, how much is too much? The board has already approved an unprecedented amount of data center development, 36 million square feet, still not built, yet concerns raised during the digital gateway debate have grown more serious and gone unaddressed.

[03:01:22] Our power grid is under great strain. This project requires massive new power infrastructure, substations and transmission lines, and backup generators. Before considering a project of this scale, we need confidence that existing residents and businesses can be served reliably without higher costs or additional community and environmental impacts. This site is in the Aquacan watershed, which supplies drinking water to hundreds of thousands. Data centers require immense amounts of cooling water. Replacing agricultural land with sprawling industrial

[03:01:59] development increases risks to the quality and availability of the public water supply at a time when residents must already conserve due to drought conditions. Our county has still not adopted meaningful data center standards to address 24-7 noise pollution, the Occoquan watershed modeling, buffering for residential communities, air quality degradation, or transparency regarding power demand and infrastructure.

[03:02:28] Residents living near data centers continue to experience growing adverse impacts daily. While data centers generate tax revenue and construction jobs, they create few permanent jobs and impose permanent damage on our communities and environment.

[03:02:44] This board is about, I'm sorry, this decision is about whether this board will uphold the 2022 comp plan commitment made in collaboration with the community or allow it to be dismantled through piecemeal expectations. I ask the board to vote no on this proposed CPA, and I thank you all for your time in public service.

[03:03:06] Thank you. Before I get on to the next group, I would like to, I think we already have 45 up here, but just to make sure, I'd like to call, I'm sorry, 65. I'd like to call 65 to the new 70. So green card numbers, 60 through 70. I'm sorry. Or 65, I'm sorry, 65 through 70. Green card or green holders. I'm not going to make any immigration jokes. I hear people laughing.

[03:03:40] It was unattended. No pun, Min. All right, the mom jokes sustain me, y'all. The mom jokes sustain me. All right, ma'am, you may begin.

[03:03:58] My name is Diane Yeager. I have lived on Cat Harbor Road in Gainesville for the last 38 years. I would ask the board to deny the request to initiate the changes of currently agricultural residential land use along Sanders Lane in order to develop Dulles South Innovation Data Center, a project double in scope and size to the now defunct digital gateway.

[03:04:23] I will iterate the more salient protest points contained in a flyer that has been circulated in my neighborhood. They are well worth repeating. Diesel generators, noise and pollution, likelihood of gas turbines or gas plants close to our homes, risk to our wells from groundwater pollution, risk to surface drinking water pollutants feeding the Occoquan River, environmental and wildlife devastation, dozens of additional electrical substations, miles of transmission lines taking private property, putting at risk

[03:04:58] our entire electrical grid, which has become inadequate, caused in large part by data center development and causing blackouts, imposing significant additional electrical costs to our area, costs that these developers should be paying, but rather have and will continue to be a burden to residential families, devaluation of the subject property's contiguous and greater area's residential real estate, not to mention perhaps years of construction noise, pollution, industrial blasting, road revisions, rerouting of traffic, and eminent domain seizures.

[03:05:35] Prince William County has far more than its fair share of data centers, most of which have come, most of which have and continue to wreak havoc on dozens of communities. Any consideration of Dulles Health Innovation Center is sheer insanity. Thank you for your time. Next speaker, please.

[03:05:57] Good afternoon. My name is Eric Yeager. I'm a resident of Gainesville. I've listened to the opposition to the data centers, and it seems to me that most of them, I'm sorry, I misspoke.

[03:06:18] I listened to the people who would like to proceed with the data centers, but most of them spoke because of the traffic in the general area. Now, that seems like a problem that can be fixed without approving data centers.

[03:06:38] For example, the bridge at the end of Sanders Lane that connects Loudon to Prince William County is a one-lane bridge that's about 50 feet long. Is it a big deal to make it into a two-lane bridge? I don't think so. but I realize that developing new transportation routes or improving old ones are not quite

that simple, but it's something worth the research to see how long it would take to correct and how much it would cost.

[03:07:12] Concerning the 43 million square feet of data centers that are proposed, To put it in perspective, the Pentagon, which up to recently, and it may still be, is considered the world's largest brick building in the world.

[03:07:33] And it is approximately 6.6 million square feet. So you can fit approximately seven pentagons inside 43 million square feet of data centers.

[03:08:01] And so that's an awful lot of land that's going to be occupied by developed buildings, which, by the way, every day you hear more complaints about where data centers have been built and the problems they are causing to infrastructure, to water tables, to the quality of air.

[03:08:27] Moving ahead with more would be a huge mistake. So, therefore, you know, if the problem of repairing roads and making them wider can't satisfy people who live on Sanders Lane, then, by all means, look at alternative use for the property.

[03:08:50] But data centers is not the way to go. Thank you for your time. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Patrick Harder's Gainesville District.

[03:09:07] I want to first talk about a unifying message. and I know I'm not the most popular person in this room by any stretch, but what you have heard is nobody wants housing sprawl, and everybody is scared of housing sprawl. We're tired of housing sprawl. Everyone is. We want redevelopment and reinvestment, and we want to protect open space, but so many people do not believe that that's even a possibility, and I believe it is, and keep that in mind on July 21st when Cat Harpin Valley comes in, or when this same applicant that is proposing this 43 million square feet of data centers

[03:09:47] starts coming in with their assemblages because that's what they're selling. We have said it's predatory land practice around our community. I was offered the 500,000 an acre. It's predatory land practicing. It's taking on people's fears and assuming that this county is going to do the worst thing.

[03:10:07] It was said that Patrick Harder's was a hard no, and the answer is I was a hard no, not because I wouldn't listen. Johnny and I talked a lot. I listened a lot, but I've been hearing it since July 20th, 2021. That's when we first said, why don't we look at a study? Why don't we expand from the GADBAN property all the way up Pageland and maybe even up Sanders Lane to the Loudoun County border?

[03:10:29] I've been hearing this. You've been hearing this. Some of you were on this side with us arguing about how bad the digital gateway was. And what a way to start the 4th of July, 250th anniversary, then to find out the digital gateway finally died.

[03:10:45] And it was the citizens coming together, Democrats, Republicans, independents, a community coming together, which is the blueprint on how to defeat these data centers and how to fix Prince William County and get back to a normal county. But this project here, 43 million square feet of data centers.

[03:11:03] We have been on the wrong issue on data centers for so many years. But today, you have an opportunity. I've heard Chair Jefferson, I've heard Supervisor Gordy say, we need to start saying no. If there's ever been an opportunity to say no, a 44 million square foot data center that's more remote with less infrastructure, this is it.

[03:11:25] This should be all. It's ridiculous, 43 million square feet of data centers in a residential area. So it's easy to say no. But imagine Prince William County will not only not be on the wrong side, but you can make history today. The digital gateway dies and Cosmos die in one week in Prince William County.

[03:11:44] You will have put your stamp on history because it's the two largest data centers back to back going down in one week. That has not happened anywhere. That'll send shockwaves to the industry that the data centers need to start taking to the community into effect when they look at how they're going to damage the neighborhoods.

[03:12:04] And we need to simply do better in Prince William County and start looking at new opportunities and turn the page from data centers. Next speaker, please. Hi, my name's Lana Craven, and I live in the Gainesville District.

[03:12:27] Dulles South Innovation Center at 43 million square feet will be the largest data center in the world if approved. The general consensus is that the standard cloud data centers require 100 watts per square foot. and high-density AI data centers demand 500 to 1,000 watts per square foot.

[03:12:46] This means Dulles South Innovation Center will likely require anywhere from 4.3 to 43 gigawatts of power. This is more than the grid capacity of nations like Norway and Argentina. It's clear that this data center project will greatly impact the quality of life for not just my family, neighbors, and community, but this entire county, the state, and surrounding states, as we are all connected through transmission lines, watersheds, and air.

[03:13:19] Since the Board of County Supervisors approved the first data center in March of 2016, residents have watched data center after data center get approved with little to no concern for environmental impacts. Prince William County presently has a total of 85 million plus data center square foot, either under application, approved, under construction, and zoned but not yet built.

[03:13:47] With each square foot of data center approved, residents have experienced predatory land acquisitions, inflated property values, neighbors fighting neighbors over proposed land assemblages, million-dollar lawsuits on the taxpayer's dime, threats of eminent domain to accommodate transmission lines and substations, air, light, and noise pollution, and threats to our watershed.

[03:14:13] Dulles South Innovation Center would push our county beyond the threshold of being able to safely provide water and power to residents. Watching this board vote on data centers since 2016 is like watching an 18-wheeler without brakes barreling down the highway.

[03:14:30] approval after approval despite warnings from the bystanders. Well, you have the power to take this county off the crash course. Stick to the comprehensive plan as it stands. Honor the energy and sustainability master plan goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions countywide to 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. Complete the promised water study. Listen to your own planning department, residents and the environmental and conservation organization experts. You have the power to save

[03:15:05] our county's agricultural and forested community and protect the environment for future generations. I urge you to apply the emergency brakes on this runaway data center rig and vote no on this CPA. And I do have a trophy here for first time no vote on a data center CPA. Supervisor Angry, I would love to be able to give this to you today. Thank you for your time.

[03:15:31] All right, next speaker, please. Hi, my name is Mindy Diepenbrock. I'm from the Brentsville District and a resident of the Braemar community for over 25 years. I am a co-founder of the Save Braemar Coalition, and I'm here representing our non-partisan group of almost 800 residents.

[03:15:54] Do you have any idea how hard that is to get people to agree on this? It's amazing. We are fighting multiple infrastructure projects surrounding and running through our neighborhood. Our community is facing multiple high-voltage transmission lines and a massive gas-insulated substation next to our homes and our schools.

[03:16:14] We're being used as an extension cord to power the 193 approved data centers within a five-mile radius of our community. We were here just two weeks ago discussing the gas-insulated substation and how the multiple infrastructure projects proposed for our community to power the data centers will have enormous impacts on our quality of life and our environment.

[03:16:40] A clear solution has still not been identified to mitigate these damages. And yet here we are, again, discussing another data center project, one not recommended by your own planning commission and one that is not consistent with the Prince William County comprehensive plan, as others have mentioned.

[03:17:00] I have heard people's concerns about the traffic and the change in the rural character and I feel for them. I really do, but it sounds like a traffic study, traffic management needs to be addressed. What we don't need is more data centers. Many people in support of this project are the ones that stand to financially benefit from the project while remaining removed from the actual consequences of them. I heard folks saying in the atrium that they were offered 500 to a million per acre, and that the land developers will make even more. And many Sanders Lane residents are

[03:17:36] saying they will stay in the county, but where are you going to go? The Brentsville District is being swallowed by data centers, and infrastructure is spreading like cancer, from data center to substation to transmission lines, going through neighborhood after neighborhood after neighborhood.

[03:17:54] So to the people in Cat Harpen who haven't experienced this yet, I'm here to warn you, Every data center added impacts others in the county and the counties surrounding us. It's not just the district where they're being built. There is no good area.

[03:18:11] There is no quiet corner. We are all going to be affected. So ask yourselves, where will the power come from to feed this gigantic project? PJM issued emergency alerts this past weekend warning of a grid collapse, and we only have a quarter of the approved data centers online.

[03:18:30] What happens when all of them are plugged in? Will hospitals go off the grid? How many will die? What happens when the water runs out? And what happens to those living on wells? Data centers pollute the water that feed those wells. We all know that the data center...

[03:18:47] I'm sorry, but next, I'm going to call up the next speaker. Thank you. Please vote no. Before I do, I'm going to call up numbers 71 through 75. If you have the green, that is you, 71 to 75.

[03:19:06] And I'm also going to let people know we have 90 residents who are assigned to speak up. After they speak, the board is going to take a 10-minute break.

[03:19:21] Then we will return with our non-resident speakers, and then we will go into virtual speakers. All right. Well, now we have more people coming in. All right, Ashley.

[03:19:40] Madam Chair, number 70 was Evelyn Parks, and she left to go with her mom. Anyway, I just wanted to, for the, your register, I think I'm number 80. Okay. Good afternoon or evening, Madam Chair, members of the board. My name is Ashley Studholm, and I'm the Executive Director of the Prince William Conservation Alliance.

[03:20:00] Oh, and I'm Occoquan District, Prince William Conservation Alliance. We work to create equitable and sustainable communities throughout Prince William County. Thank you for taking the bold move in hearing Dulles South innovation today.

[03:20:16] Now, I respectfully ask you to honor the plans that you have already adopted, protect our drinking water, and deny the initiation of the CPA. Every resident has a right to safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water. In Prince William County, whether you live on the eastern end and receive your drinking water from the Occoquan Reservoir, or you live on the western end and rely on a private well, both sources depend on the same watershed.

[03:20:45] Forests, farms, wetlands, and open spaces are not empty lands waiting to be paved over. They are a natural infrastructure that filters water, recharges our groundwater, and sustains the streams and rivers every one of us depends on.

[03:21:02] When we replace thousands of acres of watershed with pavement, concrete, industrial development, we are placing an increasingly fragile system under greater stress. There are limits to what a watershed can absorb while continuing to provide clean, reliable drinking water.

[03:21:23] And we do not know how to restore a watershed once its natural functions have been lost. Prince William County has already made significant concessions to accommodate more growth. The proposal before you asks you to move the line once again.

[03:21:41] It's time to hold the line and uphold your vision for the county's future. So much time, effort, and money went into developing the Sustainability Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Purchase of Development Rights Program.

[03:21:56] This proposal undermines all of them. Today, we know far more than we did just a few years ago. The Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab has documented increasing signs of stress in the reservoir. Fairfax Water requested that you take the Occoquan Reservoir into account when making land use decisions.

[03:22:17] Study after study on data centers have confirmed our concerns about water use, air quality, energy infrastructure, and the broader community impacts. You can make an informed decision today. Rather than continuing to test the limits of our watershed, let's work together and realize a vision that builds community and protects the natural systems that sustain us.

[03:22:43] Thank you. Next speaker, please. My name is Matt Caddo in the Gainesville District. When I was a kid, my brothers and I used to enjoy going to our grandparents' home because my grandfather had a box of dominoes.

[03:23:04] We love to play that game. We didn't, because of economic circumstances, didn't have many games at our home. And we love to play it because we knew that there would be a winner at the end. And the winner was determined by how many domino tiles we could get to fall off after we'd set them up on the edge of the table. We called those kills. And so that was our game, figure out how many we could kill with

the domino effect. Little did I know that 50 or 70 years, 70 years later, I'd be standing here worried about the finger that pushed that domino. And metaphorically, that finger that's

[03:23:39] pushing the domino here in Prince William County that's causing kills is Corey Stewart, Pete Canlon, and Mark Looney. Because they're behind these data center projects, buying up land, creating assemblages. And it's really a problem for everyone that's in that domino chain, because inevitably we fall. And the impacts that have been described to you today by those who wake up one day, and they're lottery ticket winners on a land deal because of data centers, and they hold it up.

[03:24:10] And it overcomes common sense, it overcomes sense of community, and it overcomes completely what we really should be doing in our community, which is working together in order to protect our community rather than picking winners and losers as we're doing. It does pit neighbors against neighbors. In the latest battle that we just overcame here, there were neighbors in page of land whom I love as friends. And yet we were pitted because of economic circumstances against one another. I would see them at community activities, people that went to my church. And the

[03:24:46] tension was always there. As much as we tried to mask it, it was there because there were people that were going to win big. And they didn't care. They were blinded by the circumstances that they really were winning on. And that was something. I sat in line at the Cat Harpen post office waiting to drop off some mail, and a woman that was standing in front of me turned around, and she said to me, you're the guy from Oak Valley, aren't you? And I said, yes. She goes, I live on Pageland Lane, so I braced myself for what was coming next. And she said, my husband and I kneeled every night, and we prayed that you would win, because we didn't want to leave our home. This

[03:25:25] was where we wanted to live and die, and let our kids deal with the aftermath. She said, thank you for standing up. What a powerful message because she said that they were bamboozled, they were blackmailed, they were forced into joining the assemblage on Page the Lane. That's a terrible circumstance to be in. Time for a reset. We need now to bar the door to the developers coming in and owning the planning office space. We need to make sure that as we move forward in the future that we don't allow non-disclosure agreements that bar us from knowing what's happening in communities do the right thing today say no to this thank you next speaker

[03:26:03] please hello my name is sonia connect hoshi and i am in the brunsville district i live in oaksville i don't have prepared nosen for me i talk from my heart i live as i said i live in noaksville and i have horses and the worry of i've come to the board before to talk about the worry of water and we are in a well and i worry about what the data centers will do to the water and i also worry about the electrical grill grid Because if I lose electricity for any length of time, I have horses that get stomach aches.

[03:26:37] If you don't know horses, they get stomach aches, they can die. So I'm here to say please protect our natural resources in Prince William County. And I was listening for a long time in the beginning of this speaking, and I was listening to the people talking about their lane and the traffic.

[03:26:55] And I do agree that I think a traffic study needs to be taken care of, But I don't think adding 40, the previous gentleman said seven pentagons worth of data centers to this county will strain it even more. Princeville County is already in infamy because of these data centers who are well known across the country.

[03:27:13] I think adding more to this system will just break it. Thank you very much. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Supervisors. I'm Rena Stapp, and I guess I'm one of those pretentious and insensitive residents from the Brentsville District.

[03:27:33] But I wouldn't say that I have money. You heard from me two weeks ago about how Brammer is one of the areas targeted by Dominion for substations and transmission lines. I still doubt Dominion will have a better plan in 90 days for that substation, but I suppose we'll have to talk about that again in September.

[03:27:49] I'm here to talk about Dulles South Innovation Center and asking you to vote no. Last week, we were accused of being NIMBYs, and I said if there's a project being planned in your backyard, please let me know. Well, here I am. I'm here to fight for all of Prince William County. We want clean water. We want clean air. We want our electric bills to not skyrocket because of massive data centers planned in areas where we don't want them.

[03:28:12] The current data centers aren't even paying their part in taxes because of tax breaks and loopholes. So the county essentially is not getting their income from them. So saying that we're going to get all this for schools and for residents, that's not happening for who knows how many years. There was a whole debate in the legislative assembly about it, and we could barely get a budget passed this year because of data centers and tax breaks.

[03:28:35] We're not getting the money that we're being promised, so don't pretend that we are. We don't want all of the—sorry, my phone went quiet. The current data centers aren't paying their taxes, and we have no reason to expect the income from the next group of data centers.

[03:28:51] What we can expect is high-power transmission lines cutting across the county, taking people's land, increasing everyone's power bills. We are on a co-op, many of us in NOVAX, so we all pay for the electric infrastructure and the electricity that is needed for the data centers, not for our homes.

[03:29:11] Not for the homes that are being built, but for the data centers. We can expect more backup generators spewing diesel fumes in the air when there's a strain on the grid, like we saw last week. We saw pictures of plumes of diesel fumes going into the air. That doesn't just affect the people that live right next to it. It affects everyone. Air doesn't stay in its bubble above the data center. It will continue to flow. Also, we can expect construction noise and eventually data center noise. No one wants to live next to that humming and buzzing. Transmission lines also have that humming and buzzing. And you have heard us talk about, we don't want to live under those

[03:29:46] either. I've grown up in Northern Virginia. I've been a PWC resident for 20 years. I knew there would be growth. I expected it. We want to talk about responsible growth, not data centers and housing developers buying all the land and making all the decisions for us. It sounds like many residents on Sanders Lane need a study done about that road. So let's do that. And don't assume that the Dulles South CPA will affect any of that road's traffic in a positive way. Thank you.

[03:30:17] Next speaker, please. Rachel Ellis, Gainesville District. My family moved to Cat Harpen in 1979. We lived off of Sherry Court, which is in the middle of this. I would ride my bike to the one-lane bridge.

[03:30:35] I have scars on my face from when I took a tumble down a hill because of that. There's always been power lines along there. In my later years as a teenager, we would ride across the one-way bridge to the substation over there. Something for us to do.

[03:30:50] So my point is that area has had power lines and substation for a very long time. My husband and I, when we got married in 98, we lived in Manassas for two years. And then we moved back to Sherry Court across the street from my parents. Why? Because it was affordable housing.

[03:31:07] Sherry Court is one-acre lots, brick ramblers, and some of them need to be updated. Ours need to be updated. We were there for two years, realized we were a little too close to my parents, and moved down the street about a mile and a half to where we've been for the past 23 years.

[03:31:23] When we bought that house, we looked at something called the comp plan. and it was in the rural Crescent, so we knew the farm, the 200-acre farm that sat behind us could be nothing but 10-acre lots. That farm is still there. That farm sits between us and this whole area. It has 175 cattle. They also keep the cows on another area off of 234, which will be a couple hundred feet from where this is being proposed. This area is rural, and I also want to say Jessica mentioned a lady named Ramona that is in this, and that's the other thing I want to

[03:32:02] point out that's different than the digital gateway. There are homeowners that don't want to be a part of this, and they're sitting there. Ramona, guess what? Her mom was my piano teacher, so I get that she wants to stay in her home that she grew up in. At some point, this board has to say no, and I know you guys know that. I know you guys know what's coming next year, and that's with the elections. The data center industry is no longer welcome in Prince William County. The

[03:32:34] residents are tired of giving up even an inch for them you guys know the impacts of this industry it's not 2023 it's not just western prince william that is aware of what's going on everybody is watching they are watching how you're going to vote tonight and we all know your voting records all the yes votes and residents don't want to hear sand bites we actually want to hear a no and real quick i'm gonna i i want to thank you guys for actually having this tonight and not doing the deferral. I did reach out to all the supervisors to do something different because this

[03:33:10] is close to me, even though I've been here for every other data center application. And a shout out to Supervisor Angry, who recognizes that we need to move away from data centers. We are more than data centers. Thank you very much. All right, before I get to the next speaker, I would like to

[03:33:29] call up 76 to 80. 76 to 80, and those are people with the cards that are green. All right, I'm just

[03:34:09] letting people get settled, a little bit more foot traffic. All right, you may proceed. Thank you.

[03:34:24] Awesome. Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Nancy Armour, and I'm an Occoquan District resident. Chair Jefferson and supervisors, thank you for taking time to hear us today and for moving forward with the hearing. I'm here today to ask you that you deny the CPA for the Dulles South Innovation Center. The Prince William County planning staff recommends denial of the CPA due to its incompatible land use. The impact on infrastructure and the environment are key concerns. My personal concern is the impact on the Occoquan watershed. I think I'm the only one left that still drinks

[03:35:03] tap water. My personal concern is the quality and the quantity of the water. When the Prince William Digital Gateway Project was being considered, Fairfax Water Authority expressed great concern about the ongoing development on the Occoquan watershed. I don't believe the water study was ever completed, and yet here we are considering a project that will cover over 3,000 acres without understanding the impact on our water. Please vote no to the Dulles South CPA tonight stand by the comp plan 2040 the work of the county's planning staff the sustainability

[03:35:42] commission our county's own strategic plan and the majority of the counties and now the country's citizens who want the data centers to stop showing up thank you very much have a good night next speaker nancy if you would take a look i also have a water bottle i drink tap all right next speaker. Hi, my name is Paul McDonald. I live in Cat Harpen on Sanders Lane. I've listened to a lot

[03:36:15] of eloquent and passionate speakers, and aside from my personal views, I would think you as a board should consider doing this in-depth study just because of the number of people who are impassioned about the whole subject. It needs to be developed. Nothing is being locked in, as I understand it. Sanders Lane does have rotten traffic. The road is dangerous.

[03:36:45] Saying doing a study means nothing happens. If you could go off and fix the bridge and give me a two-lane road without cutting into my land, I would love that. Two of my adult children are in Prince William. My wife and I don't have any intention of leaving them. They're our favorite people, two out of three of them. I would just like you guys to expand upon the possibilities.

[03:37:12] My final thought is I read something just yesterday. I don't know if it was an opinion piece or a marketing piece trying to push thoughts in one direction or another, but they said eventually these data centers are going to be pushing out serious tax dollars.

[03:37:29] Did they do it right away? I don't know. I don't have access to the books or the county records, but if that article I read yesterday said could be up to the equivalent of \$10,000 a house, if you guys could turn around and say to the Prince William County citizens in large, not just Cat Harpin, we get to lower your property taxes \$1,000 a year, I'm going to suggest, unlike what other folks have said, you're going to be able to bequeath your seat to your grandchildren because nobody takes care of the citizens emphatically and directly. So if you can help them keep their

[03:38:08] lives in order and take a serious look at this, I think that's only fair with all the people that are impassioned by it. Anyway, thanks a lot. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. Thank you to all of the members of the Board of Supervisors, and thank you to all of those who have come out today to express all of their opinions on the issues that we have in Prince William County.

[03:38:38] But my name is Austin Adekbisan, and today I stand before you as a youth civic leader, a student activist, and most importantly, a rising sophomore at Gainesville High School. And today I stand with and I stand for the over 90,000 students that we have in Prince William County Public Schools, and I'm here to represent and to advocate for the creation of a non-voting youth representative for the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. The board

[03:39:10] makes decisions that shapes our parks, libraries, community centers, programs, and the futures of our neighborhoods. But the people that represent the future, our youth, have no representation on the body that makes those decisions.

[03:39:30] A youth representative would provide firsthand insight into the needs of young people. And while the board continues to do and has made thoughtful decisions on our behalf, there is no substitute for hearing directly from the students who will inherit the decisions that this board makes.

[03:39:49] And that is very true when it comes to land use, which we have heard of a lot from today. Whether it pertains to data centers or new developments in general, these decisions will shape Prince William County for decades beyond.

[03:40:08] And my generation will live with the consequences of it. If the board is making choices that affect our future, I truly do believe that young people deserve a voice in those conversations. We currently have representation on the school board because it does affect our daily lives.

[03:40:26] But the lives of the youth of Prince William County does extend beyond the classroom. The decisions made by this board affect our quality of life, our environment, and the kind of community that we will inherit. So I believe that youth representation should not stop with education.

[03:40:48] Creating a non-voting representative on this board strengthens the bond between young and old, between tenured residents, and new births in Prince William County. And it encourages lifelong civic engagement and ensures that the next generation has a seat at this table.

[03:41:11] If we expect young people who will inherit this county, who will inherit this community, to care about the future of Prince William County, then I believe that we must have the opportunity to help shape it. Thank you so much. Next speaker, please. Thank you. Thank you to our youth and to such a powerful and articulate speaker. My name is Karen Sheehan. I'm a resident of Gainesville.

[03:41:49] This is my granddaughter, Kaylin. First of all, thank you to the seven supervisors who voted to deny the request to defer today. Thank you very much. No matter how many people try to package their statements that this isn't about data centers and it's just a study, you can't dance away from the fact that this is exactly to add more data centers in Prince William County. No

[03:42:25] more data centers. For over 12 years, this county's poor choices have consumed my life. Quite honestly, I have been affected by bad choices in this county ever since I chose Prince William County over all the other possibilities in this region when we selected our home at the base of Bull Run Mountain. But it wasn't until I was made aware of the threats coming directly to my little community of Haymarket that I finally woke up and took action. Actions that I

[03:43:02] am still taking today. It was no more data centers then. It is still no more data centers today. We, the overwhelming number of residents of my community, of my county, my state, and my country are fighting for our lives, fighting for our families, fighting for our well-being, fighting for our homes, fighting for our health, and fighting for our futures.

[03:43:34] We are fighting against data centers. We need you to listen to us. No more data centers. I'm not going to stand here and spend any more time educating and re-educating you on all of the risks, dangers, and inequities the people this county are living through because of being overwhelmed by data centers.

[03:43:59] By my own choice, I spend every day of every week of every year putting together information, analyzing it, and putting it back out on the Coalition to Protect Prince William County website.

[03:44:15] This sign is now going to be popping up all over the county. You're going to be seeing it everywhere. People are rallying against your data center approvals. They want it in your face, and they want it seen by all.

[03:44:34] In addition to risking the lives of the people of this community, you are risking your seat on that dais if you vote to consider or approve the Dulles Cloud South Innovation CPA application. Karen, thank you so very much. Next speaker, please.

[03:44:49] Actually, before I get to the next speaker, I would like to call up the next group of people and I'm going to say this when it's your time to stop speaking stop speaking because the next person who wants

to pull that I will close the board chambers and everyone will come in one by one I've asked for respect early on and I want respect so before I get to the next group or I'm sorry the next speaker I'd like to call up 81 through 85 so if your card is green

[03:45:29] 81 through 85 all right I just want to give people a moment to come in to exit to settle down and then you may begin thank you okay good afternoon madam chair and members of the board my name is Isaac

[03:46:02] Tadagiri I live in Kitharpan Gainesville district I'm here today to respectfully ask you to vote yes to initiate the Dallas South innovation application I understand the concerns that people have brought and about the power, noise, traffic, and quality of life.

[03:46:20] Those are important issues, and those need to be studied. Today's vote is not for the final approval, but it's just to initiate the study. And I think having the facts and data and public opinion will help in coming with the outcome.

[03:46:40] People earlier said that this is a residential area and should not be disturbed. Well, we have a stone quarry across the county line, which often do stone blasting and send shockwaves to our house. Our residential area has a gigantic electrical substation.

[03:46:57] Our residential area has a high voltage power lines, which keep growing bigger and bigger to power the Loudoun County data centers. Our residential area has a potential of a four-lane road, which might go through our front door. I believe we should not approach growth from a mindset of fear.

[03:47:15] Instead, we should embrace innovation and allow new solutions to emerge when challenges like this arise. I respectfully ask you to allow this application to move forward to the county, can evaluate it thoroughly with data before making the final decision. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you.

[03:47:33] Next speaker, please. Lower this a lot. My name is Margarita Moylan. I live in the Gainesville District. Wow, this feels like Groundhog Day. Here we are again.

[03:47:50] I do want to thank you all for listening to us. I know these long meetings can be very trying, and I do appreciate what you do. If I remember correctly, planning staff recommended denial of the Digital Gateway Project way back, but the board chose to vote against their recommendation.

[03:48:08] Imagine what could have been done with the money that went into fighting the citizens who agreed with the planning staff. You now have a chance to do the right thing. I want to remind you once again, I won't remind you once again the cons of data centers, as so many have already articulated it so well.

[03:48:27] The main debate that we are faced with is, and most discussions come down to, is the trade-off. Those in favor will say, data centers are essential infrastructure for the modern economy and generate tax revenue.

[03:48:44] Guess what? We already have built 12 million square feet. Over 13 million square feet are under construction. Over 11 million square feet are under application. and over 85.5 million square feet are zoned but are not built.

[03:49:05] I think we have enough. The economic benefits don't always outweigh the loss of land, environmental impacts, utility demands, and the changes to the county and the community's character.

You as a board have initiated a long-term comprehensive plan for the county and need to stick to your plan.

[03:49:29] Your planning staff has studied this project and has recommended denial. I ask that you please listen to your own planning staff and vote no to this monstrous project. Thanks again for your time. Next speaker, please.

[03:49:46] Hi, good evening. My name is Jess Wagner. I'm from the Coles District. I'm respectfully asking for the board to vote no to initiate the CPA to begin the project in Dulles Innovation South.

[03:50:03] While I don't live in the Gainesville District, increased data centers affect the entire county through water and electricity usage. Though already from the county website, 55 completed data centers in Prince William County, 27 under construction, and 48 more planned for a total of 130 data centers.

[03:50:21] A mid-sized data center, on average, utilizes 110 million gallons of water per year. So doing that math, 130 times 110 million, 14.3 billion gallons of water per year with the current 130.

[03:50:36] When the water is utilized for data centers for cooling, The water evaporates and does not return to the immediate watershed. That water is gone from the area and will not return with simple rainfall. Then we move on to the electricity usage. The county residents are supplementing the cost for the electricity usage.

[03:50:54] When I lived in a two-page room apartment, by myself, I paid \$200 a month in electricity. And I understand that the state of Virginia voted for the state residents to help supplement Dominion Energy, and Prince William County Board cannot control that. But adding more data centers is a way that it can be controlled and how you guys can't control it.

[03:51:13] The county shall continue to pay for this increase of electricity, and everyone is going to eat these costs. Data is not profitable. Just on the Internet, you can Google it. OpenAI by itself is running at a deficit of \$21 billion.

[03:51:30] What happens when this bubble pops? Normal citizens are going to be hurt. And as I've been listening, I've heard a lot of citizens saying this is for facts. This is for information to be gathered. The information is already there. The facts have been gathered about what data centers do.

[03:51:49] This proposal is to change it to an industrial zoning. It's not going to be for residential, for little shops. That is what the intent is. So saying that this is to collect facts, that is not correct. The information that's being gathered, these are studies.

[03:52:07] You can find it on the Internet. You can do the math. You can do it yourself to be a responsible citizen. Data center increases. It's increasing the land value, so that means it's going to be more expensive for people to buy houses. I heard somebody say that. It's more difficult for that. People say, oh, because there's not enough houses.

[03:52:23] Well, adding data centers won't help that either. I just bought a house for \$600,000, 20,000 square feet, or 2,000 square feet, sorry. Absurd. Thank you for your time. I really appreciate you guys listening. I know it's been a lot, and I really appreciate your work.

[03:52:39] Thank you. Next speaker, please. Hello, Kevin Parker, Neabsco District. Thanks for hearing this today.

[03:52:57] I'm here to speak out against the initiation of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for all the environmental reasons that others have spoken about, like water, climate, air pollution, noise.

[03:53:15] With water, the history of environmental problems has example after example of incremental degradation of water that was put off and led to big problems down the road.

[03:53:31] So it's better to not give in to the temptation to have these degradations and keep the whole system running well. For the previous speakers, I would say that data centers are not the answer for speeding drivers.

[03:53:52] Comprehensive plan amendments for data centers are not the answer for overturned cars. Another thing they say is it's just a study. We need a study. We had a study. It was a big study.

[03:54:08] It was the comprehensive plan. An enormous amount of study went into the comprehensive plan. And that study should mean something, and it should not just be something that staff should have to go and study again.

[03:54:26] I made the analogy before to you about the comprehensive plan being like a nutrition plan and comprehensive plan amendments like unhealthy temptations. So say that again and say let's stay healthy and stick with the plan.

[03:54:46] Thank you. All right, before I call, okay, we have the next speaker, speakers, I'd like to get numbers 86 to 90, 86 to 90.

[03:55:01] And then after we hear from that group of speakers, we are going to take a short break, short recess. We will resume with the non-resident speakers, and then we will go to virtual speakers. So I would like to get the remaining people on this list to speak.

[03:55:22] And those are the only people who should be, other than the reporters, the fourth estate, those are the only people who should be standing. So, sir, with a cute dog, you may begin. I'm sorry, ma'am. I couldn't hear. I said you with a cute dog.

[03:55:38] Okay, I'm a cat person. I'm not going to lie. But that is a cute dog. Thank you, ma'am. I appreciate you. Am I clear to go hot, ma'am? Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the board. I missed sign-up. I'm here because Elena Schlossberg gave me her spot because she said my voice had to be heard.

[03:55:57] So I asked her to stand here next to me. Thank you. My name is Patch McFall. I'm a retired Army officer. I retired last year. And I am a resident of the Gainesville District. This is my buddy Bradley at their Bradley fighting vehicle.

[03:56:14] I'm here today to pull back the curtain on the actual tactics driving case number CPA 2026-00012 and to explain exactly how this application violates fundamental property rights. When LSI 360 originally approached property owners in a log mill road west corridor, their pitch didn't feel like a transparent infrastructure discussion.

[03:56:38] It felt like a high-pressure used car sales tactic. They relied on artificial timelines, group pressure, and selective disclosures to force neighbors into signing away their land. Recognizing the predatory nature's approach, I pulled out of that assemblage tirely.

[03:56:57] Yes, I pulled away from the money. I chose to maintain my independence and protect my home. Yet, despite fully withdrawing from the Logmo West assemblage, which they say is for housing, I woke up to find a developer had gone ahead and drawn their grand 1,900-acre master plan right over my deed of property boundaries and property rights without my consent.

[03:57:21] I immediately filed a formal notice of non-consent with the county attorney, the planning director, the planning office, and, yes, every board member sitting up there with the county supervisor, I filed non-consent. My property, SIFLI GPIN 7400-10-5112 on Logmo Road West, is not part of any contract.

[03:57:45] I share a private drive with easement that is legally protected. To the second, the developer does not have my signature, my permission, or my authorization to include my asset in their industrial footprint. And yet, here I am. I am still forced to stand here because my land remains trapped inside their application map.

[03:58:07] I asked this board, why should an independent property owner have to bear the immense stress of defending their home against a predatory corporate application? Why should I have to face the threat of going to court and spending thousands of dollars on litigation just to defend the deeded property rights that are already legally mined?

[03:58:29] This is not the definition of property ownership in Commonwealth, Virginia. Property ownership means having the right to say no and having that no respected by the county government. These massive, unregulated assemblages are doing immense damage to our community. They are actively turning neighbor against neighbor, fracturing long-standing relationships, and destroying the peace of our residence areas.

[03:58:50] It was significant enough for your own planning staff to say no in their own report. Vote no on initiation today. Thank you for voting to deny the deferral. Thank you for your time. Wait, sir, can you please give me your last name again?

[03:59:07] Because I need to write it down on the sheet. And can you spell it? Yes, ma'am. McFall, M-C-F-A-L-L. All right, and the first thing we said, Patrick? Yes, ma'am. All right, thank you so very much. Next speaker. Have a blessed day.

[03:59:24] Here's your assemblage.

[03:59:51] My name is Chris Grove. I'm from the Gainesville District. I have no financial interest in the Dulles South Assemblage. Also, to fight an ongoing false narrative, I am not funded by the People's Republic of China. The bottom line on the CPA initiation is that you all need to deny it.

[04:00:09] You need to make this a historic denial, and you need to deny it across the board. All thumbs down. This land use is not compatible with the surrounding areas. Point, you know, end of sentence. This is not a study we're talking about.

[04:00:26] This is a CPA amendment, a comprehensive plan amendment. They want to change the original plan of moving 887 acres of agricultural and forestry district and mixed-use one, 52 acres, to industrial.

[04:00:45] So there are 253 properties as per the March numbers in this assemblage. Contrary to the way this project is being represented, the project is not some philanthropic exercise where the 253 landowners are saving Prince William County from some economic doom.

[04:01:08] 48 of these properties are within 200 feet of the Dominion transmission lines. Another 33 are adjacent to those and many have to drive under the power lines to actually get to their properties. But over half of these 81 properties have purchased their land since 2008 when those lines were doubled.

[04:01:30] So 332 properties are within a half mile of Dulles South. That's outside of the assemblage. What about living in limbo for these folks? What about all the traffic? What about the hundreds of dump trucks and thousands of dump trucks for 10 to 20 year build out?

[04:01:46] We were walking around talking to some of our neighbors this week, and \$20,000 a month came up in a conversation. This is what AWS pays to have high-end cars washed out of dealership in Chantilly because of the data center construction next door, and they gladly pay it.

[04:02:08] \$20,000 a month. It was actually more than that, but pretty insane. So out of these 1,939 acres, given NOAA's 30-year average of 42 inches of rain, that's 2.2 billion gallons of water a year.

[04:02:25] Some of that goes in the aquifer, some of it goes downstream. You're going to pave this with impervious surface, you're going to get most of that downstream, which is going to destroy the Occoquan Reservoir. So the homeowners are trying to sell us, telling this is no longer rural or rural residential, and the power lines make it industrial.

[04:02:46] will power lines make it industrial i'm sorry but i believe your time is up thank you oh five seconds i'm sorry you got five seconds if power lines make it industrial then you all are complicit for industrializing the rest of this county and thank you very much that's how it's done ladies and gentlemen next speaker hi i'm megan newland uh gainesville district unlike everybody else that's been here so far i am brand new to the area i have not lived here for a year yet um and my husband has been in the military and has worked for the government his whole career so

[04:03:25] we've lived all over the country we've always hosted easter and it is the first time that when people came for easter that i was embarrassed of our new place that we lived because they could not get over the data centers they were just shocked that that it had happened that people were letting it happen and there was potential for more for it to happen um people that come visit us they're just shocked it's not the normal way that places are growing the rest of the country It's just a different thing.

[04:03:53] So I live about a mile from Cat Harpen, and I feel for the people that live there. I'm sorry that there's already power lines there, but I don't think it means that we throw the rest of the residents under the bus. My house is still there, and our neighbors, we're all dependent on our wells.

[04:04:09] We already have well problems, and I only foresee them getting worse. And many people will, even though the previous speakers think that it's a good place to hide this place, there's still a lot of people that are still going to be there and they just don't want to see it um i know some of the people that have been here forever regret that their area is no longer rural i would argue that it is still more rural than they think that it is and the traffic yeah the gumspring road light stinks the manassas battlefield that stops and that's not bad traffic

[04:04:49] there's much we all have been to dc we know what bad traffic is and we do need to plan for this growth and for this infrastructure, and we need to plan carefully. But working with data centers is sleeping with the devil to plan this growth. We need to plan it way more carefully. It can be done responsibly without money that comes with such dangerous strings that isn't embarrassing for the rest of us. I know that data centers say they're environmentally sensitive, but we don't know the long-term health

consequences for us, for our livestock. We don't know about our wells. We don't know about our environment we're getting a glimpse it's not good the forever chemicals and of course

[04:05:28] we have to look out for everyone's resale value I know that that's where it comes down to it comes down to the money but we're just hurting our neighbors and hurting each other along the way and then of course the noise and the smog and all that but most of all it's just painful to move somewhere and see people abandon their morals and risk their health their children's health long-term health for better roads and walking trails and all the stuff that's been promised I know they say there's no schools there and all that, but people do still live there, and it is still people's health.

[04:05:57] I would never have bought a house here had I known that it was somewhere that I wouldn't have grown to love. It's just bad planning. It's not going well, and it's sad to see neighbors come after each other to see if they can still save their land or if they consider it lost and want the money. We can do better, we can grow better, and we can make it a beautiful area because it is gorgeous.

[04:06:16] It's beautiful. Thank you very much. Next speaker. Good afternoon. My name is Vincent Buginski, MD. I've lived on Audie Road in Cat Harpen for the last 40 years.

[04:06:31] My neighborhood borders the eastern side of the proposed Dulles South Innovation Center. It is important to focus on the core problem of the application, as stated in your staff's report, that the application is not compatible with surrounding use.

[04:06:48] The applicant's description of existing and surrounding land use is incomplete and, I believe, misleading. The applicant, in describing the area east of their track, stated only, quote, quote, the Luckstone Bull Run plant is located across Bull Run Creek to the east of the property in Fairfax County, unquote.

[04:07:06] They failed to reveal that directly to the east of their tract of land are residential neighborhoods including Aldi Road and Richland Road. They have 67 residential properties in Prince William County not in their tract, which would be adversely impacted by their proposal.

[04:07:21] Furthermore, the properties on the east side of Aldi Road contain floodplains and dedicated wetlands that feed into Bullrun River and the Potomac Watershed, which could be adversely impacted by groundwater and surface contaminants from data centers.

[04:07:38] The applicant described the south of their tract as a mix of I-3 and POS. We are aware that this area of Pageland Lane will likely be returned to agriculture zoning and residential use. Also, the applicant did not reveal that on the south, their tract abuts the Cat Harping Recreation Park, which is built by and is maintained by Prince William County.

[04:07:59] This park is widely utilized by the youth of our county and contains four soccer fields, five baseball fields, and a large playground. It is not appropriate to have industrial zoning or data centers located next to what should be a relaxing and safe recreational area for our youth, and which needs to be free of excessive sound and atmospheric pollutants that occur without its centers.

[04:08:23] Thus, the applicant's tract of land is in fact widely surrounded on all sides and principally accompanied by long-established rural neighborhoods. In these neighborhoods, citizens are dependent on their wells for their water supply. Also, traffic in this area is limited to two-lane country roads, the capacity of which are adequate for the current residential use, other than perhaps a one-lane bridge.

[04:08:48] The trip generation analysis shows that proposed data centers would cause a 16.8 increase in traffic. This would overwhelm the roads and severely impact traffic flow for the residents. Also, it would negatively impact the access and experience of our citizens at Manassas Battlefield Park.

[04:09:08] Industrial zoning and data centers build-out is not compatible in this agricultural area. Sources, or rather standards residents, would profit financially from data center development. However, I ask you to support the welfare of all the citizens in this area and the remainder of Prince William County by voting against this application.

[04:09:31] Thank you. All right, everyone. We have concluded with the residents who have signed up for public comment time. We are going to take a 10-minute recess. After that, I will call up the people who—I'm sorry. Excuse me. Hello. Thank you.

[04:09:48] Again, I've asked for decorum. I'm speaking. So what I was saying is we've concluded with the residents who signed up to speak in person. We are going to take a 10-minute break. When we get back, we are going to go to non-residents who have signed up to speak in person.

[04:10:04] And then after that, we will go to virtual public comment time. After we close public comment time, we are going to go into agency time. And we have three things that we are going to be taking up. 11D is last. So we still have a lot of time.

[04:10:21] I ask those who've come out for this, if you want to stick around, obviously you're free to. This is an open meeting, but I would like to continue to maintain the quorum. Thank you so very much. Ten minutes. We are back from recess.

[04:10:50] I have four people who are signed up to speak with yellow tickets. So if you have a yellow ticket and you have signed up to speak, you may please go to the back. There are four people.

[04:11:14] All right, sir, step forward to the mic. begin by stating your name the jurisdiction where you design reside and up there you'll see the screen you have three minutes thank you thank you my name is lowell john johnson jr also known as jack and sherry we've lived in this county in cat harpen actually for 50 years and built a home right there on sanders lane and we had to leave three years ago they got we got pushed out

[04:11:50] And the reason we got pushed out was mainly because the Rural Crescent was a big help to the county. It gave the county time to get their act together after Heritage Hunt and to, you know, get things organized.

[04:12:09] And it really worked out. I thought very well that one per 10 acres. I think the county handled it extremely well. Well, of course, it's gone now. So that makes that land pretty much open, and you'll be dealing with it, pretty much open for future development of houses, townhouses, or data centers.

[04:12:36] Then I talked to the last board, Ann Wheeler and their group, to find out about data centers and about tax situation, not to argue either point.

[04:12:57] I just wanted to know because we were very much against data centers at the time. But then when I got to looking at the situation, I said, wow, the data centers, if they're done right, and I remember if they're placed right, and our chairperson on her campaign said something I really like.

[04:13:21] She said, as long as they're properly placed. You remember saying that? And I like that. And that's a lot of the problems, a lot of the complaining going on is because they're either too close to schools

or too close to this, or some of it's just talk.

[04:13:40] But, you know, sometimes it is a little close. But the nice thing is, I got to thinking about it, and gosh, data centers, data centers, they come in, if they're placed right, they don't require any employees for traffic purposes.

[04:14:00] They've got to keep employees there to keep the air conditionings and all that going. Got to do that. I mean, that's a must. But it's not a great deal of people. So they don't generate traffic. They don't really need any infrastructure.

[04:14:17] I don't know how many schools those guys need. They don't need fires. They don't need anything except work about the water and the electricity. And a lot of that's been worked out by the Energy Commission and the electricity charging them for, oh, I'm out of time.

[04:14:34] I've got to go, but I'm voting for that, and thank you very much. Next speaker, please. My name is Dina Sindinathan, and I have a property in Gainesville District.

[04:14:51] Would you please, I'm sorry, sir, address the mic and start over. We can barely hear you. Okay, man. My name is Dina Sindinathan, and I have a property in Gainesville District, and I'm living in Loudoun County. I strongly support the CPA initiation for the Dulles South Innovation Center.

[04:15:09] Madam Chair and members of Board of Supervisors, Loudoun County already hosts more than 200 data centers with over 100 additional facilities in various stages of development now. Prince William County should take the same advantage of similar opportunities to generate additional tax revenue that can help address budget challenges and support critical public services, including our schools.

[04:15:35] This area is already surrounded by major infrastructure, including on electric substation and high-voltage transmission lines. Sanders Glen is an ideal location for additional data centers development. I respectfully ask you to vote in favor of allowing the CPA initiation to move forward.

[04:15:54] Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good day. My name is Michael Jasmine. I have property in the Gainesville District as well. So, Madam Chair, supervisors, and fellow citizens, I'm a retired Army officer.

[04:16:13] I went from Private E1 to Colonel when I finally retired after 31 years of service. I also have five combat tours during that time. At the start of this meeting, we stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Do those words still have meaning?

[04:16:29] Just days ago, we celebrated the 250th birthday of this great nation. That milestone reminds us of the courage, the vision that built America. Now we continue to innovate and advance only so that we can continue to thrive.

[04:16:48] Today we have before us item 11D, a project that our own planning commission acknowledged would deliver substantial tax revenue and new employment opportunities to our county. Loudoun County alone receives over \$1 billion in annual tax revenue from them, yet they recommended denial, swayed not by the merits of the project, but by the same misguided propaganda that has stalled data center development across the country.

[04:17:13] the AI race is not coming. It is here. And the central question to it is, will the United States lead the next industrial revolution, or will we surrender that future to the Chinese Communist Party? China understands that what many here still refuse to accept, AI leadership depends above all else on computing

power. That is why they are rapidly building the energy, chip manufacturing and data center infrastructure needed to dominate the 21st century. Meanwhile, America is tying itself in knots with delayed permits, moratoriums, and canceled projects,

[04:17:52] self-inflicted wounds that hands our competitors advantage after advantage. A recent report from Bitcoin Policy Institute estimated that activist campaigns funded by a Chinese billionaire in Singapore have already delayed or blocked roughly \$23 billion in proposed AI infrastructure investment. One reality is impossible to ignore. America cannot win the AI race without building the physical infrastructure that powers it. History rarely gives nations unlimited chances

[04:18:27] to seize the next industrial revolution. We must stop treating critical AI infrastructure as optional and start treating it as the strategic national priority it really is. You have a unique opportunity to do something that is both good for the county and great for the nation. I urge you to approve item 11D. Show that our county stands with American innovation, American strength, and American leadership. Let us honor the words of the pledge we recited earlier,

[04:19:00] not just with our voices but with our votes thank you next speaker please good evening my name is tim seaman just a point of clarification uh i do live here in prince william county even though i have to sign up as a non-resident my work requires i literally split my time between here and another state but i have a home here my wife and my children live here we've been living here for over 13 years i'd like to thank the staff and the planning commission for the work already done on this comprehensive plan amendment i'd like to offer a respectful perspective on why

[04:19:37] initiating the CPA study remains important. Planning staff identified concerns about infrastructure capacity, environmental impacts, rural character, and compatibility with nearby agriculture and forestry lands. These are all valid issues. I don't think anybody on the pro side is looking to destroy this county, but they are also exactly the kinds of questions the CPA study is designed to answer.

[04:20:03] Without initiating the study, the county cannot evaluate existing conditions. I know we've had a recent CPA. I think that was two, three years ago, Don. But this does not reflect our current condition. It doesn't reflect our current culture. It doesn't reflect our current economic status, right? So without initiating the study, the county cannot evaluate existing conditions, model future scenarios, quantify environmental impacts as of today, or assess compatibility using real data, real and current data. The study will provide the factual foundation

[04:20:37] needed for responsible, evidence-based decision-making based on this new, different, and individual project. Listen, you guys are in a tough spot, and I don't envy your position at all. I've listened to the opposition, and they are passionate. They are fearful. And honestly, that's a concern. When your residents are scared to death about the potential for something based off past history, based off information given off Google, right? When your residents are scared,

[04:21:14] there's an issue, right? I'm going to address, we're ruled in Cat Harpen, we're ruled by populace, and we're ruled by representation, right? We're stuck out in the western part of this county. There's a thousand, just over a thousand people, residents in Cat Harpen. Half of those residents have reached out in support and have asked the board, right, half, over half of the populace of Cat Harpen has asked the board, please, just take a look at this, right? So I'm going to say we're all aware the CPA study is not an approval of any project. It's already been stated numerous

[04:21:51] times. However, it is simply a fact-finding process that supports transparency, good governance. If staff concerns are validated, the board will have clear evidence and a clear direction on which to go. If they are not, the study will clarify that as well. For those reasons, these concerns identified by staff are not reasons to avoid studying this issue. They are the very reason to study it and study it carefully. I respectfully request the board to initiate the CPA study so future decisions can be based on facts, analysis, and genuine community input. Thank

[04:22:25] you very much for your time. All right, thank you so very much. We are now going to go on to remote public comment time supervisor angry if you can take it away thank you madam chair uh okay i got a list of about 40 uh about 20 okay all right well let us proceed good evening vice chair and the board uh our first speaker is daniel fodey hi daniel go ahead hello board of principal and county supervisors um mayor jefferson i appreciate you taking the time uh to allow me to speak and

[04:23:04] having me speak virtually. I appreciate the accommodation. I wanted to speak out of significant concern related to the potential approval for the Dulles Self Data Centers. I urge you all to support the vote to not look into the CPA for numerous reasons. I am adjacent, relatively close to the development. I'm off Cap Harpin and Sudley, and I am very concerned about the potential for this to move forward for concerns over what this could do to well water. I'm on well, and we've

[04:23:37] heard stories about other data centers polluting well water and making well water run dry. My family relies on well water, and this monstrosity of a development would absolutely threaten that continued well water that I rely on to live and that my family relies on to live. I've got three young children. Also, the diesel generators, that 43 million square feet of data centers could potentially emit pollutants into the air. I moved that of Washington, D.C., to rural Gainesville to avoid pollution. With the increase in trips that we've seen, I think it's something

[04:24:14] close to 20 times the traffic that could go up the rural road. The traffic, the pollution, I don't want to live in L.A. I could move to L.A. I really prefer to live in Western Gainesville where it's clean, where it's quiet, and I think that moving forward on this project would absolutely threaten the environment that we live in. While I'm in D.C., I live near a project that was being developed as well, and there was an increase in my property, in my neighbor's property, rodents, infestations of rodents, absolutely with a development this large.

[04:24:47] The neighboring communities of which I am one will be experiencing displaced wildlife and displaced rodent infestation, which is obviously something that nobody wants to or should have to deal with. So, you know, for the reasons of the infrastructure that we have not really accommodating a project like this and the amount of strain that it would put on our electric grid, on my well water, my neighbor's well waters, and, of course, the traffic, I just urge you to not move forward on this.

[04:25:16] You know, I've heard speakers talk about the AI fight. We have 48 data centers in Prince William County, most of them in my district, in the Gainesville District. We're doing our part. I don't understand why it's our God-given duty to take every data center that somebody wants to put down in Prince William County.

[04:25:33] I think we've done our duty there, and this is just too big. It's too large. You know, I don't think you can smartly place 43 million square feet. I heard the gentleman say that. I don't think it's possible. That's a that's a lot of Tetris going on there to try to smartly place that volume of data centers in a rural area and not affect the neighboring communities.

[04:25:51] So with that, I would just say, please, you know, I support the those of you that want to vote against modifying the CPA. Let's not introduce another larger Prince William digital gateway. And please vote no on this initiative.

[04:26:09] Thank you, sir. All right. Next speaker, please. Our next speaker is Alona Levine. hello can you hear me yes ma'am we can hear you okay great thank you um thanks for this opportunity um um i've been on the call for four hours listening and obviously it's um a lot of you had spent a lot of time there in person listening i think it was very important to make sure that um i lend my voice in um asking you to vote against initiating the cpa i live in the

[04:26:47] Gainesville district and again my boat is or my ask is that you both know. Just I don't think I can add any more to what you already heard in the last four or so hours but just maybe briefly tell you a bit about my personal story. So I moved here to Prince William about two years ago and I moved here from Ashburn. We lived in Ashburn for 12 years. When I moved to Ashburn from New Jersey 15 years ago. It was a very different town and it was transformed right before my eyes in those 15

[04:27:23] years. Have you driven from that area lately? And if you have, do you like what you see? About 150 to 200 data centers were built there during those years. I've seen trees cut in front of my eyes. I know about the polluted waters. I know about the constant industrial noise.

[04:27:45] I know that homeowners that bought their houses in Ashburn had no say in any of that. And as a matter of fact, we had no idea that the land next to our house was sold and was being developed for data center until the construction trucks pulled up. And when we've had enough and put our house that we owned for 12 years on the market near Route 7, it literally lost \$100,000 in its value overnight.

[04:28:11] When that weekend, when we put the house on the market, we all learned that a beautiful area a few miles away from us broke ground for a huge data center complex. So we moved to Haymarket because we fell in love with its beauty and we wanted to move away from the data centers. What I've heard in the last few hours, especially from the Yes Group, that they ask you to listen to facts and not to feelings.

[04:28:37] So here are the facts that I lived with when I lived in Ashburn. data centers do bring environmental degradation there is public health risk from air noise and pollution there are massive strains on community resources there is loss of farmland and yes a huge reduction in home value as i found out the weekend we put the house on the market as i mentioned before i lived in new jersey for many years and when i go back to visit my in-laws in new jersey they have no idea what the data centers look like nor does my mom who live in Manchester United Kingdom she's never seen a data center until she came to visit me here in Virginia

[04:29:16] as the previous speaker just mentioned I don't see how that should be our civic duty to continue putting data centers all around the places that we've invested in and we live as our families we should not allow this to continue please vote no to data centers in this area thank you ma'am next speaker please next speaker is sorry chong yi go ahead sir yes how you doing uh my name's chong yi and i want to thank the board for their time i live very close to the proposed

[04:29:51] i'm sorry so you were cut off chris is he still with us i'm paul dennis he got moved into a different room excuse me i'm bringing him back okay hi can you hear me now yes sir we got your back all right should i start from the beginning yes will we start him restart okay yes start from again. Yes, sir. Okay. Hi there. Thanks for your time. My name is Chong Yi, and I live very close

[04:30:26] to the proposed Dulles South Innovation Center project. I'm in the Gainesville District. I've lived in that location for 20 plus years. I'm here to ask the board to reject the Comprehensive Plan Amendment 11D for the Dulles South Innovation Center. The folks that are in favor of the data center, they're very well organized, have some very organized talking points, and I don't blame them. You know, there's a lot of people that are supposed to make a lot of money. There's approximately 230 property owners. They showed up in full force, and just the aggregated sale of

[04:31:02] their properties alone is estimated at \$2.1 billion. But in addition to the property owners, they're supportive of the project, including project applicants, power companies, cloud service providers, data center developers, data center operators, engineering firms, data center equipment firms, and that's just to mention, you know, a few. A lot of money to be made outside of the property owners, and they're probably here representing today. The talk tracks that you've heard are, you know, in favor of the data center projects aren't by accident. There's a lot of,

[04:31:37] you know, confusion that's occurring today in an attempt to have the plan amendment push forward for review. So, for example, one of the common themes that we've heard are people in favor of the data, you know, Dulles South Innovation Center have concerns with traffic, but the application itself states that there will be an increase of daily vehicle traffics of 2,535 vehicles to 42,570.

[04:32:06] That's almost a 17x increase. If you look at some of the peak hours, that's about a 27% or 27x increase. So this is confusing as to how traffic is tied to data centers and how data centers will resolve the issues. We heard about doing more studies. Studies have been done. The applicant itself has done the studies and cited the increase in traffic figures. These numbers weren't made out of the air. This is from the applicant. So traffic issues are not data center issues. So let's eliminate that confusion. The folks that are concerned with traffic issues, I urge them to,

[04:32:42] you know, put the resources towards the petition, reduce speed limits, ask for a new bridge, speak the local representative, but don't push the data center on us as if it will resolve the issue. I do empathize for them as the residents seem to have a legitimate concern with traffic, but again, the applicant shows a drastic increase in traffic opposite of what they wish. So if this goes through, the remaining homes will suffer worse than before. It goes against the principle of what they're arguing. Someone else mentioned water concerns, but the house has an impact on the environment. The comprehensive plan already lays out residential densities. The data center will have a greater environmental impact is cited by the planning staff.

[04:33:23] The impact to the data centers on the environment. All right, thank you, sir. That's your time there. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Keith Snyder. Go ahead, Keith. Mr. Snyder, sir.

[04:33:44] Hey. There we go. Okay, I got you. We got you. Thank you, Supervisor Angry. Appreciate it. Thank you for this moment today. It is important to take into account that data center demand is being driven by AI pornography development and now proposals have begun for data centers to be powered by small modular nuclear reactors.

[04:34:09] With talk of dropping small modular nuclear reactors alongside data centers, Dulles South on Sanders Lane is a prime target for small modular nuclear reactors. This will not be something planned. It will happen incidentally.

[04:34:26] Just this last week, the DOE ordered data centers to shift to emergency generators due to the grid not being able to support the data centers. Administration 47 has now fast-tracked small modular nuclear reactor development by removing safety standards and nuclear regulations, cutting 750 pages of nuclear regulatory code in order to begin using SMRs to power data centers.

[04:34:55] Small modular reactors produce the same types of nuclear waste as traditional plants in significantly larger volumes of nuclear waste per unit of energy produced. Raising the risk of nuclear waste is not in our best interest.

[04:35:15] Small, modular, nuclear-driven, AI, pornography-developing data centers is not an ethically, morally, or spiritually sound idea for Prince William County. I am respectfully requesting morally and ethically responsible development.

[04:35:32] I appreciate you, Chair Jefferson, Supervisor Stewart, and all supervisors for voting mindfully, respectfully, and ethically. Virginia is for lovers. Vote yes to love. Vote no to nuclear-powered AI pornography-storing data centers.

[04:35:52] Vote no to this Dulles South proposal. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Niels Boll. Go ahead, sir. Greetings. Madam Chair and Board of Supervisors, that's Nils Buell. I have lived with my family in the area for 60 years. I live on Sanders Lane, so theoretically I do stand to make some money.

[04:36:21] However, I would tell you that money is not a motivator for a lot of people. Some can't leave for health reasons. Some won't leave for familial obligations. Most live here because they like it. Yes, a woman pointed out very well earlier that a lot of people say that this is no longer rural.

[04:36:41] I disagree. It is rural. Traffic has increased somewhat, but it's not prohibitive. But I will tell you that the things that we value most, water, most of us are on wells. The stream that runs by my property, Little Bull Run, that has slowly dried up.

[04:36:58] So whether you believe in climate change or not, the fact of the matter is that the water table is changing somewhat. The trees are being pushed down. I live less than five miles from Jiffy Lube. There was a time when we still had quiet summer nights. Now, because of the trees that have been pushed down and the data centers that have come up in between Wellington and 29, you can still hear concerts pretty clearly. The issue simply is that these do not need to be put right here. So I'm asking you

[04:37:32] to reject the CPA amendment related to Dulles Cloud South, these data centers can be put out west. I know that the issue is that there is the backbone, the network. We're close to D.C., but the fact is that you're also putting these data centers right in the middle of residential neighborhoods. There's plenty of unimproved land far away, and these data center companies have the money to build them there run the cable bury that if you want but we can't have all of these data centers right here i do not want to be surrounded on three sides by these data centers and i know

[04:38:09] many people have spoken before me far more eloquent than i but at the end of the day we all want the same thing and that is these data centers to go away we have enough already not everybody needs too mine crypto and we don't have to have all of our amazon stuff the following day we would like to live in an area that's calm peaceful raise the kids not worry about air pollution still be able to pull the tap and get a drink of water and not have to pay through the nose for our electricity that's all i have to say thank you kindly all right thank you sir next speaker please Next speaker is Vida Carroll.

[04:38:48] Go ahead, ma'am. Can you guys hear me? Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. Okay, great. Vida Carroll, Brentsville District. And I want to touch on something that I don't really think I've heard covered tonight, and that is staff.

[04:39:05] As I'm sure you're going to hear later, staff is recommending denial of this CPA initiation. Not a study, a CPA initiation. And county planning staff is recommending denial. and I think it's important to recognize county planning staff also recommended denial of the digital gateway rezoning so this is really consistent with what planning staff sees for this area but even more than that recommendation if the board moves to initiate the CPA there will be a massive amount of staff time and energy that will be required to go towards this project this project will likely become the full-time job of a county planner or two immeasurable amount of

[04:39:44] planning staff time and other department time will go towards this CPA. And it's been two and a half years since the digital gateway in Devlin Tech Park. And this county is finally digging out from the backlog of cases that had to be delayed simply because there was not enough manpower.

[04:40:01] So just looking out for staff here, the county tax dollars that fund our planning department and other departments that intersect as the CPA goes through the process and respecting what staff is recommending, a denial just makes sense. And the second point I want to touch on is there's a sentence in the application which states that this parcel is, quote, particularly appropriate given the property's access to a natural gas line, end quote. Given what we've seen across our region, across the country, the drive towards fossil fuels and natural gas plants to power large-scale data centers, I think it's safe to assume that LSI is marketing this parcel with the potential

[04:40:37] for a national natural gas plant and i shouldn't have to explain to any of you why a natural gas plant doesn't belong in western prince william county or frankly anywhere in prince william county the fact that there is a reference to a natural gas line as an ideal thing in the cpa request should absolutely raise red flags to every single person in this room it's 2026 not 2021 it is five full years after the digital gateway cpa initiation we know better we must do better this board is a new board y'all got to do better please vote to deny the cpa initiation thanks so much

[04:41:12] thank you ma'am and next speaker please next speaker is donna gallant go ahead ma'am good evening can you guys hear me yes ma'am we'll hear you wonderful thank you supervisor angry appreciate it madam chair members of the board my name is donna gallant and i reside in the brentsville district for the last 29 years when i moved to this county there was nothing out here but a 7-Eleven, Joe's Pizza, the Christmas Shop, and a few stores in Haymarket.

[04:41:44] Over the 29 years that have been a lot of changes to the area, which were welcomed, we got grocery stores, we got stores to make life a little bit better. Over the last six or seven years, things have gotten out of control and bad decisions have been made.

[04:42:01] As many of you know, I have spoken on numerous occasions. I live in Amberley Station and bad board decisions to ad hoc approve changes to the comp plan to land surrounding my development have left myself and my neighbors in a very bad situation.

[04:42:20] Now, I know some of the board members weren't there back in 2021 under the Wheeler regime, but there are others sitting on this board that graciously approved data centers surrounding my neighborhood on three sides. So I can tell you what it's like to be in basically an industrial zone 24-7, 365.

[04:42:43] I digress. The comp plan was designed after many months of studies, evaluations, input, and all the things that define and determine the future of this county. Tonight, we're focused on and asked from a group of homeowners from Sanders Lane, which they say is just to look at the land to potentially allow for data centers.

[04:43:05] you've heard from many all the little hidden secrets in in the application let's be honest it's not really an ask for a study this is really a path for data centers let's call it what it is the study was done when the constant comprehensive plan was created during that time and that process if if they felt this was a great place for data centers i bet you it would have been identified as data centers but fact of the matter is it was not so there's a couple things that i think you guys need to really look at. Number one, this is not in compliance or conformance with the comp

[04:43:41] plan. Two, we have heard time and time again, there are four key issues that continue to come up. Water, power, air quality, and noise. Okay. Power's a problem. What impacts this area and everybody says, oh, well, there's a substation. That's Loudoun substation. Oh, there's a quarry. The quarry's been there for years. You've been living in your house for years. It's not a reason to go.

[04:44:09] and the traffic. It sounds to me like the main issue on Sanders Lane is the traffic. I lived on Lenton Hall Road when it was a two-lane road. There was a study done. It's now four lanes. So a data center development is not going to fix a traffic problem on a road. Sorry. That's the bottom line. So maybe Supervisor Stewart, because this is a V.me. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Our next speaker is Rochelle Slotnick. Go ahead, Rochelle. Hi, Rochelle Slotnick,

[04:44:46] Gainesville District. I support a vote of yes to initiate the CPA study for Dulles South. Outright denying the application before a formal study can begin would be a disservice to the Cat Harpen residents who deserve to be heard. This is not Pageland. It's not the same parcels, despite it being Groundhog's Day for many professional attendees. They only say no.

[04:45:09] They have no solutions for smart growth. The applicants urge you to request what is suitable. As a business owner, I know the answer is never cut and dry. Yes and no in absolute without negotiation is foolhardy. Require environmental controls.

[04:45:25] Require controls of air, water, runoff, noise. Require what is meaningful to you and your constituents. You can have both. Vote yes, please. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Our next speaker is Rebecca McDonald.

[04:45:41] Go ahead, Rebecca. can you all hear me yes ma'am back at mcdonald born and raised in the gainesville district across the street from this plan data center i'd like to say that i do not stand here as an enemy of progress however when i look at this plan i do not see progress i see a gamble where they get the gold and we put the bill i'd like to make something clear this area by most definitions is still rural despite an increase in traffic which will be made exponentially worse during the building of this center additionally for those who have touched on it not being near neighborhoods the battlefield or schools it is near a park a few miles from the battlefield and surrounded by neighborhoods just not the big name ones like people this project will not be contained

[04:46:21] to just cat harpen it will impact all of gainesville we have seen time and time again just how destructive these centers can be they compromise water systems leach forever chemicals into the sky and ground cause intense light and noise pollution and the list goes on and the very studies that people look at

to justify these projects are often funded by the very companies pushing these centers which is less science, and more of a sales pitch. Tax revenue is not everything because there are always repercussions to consider. What good is profit if we have no clean water? The citizens who stay here are the ones who will suffer the burden of the increased electric costs, drain water tables, the constant noise and traffic that this project will bring. In fact, just this past weekend we saw

[04:47:00] news reports coming out of Virginia where teachers were being asked to scale back their electricity usage. Why? Because the grid cannot handle both our lives and sustaining these centers. A rural crescent that's already endangered, experiencing severe drought, and in an area with an energy grid demand that's increasing every day is not the place for a data center. And let's not forget Cat Harpin Park, a place where children often have baseball games and a recent investment was made in the form of a new children's playground. Now they want to build a data center a few hundred yards from that exact spot. Are you all comfortable allowing your children to play next to a hyperscale data center? The people that you represent in this area, the ones that will stay, we do not want this,

[04:47:37] which is evidenced by the years-long legal battle we just completed with another data center just down this road. As a community member, I fear that this will be what destroys our home. We keep talking about this center like it will bring so much innovation to the area, but when we look around at other communities dealing with these centers, they are not magically improved upon.

[04:47:54] In fact, many suffer the consequences of these centers daily. So, please consider what matters more. The people who have created these communities and invested their lives, money, and energy into these areas or a faceless corporation. We want Prince William County to be the shining example of what Virginia can be. We can be better. We do not need these data centers to create the Prince William County that we all want to see. So let's invest in our children, in the land, in education, in small businesses, and in programs that support the elderly, disabled, and the less fortunate.

[04:48:23] Because at the end of the day, there will always be money to make, but it's the citizens of the land that we steward that make a community. And I truly believe that one drop of water for a child in Prince William County is worth 50,000 AI images. Please vote no on the CPA and keep our land protected. Thank you.

[04:48:39] Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Nick Ellis. All right, Nick, go ahead. Hi there, can you hear me? Yes, sir, we can hear you. Yeah, perfect. All right, Kai, I'm Nick Ellis. I live in the Gainesville District, and we've lived here for over 30 years.

[04:48:56] Chair Jefferson and supervisors, please vote no to the Sanders-Duller South Data Center complex. This application is for 43 million square feet, as other folks have said, of data center. This is almost twice the size of the now dead Prince William Digital Gateway.

[04:49:15] 43 million square feet is more than the combined total of what is currently built, what is under construction, and what is under application. Prince William County residents are already seeing the consequences of what we have already said yes to, and whether that's higher electricity bills or transmission lines and substations in their yards. We also have the facts of the JLARC study, which highlighted the concerns and the impacts. You can no longer say that we don't know what these data centers cause. This is in the Bull Run watershed as well, and it's adjacent to the Bull Run, a tributary to the Occoquan

[04:49:55] Reservoir. Loudoun County is developing a watershed management plan for the Bull Run Watershed in Southern Loudoun, which is directly adjacent to this application. They state, in quotes, the purpose of the plan is to inform efforts to reduce flood risks, protect water quality, and support the long-term health of the watershed, unquote. A search of the county website, Prince William County websites, notes that the last study of the Bull Run Watershed was in 2010.

[04:50:28] We're still waiting for the results of the water study that was ordered in 2022. I'm asking you to stop gambling the future of all Prince William County residents for the financial benefit of just a few. Data centers don't really care about us in Prince William County.

[04:50:47] There is too much at risk. Our water, our air, our power grid, our natural resources in Prince William County. Please vote no to the Dulles South Sanders Lane Project. Do not defer the vote.

[04:51:03] Vote no today, tonight. Thank you. thank you sir next speaker please speaker is georgia ellis go ahead georgia hello my name is georgia ellis i live in the gainesville district chair jefferson and supervisors please vote no to the dulles south slash sanders lane um as miss carol has stated and i will also give more facts to what she has stated in a recent interview in a recent interview the director of prince william county's office and sustainability stated and i quote so we define environmental

[04:51:41] sustainability by meeting the needs of our community today without compromising the availability and the quality of natural resources for our future generations what we are mostly talking about is protecting our air quality our water quality and availability our ecosystems and our energies availability end quote the application of for dollars south slash sanders lane is a total stark contrast to the vision and statement of sustainability for prince william county As a young college-aged adult, I want a county that is protecting our air quality, our water, our ecosystems, natural resources, and energy.

[04:52:19] I am the future generation. Please do something different in Prince William County to protect my future. Even, as Vida has said, even the county planning staff is recommending denial. That says a lot. Do not defer this vote. Vote no. Vote no to Della South and Sanders Lane.

[04:52:36] Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Christian Ellis. Go ahead, Christian. Hello, can you hear me? Yes, sir, we can hear you. All right. Hello, everyone. My name is Christian Ellis, and I also live in the Gainesville District.

[04:52:54] Chair Jefferson and supervisors, vote no to the Dulles South Innovation Sanders Lane CPA initiation. For years, I've watched this board prioritize the data center industry over other businesses and the residents. It is time to turn the page on this chapter.

[04:53:12] We are seeing the unintended consequences of what Prince William County has already said yes to, and more are on the horizon. This application is outside of the data center overlay zone, and there is not a nexus connecting it to any other projects.

[04:53:27] The power lines and substation noted in the application are already spoken for providing power for the Loudoun County only. I'm simply going to highlight this from the Prince William County Planning Staff Report. Staff recommends that the board not initiate this comprehensive plan amendment.

[04:53:46] The request raises substantial concerns regarding infrastructure adequacy, environmental and rural character impacts, and land use compatibility with surrounding AF-designated lands and adjacent Cat Harp and Hamlet.

[04:54:02] Respectfully, vote no on Bellas South Innovation Sanders Lane CPA initiation. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Our next speaker is Mladen Beysik. All right, go ahead.

[04:54:18] Hi, do you folks can hear me? Yes, we can hear you. Thank you for the time. My name is Mladen. I live in Gazeville District. I've decided to build my family here, build my home. Both of our daughters were born here. I've been listening to the comments pretty much from the beginning, and honestly, it's been a little bit eye-opening and informative.

[04:54:42] To maybe state the first, I do support the initiation of the CPA. If I were listening to some of the detractors about what they're saying about Loudoun County, if I've never been, I probably never would have gone because they described it as Mad Max Pier Road, which it certainly isn't.

[04:55:02] But they do raise genuine concerns that I think we do need to address. Mitigations are possible for all of the concerns that are raised, including the water, including the noise, including the power. What this ultimately boils down to, and we've had a lady, I forgot her name, speak earlier, is that we apparently have more than 40% of residents in Prince William County living with food uncertainty. That's been quite a shocker to me, but honestly, thinking about it a bit more, it shouldn't be a surprise. More than half of our budget comes

[04:55:37] directly by taxing the residents. Currently, that burden per capita on our resident is more than \$7,200 per year versus for Loudoun, that's just over \$4,000. The issue is that none of the people that have said no have brought up any other options for growing the commercial tax base.

[04:55:59] And of course, nothing's free. Everything has a cost. Data centers have a cost. We have to mitigate the traffic, we have to mitigate the noise and make sure that all of that is built in. But every other economic growth has similar or different issues that need to be mitigated. Compared to others like the commercial shopping, everything else is going to be a burden on both our roads, both the infrastructure like police and services, data centers have much smaller impact on those. So it's really what we need to see and what the staff's recommendation

[04:56:34] doesn't consider is the economic, is the financial impact. They mostly focused on environment and traffic. And sure, no surprise, the traffic's bad. We could use that process to build in the safeguards for that. Thank you for the time. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Kirsten Tadagiri. Go ahead, Kirsten. Hello. Can you hear me? Yes, we can hear you. All right.

[04:57:05] Hello. My name is Kirsten Tadagiri, and I live in the Gainesville District, and I support the Dulles South CPA. I've lived in Cat Harpman for the last six years, and when my husband and I first moved here, our neighbor told us that Sanders Lane had become so much busier in the last 20 years. I thought he was exaggerating because the road didn't seem too bad to me, but when we moved one street over, I realized he was right. This corner of Prince William County is growing and expanding, and one day Sanders Lane will become a four-lane highway, causing that road to be right outside homes, pretty much right on your steps. Data centers are needed for all of our technological needs. As much as I would personally love to throw my phone in the ocean, technology and the data it

[04:57:44] takes to maintain it is here to stay, and all of us with phones, laptops, or other technological devices make data centers necessary. I support this initiative because it is an opportunity to look into what is best for this corner of our county. We need facts and information to let us know if this is the right step, and the study will look at the water concerns, the impact on the environment, and all the other concerns

that folks have raised tonight. Data centers might be able to bring in tax revenue that can be put into schools and other efforts that people care about. Please vote yes to initiate the Dulles South to gathering more information so we can all make the best

[04:58:18] decision for our future. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Jim Gregoriosian. Thank you. Yes, Jim, go ahead. I'll just start my video here. Good evening. I'm Jim Gregoriosian, and I live on Sanders Lane in the Gainesville District. My wife and I have lived in Cat Harpen since 1993. It's where we raised our family, and we'd like to have a voice in deciding the future of the neighborhood that we call home. I'm hoping that if we as a community have learned

[04:58:53] anything from the COVID-19 pandemic, it's that we don't quickly jump to conclusions and tell ourselves we know everything we need to know about something when it's still pretty early in the game. The CPA process is robust and thorough, so let's use it to get all the facts we need, follow the data wherever it leads, and then, and only then, have an intelligent, objective, neighborly conversation about developments in the area.

[04:59:22] Please support the CPA. I'm a Cat Harpin landowner, and I approve this message. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Lisa Dibler. Go ahead, Lisa. Hi, good afternoon. My name is Lisa Dibler, and I live in Cat Harpin.

[04:59:42] I'm asking you to vote to initiate the CPA review for Dulles South to allow a real public process. This is not farmland. It's a residential community already being changed. Please vote to open the process. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please.

[04:59:58] Our next speaker is Scott Dybler. Go ahead, Scott. Yes, thank you. My name is Scott Dybler. I am a resident of Cat Harpin. I've lived there for 26 years on Sanders Lane. I've listened to the entire thing of what's been going on today, and there's been a lot of reasons thrown out to do this and not to do this.

[05:00:20] And there's still a lot of, I would just say, everything's clouded in all everybody's emotions about what we're doing here. People talk about water. They talk about power. They talk about noise. They talk about the air quality. On the one side, they worry about the others. We talk about traffic. We talk about what's already happening to the neighborhood.

[05:00:40] And there's a third kind of big group of what I kind of lump all these things together with, and that's money. So there's money. We have money problems as a county. By putting the data centers in, it could help us solve some of these other problems. There's been some people who've spoken about all of the concerns about water and noise and all that.

[05:01:00] And I've heard other speakers talk about mitigation is possible on all these. Right now, we don't know what is planned exactly in this thing. I don't want this to be a bill that are something that we have to just pass on and not know what's in it. We need to study it and move it forward.

[05:01:16] So I want to encourage you guys to just take the opportunity to possibly have a great answer to future money needs for the county and other developments. So I encourage you to vote yes and move this forward. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

[05:01:31] Next speaker, please. Next speaker is David Peterson. Go ahead, David. Good evening, Chair Jefferson and county supervisors. Thank you for hanging in there today and listening to Prince William County's residence.

[05:01:51] I'm David Peterson from the Gainesville District. While I'm a member of the Prince William Historical Commission, the following observations and comments are strictly my own as a resident of the Gainesville District and do not reflect any position of the Historical Commission.

[05:02:08] After reading the revised application for the Dole South Innovation Center and the planning office report on this application, I respectfully request that you vote no on initiating the CPA. To explain this request, let me share just a sample of important additional considerations regarding this application.

[05:02:29] First, historical. This area of northern Prince William County has a rich indigenous and 18th to 20th century rural agrarian tradition whose story has yet to be told. This portion of Prince William County needs its past research documented and preserved. In terms of environmental, according to the U.S. Geological Survey data, between 1985 and 2025, Prince William County lost 44.5 square miles of forest and woodlands and gained 27.1 square miles of impervious cover. According to the USGS, counties like this can

[05:03:08] expect to incur negative impacts of watershed quality, and this application would definitely impact the upper bull runs watershed health. Health considerations. According to Dr. Michael Kork of the Harvard Business School recent research, he says, we can't solve a problem we haven't measured. Permitting decisions for data centers are being made without any cleric accounting of their public health costs, and there's nothing in the application that mentions about measuring health impacts. Community acceptance of data centers. The Gallup poll

[05:03:44] previously mentioned 70 percent of Americans oppose data centers in their local area. And infrastructure considerations. The application used outdated assumptions for assessing compatible land use cases and estimating traffic impacts. Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today. Bottom line, I respectfully ask you to vote no. Do not initiate. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Thomas Diefenbrock. Go ahead, sir. All right. Can everybody hear me?

[05:04:22] Yes. Okay, great. My name is Tom Diefenbrock. I live in the Brentsville District. I'm going to ask you to please vote no to this application. First of all, 90% of these applications get approved once they're initiated. So for practical purposes, we're not just saying do a study. If you open this up, nine times out of ten this thing, there's a 90% chance it's going to get approved. The study that you need to pay attention to was done in 2022. So the county right now has

[05:04:55] 55 data centers active, up and running. There are, now that Digital Gateway is done, there are 150 more still in the pipe. PJM, Dominion, they can't keep up with the 55 that we have now. We saw that last weekend. There is no plan to power the 150 more that we have in the pipe. And the Dulles Innovation Center is 43 million square feet. If it's double the size of what Digital Gateway was, we're talking about, what, 70 more data centers. That's just not like irresponsible. That's

[05:05:33] insanity. So this CPA benefits only a few people financially, very significantly. But the board needs to do what is best for the whole county. That substation to the north that people keep talking about, it is fed by power coming from the south. Getting power to that impacts the entire rest of the county. You have half a million people that you need to think about with that.

[05:05:56] This industrialization from data centers, it spills over into the residential areas when you need to put in the power infrastructure for them. Or if they do on-site power, the pollution from the generators or whatever it is they use. Previous boards were either misinformed about this or uninformed about it, but this board knows better. And as for that traffic problem, I mean, fixing a traffic problem by approving the

CPA is like having a hangnail on your toe and then fixing that by amputating your leg. There's obviously a better solution. You don't need to do a study about that. You don't need to think too much about that. So you have basically one good choice

[05:06:36] in front of you. You have a bunch of bad choices running power lines through neighborhoods. Nobody wants that. It damages the county. Generators on site, nobody wants that. On-site nuclear, nobody wants that. Just look to Ashburn for the bad experience of that. You have one good choice, which is to curtail your data centers. Having one choice is kind of the same as having no choice. The hard part is just accepting that that is the situation. That's what the board needs to do today. So the world is actually watching how Prince William County handles that. It's not just the county or the state or the country. This is the data center, epicenter of the world. And

[05:07:15] everybody is watching how we handle this. Deny this, don't defer it, and for sure, don't approve it. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Leisha Marsh. Go ahead. Hello, my name is Leisha Marsh. Thank you so very much for taking in the concerns of all of the constituents of Prince William County and beyond. I've been a resident of the county since 1980, and I have been an educator for Prince William County since 2001. The county has certainly

[05:07:50] evolved throughout the years, and it is essential to thoughtfully grow. And as an educator, we need to do just that. We need to educate ourselves on the good, the bad, the ugly, and set parameters for all in-between items as to what will be good for the county, what will be bad, to mitigate any sort of doubts, and to make sure that we are taking the best interests of those who live here and wish to thrive economically as we move forward. This is not 2022. Times have changed.

[05:08:28] studies are going to be different, there is definitely opportunity for us to educate ourselves in moving forward. I am asking you to please vote yes to the research and review of the Dulles South area so that we can come up with a plan for our county and our country. Every single person that has spouted information, they've looked it up online. And how are they doing that? With the use of data centers. And just as everybody says, yes, we are at the epicenter for the world. And

[05:09:05] there are reasons behind that, geographic reasons behind that. And how did we all know that? Through the use of data centers. So please, let's take time to educate ourselves, to educate one another. And remember that we are all residents here and we all live together and we have to be neighborly about this. So thank you again for listening to all of our concerns, for all of our emotions, to support them, and for your service to Prince William County. Have a good evening.

[05:09:35] Thank you, ma'am. You too. Chris, by my count, I have 20. Do we have any more? We have three more speakers. Three more. Okay. Thank you. Go ahead, next speaker. Our next speaker is Elizabeth Heminger. Go ahead, ma'am. My name is Elizabeth Heminger, Gainesville District, and I've lived in Prince William County for nine years now. I lived in Cat Harpen specifically for four to five years. In fact, I was married in Cat Harpin. My husband and I have chosen to put down roots and raise our four

[05:10:08] children here. We currently reside in Haymarket. I support the Dulles South Innovation CPA. I'm hoping it brings more funding and better parks and recreation to our county so that I don't have to drive to other counties for activities and parks for my children. Please vote yes to do this study. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker, please. Next speaker is Jacob Heminger.

[05:10:32] Go ahead, Jacob. Let me get, we need to step back. Sir, I think you hit mute.

[05:10:48] Chris, can you help me with that? There we go. There we go. Okay, gotcha. Yes. Hey, my name is Jacob Heminger, and I live in the Gainesville District. Chair Jefferson and Board of Supervisors, first of all, thank you for all the hard work you do for the county.

[05:11:04] As my wife said, we've lived in the Gainesville District for nine years. We were married in Cat Harpen, and we're currently raising our four children, ages six, five, three, and one. Our children play baseball at Cat Harpen Field. We're excited to start using the new splash pad there.

[05:11:22] We're sorry we missed Supervisor Stewart there at the grand opening, but we're excited to use it. We love living and thriving here in the Gainesville District, and Lord willing, we will be here for many, many more years. We support and respectfully ask for your vote of yes to initiate the Dulles South Innovation Center CPA.

[05:11:43] The Innovation Center brings positive, impactful benefits to Prince William County, and that's to everyone in the county, not just the Gainesville District. Just one of those positive impacts is significant funding for schools, parks, amenities, public service employees, and infrastructure.

[05:12:01] To see this in action, look no further than our neighbors in Loudoun County. In 2007, some of the first data centers were built in Loudoun, and it was in 2008 that Loudoun County labeled itself as Data Center Alley.

[05:12:18] That same year, in 2008, Loudoun implemented a strategic plan to diversify its tax base to commercial, including data centers. For 18 years now, Loudoun has been data center alley, and it shows.

[05:12:34] Loudoun is consistently listed as one of, and often, the wealthiest counties in the United States. A major driver for this is approximately \$900 million last year in data center tax revenues, forming the basis for outstanding schools, parks, and facilities, which then attract professionals and families with young children to Loudoun County.

[05:12:56] In fact, as my wife said, she often drives to Loudoun County for their parts, despite the data centers being there. Unlike Loudoun, however, with data centers dropped amongst the communities, the Innovation Center is concentrated, ideally, located away from schools, homes, and communities along the power lines and on the Loudoun County border.

[05:13:19] Please vote yes to the Innovation Center CPA. This is an incredible opportunity to study the opportunity for families, not just in the Gainesville District, but every single family in Prince William County. It's an opportunity to catch up with and compete with our Loudoun neighbors, to fund and build great schools, new parks and facilities, and attract new families with young children just like our own to help them grow here and thrive here in Prince William County.

[05:13:49] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next speaker. Here is Pakuti Adnan. All right. Thank you. Go ahead, Prakruti. Hello. Can you all hear me? Yes, ma'am. You want to speak up just a little bit more?

[05:14:06] Yes. This is Prakruti Anand. My husband and I own the property on Brittle Lane right off of Sanders Lane. We bought a property in 2013, and I was pregnant then. My son was going to be born in 2014.

[05:14:25] After the birth of my son, I think, you know, just being a mother, I realized that I'm not living in this world for me. I'm living in this world for the future, for our future generations. I respectfully ask this board to vote yes on the Dallas South Innovation CPA.

[05:14:45] This is not a vote for rezoning. This is a vote to study. And why is anybody opposed to a study? It only brings light and educates all of us. And if it is something that's not good for the community, if it's something that's not right, the study will tell us.

[05:15:04] But to shut the door and not have any, have no clue on what could potentially be there, we are just going in the blind. And eventually there is going to be development. We are hemmed by Loudoun County on one side, Fairfax County on the other side.

[05:15:21] with the development that's going on in five years this place is not going to look like this but this board has an opportunity to at least take the time to study this area again i respectfully ask you all to vote yes on the cpa study and think of this land this that we live in today for our future generation not just for us or not for the past but for our future for our children for our kids who come 20, 30 years from now.

[05:15:54] That is what we need to look for. That is who we need to live for. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Chris? That was our final speaker. Thank you. Okay, all right. Thanks, Chris. Back to you, Madam Chair. Thank you so very much.

[05:16:10] This now concludes public comment time. I'm going to turn it over to RCXO, Mr. Shorter, for agenda item number 11, and that's agency time. All right, thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board. I'm going to invite our Office of Planning to come up for item 11A. We are asking for the board's consideration with an initiation of a zoning map amendment.

[05:16:54] Good evening, Chair Jefferson and members of the board. Ahmad Beza with planning office presenting you the zoning map amendment DPA 2026-0007 e-commerce overlay district.

[05:17:11] this is a request to initiate a zoning map amendment to include 11 parcels to the e-commerce overlay district which includes two right-of-ways the e-commerce overlay district was adopted by the board for the purpose of promoting distribution and fulfillment centers where we have the existing infrastructure capacity to support these uses and also prevent adverse effects on the surrounding neighborhoods this was adopted the overlay was adopted on october 5 2021 and to date we

[05:17:49] the overlay was not amended or the text was not also amended as well as the map so pursuant to the section uh 32-5-5-1-1.02.2 of the county code the board has um the the overlay map or text can may be created or amended only by the ordinance by the board that's hereby the staff staff brings this initiation request before the board with the recommendation of the department of economic

[05:18:27] development and tourism and also with this staff recommends the board to initiate the zoning map and amendment to the overlay district to consider adding the subject properties to the overlay districts. With that, I will conclude my presentation. Thank you.

[05:18:48] All right. Thank you. Any questions? Any guests? Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much. Thank you for your presentation. The question that I have, should we expect any additional inclusion in the future as it relates to this?

[05:19:13] As of now, we are only bringing 11 parcels. We are not thinking of any other parcel as of now, But that could be an opportunity in the future. But for now, we are only bringing 11 parcels, which is shown on the map, which are zoned M2 and includes two right-of-ways as well.

[05:19:34] So only these, no additional removals or inclusions? No, only these parcels. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Chair. Thank you. Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. The parcels in question, granted, are

in the Brentsville District.

[05:19:52] This was land that was owned industrial decades ago. This land has been under construction for warehousing going back, I think now, probably since about 2022. And they are now continuing to build out the facilities that have been approved for this site.

[05:20:16] And what this will do is this will allow the versatility of the kind of what they call last mile distribution of being able to provide that, you know, whether it's to homes, whether it's carrying furniture to people's homes or it's appliances and those types of, you know, what's labeled as distribution.

[05:20:41] In the outside of the economic e-commerce overlay district, I think you're limited to what, 40,000 square feet, 80,000 square feet for distribution, and anything above that, you would need a special use permit.

[05:20:57] So instead of having to go through all these special use permits, what this would do was because we extend the overlay, then that allows these facilities to be used what they were intended for to be able to meet that demand within Prince William County for the businesses that are taking place here.

[05:21:16] And I just want to point out, this isn't data. And a lot of people drive by here, they see the buildings, and they say, these are all data. None of this is data. None of it. It's warehouse distribution. That's what it is. So I appreciate the staff's work.

[05:21:33] Our economic development team has been working with our planning staff to help address this. And this is something, again, we've run into challenges in the past on our economic development side. And this will certainly open up our ability to help recruit additional businesses for, you know, to help grow our economy away from data.

[05:21:53] Thank you. All right. Thank you very much. I don't see any additional speakers or any additional. Does anyone else have any questions? All right. Mr. Gordy? Madam Chair, I move to approve my item 11A.

[05:22:10] Second. This has been properly moved and seconded. Any discussion? All right. I'd like to go ahead and call for the vote. Vote unanimous. All right.

[05:22:28] Thank you very much, Madam Chair. With the approved deferral of 11B, 11C, we are asking for the Board's consideration for initiation for CPA. I will ask the Planning Office to take over.

[05:22:58] I'm sorry. Good evening. I am Supriya Chavale with Countywide Planning here to present a request to initiate a comprehensive plan amendment for a property located at 4030 Prince William Parkway within the Aquacuan Magistral District.

[05:23:17] This request is to amend the comprehensive plan to change the long-range land use for the subject site from office mixed-use, low-rise, and office mixed-use, mid-rise to RN4. The subject site is approximately 6.8 acres and located to the northeast intersection of Prince William Parkway and Hellendale Drive.

[05:23:43] The site lies within a suburban area categorized by residential neighborhoods and industrial uses. To the east is the Jenkins Elementary School. To the north is Chain Aquatics and Fitness Center. And to the west is some master plan residential community.

[05:24:04] Oops, sorry. This slide shows you the existing land use designations and the requested land use designations. As you can see, the long range designations surrounding the subject site are of mixed use nature, which is leaning residential, though.

[05:24:24] The property benefits frontage and visibility along Prince William Parkway, as well as convenient access to the transportation systems and nearby community amenities. This request is also accompanied by a concurrent rezoning application, which is requesting rezoning of the property from A1 Agriculture 2 and R4 Suburban Residential 2 PMR, planned mixed residential. The request is to accommodate up to 70 bi-plex units and 55 townhouse

[05:24:59] units. The proposed amendment could result in a moderate increase in overall activity density for the site upon full built-up. Changing the designation from OMU2 and OMU3 to RN4 would transition the property from employment-oriented to residential setting.

[05:25:27] Though employment capacity will decrease, the amendment offers key benefits, such as adding 50 to 165 new residential units, helps diversify our housing stock. It better positions this area for long-term population needs.

[05:25:47] This site is within the Dale City Small Area Plan Parkway node. This request aligns with the small area plan focusing on smart growth that fits the neighborhood, better connectivity for pedestrianism and cyclists, sustainability by preserving existing trees and open spaces.

[05:26:12] With that, staff recommends initiating the comprehensive plan amendment to allow further study of the subject site within the Dale City small area plan. With that, I'll take any questions you may have. Supervisor Bowdy? I didn't have any questions. Okay, Bailey.

[05:26:28] I just wanted to highlight real quick that this is an example of when we talk about affordable housing it's not affordable housing as you said it's diversified and we need that in the county and so I just want to applaud staffer for bringing the variety that's in this in this project and so that's all I want to say and it's on the Eastern quarter that's all I wanted to say thanks supervisor vega thank you madam chair uh just a quick question i might have missed it in the staff report but i don't see anything in regards to school capacity where are we in regards

[05:27:08] to that we will bring that to you once we do more analysis after you initiate this there's nothing preliminary no we don't have any thank you all right any other questions if not supervisor voting yeah thank you madam chair um i will move 11c forward for approval second all right it's been properly moved and seconded. I'll give it to Angry. Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[05:27:33] Thank you for the presentation. If I'm not mistaken, this is your first CPA initiation before the board. Great job. Thank you. Appreciate your work on it so far. I wanted to just address a couple things for folks who are just tuning into this right now. As was stated before, it's currently planned office mixed use, these commercial office type uses. Frankly, folks have come to to my office with some plans in the past. One was a 7-Eleven. There's some other things that frankly didn't fit with right in front of an elementary school and sort of fits with this area. As was said, this is an idea that we would start the conversation. I know that Sycamore

[05:28:12] Ridge was the HOA right next door that the presenter mentioned. We will be in close contact with them throughout this process, have good community engagement on this, and ultimately hopefully

have a recommendation come forward that will help diversify the housing in this area. As was said, across the street and somewhere is our Ingris district.

[05:28:31] We have a lot of single-family homes. The single-family homes on this side as well, but we start talking about bi-plexing. I don't think the word bi-plex has been used in this chamber very often, and I've been talking through that and working through that with the applicant to have more diverse types of housing stock that we don't see.

[05:28:47] The last thing I'll say is on a major corridor, as was said. Prince William Parker, we have a school right next door we have a major lake ridge uh park in that shin park library aquatic center we have a major uh shopping center just up up the road there's a lot of good synergy here there's a bus stop right in front of the of the where this place will be hopefully so really looking forward to the applicant uh coming forward with a concurrent rezoning and we're looking forward to staff works on this thank you so much madam chair supervisor angry thank you madam chair i just want to echo what my colleague here said. This corridor is a residential corridor. It is. And I think this is a great move to initiate the study. As you know, the courts district is right down the

[05:29:26] street. We've got those apartments coming up right there on Elm on the corner. And this really completes out that corridor for housing. So I really like this move and excited to see what we bring back and see what's next. So thanks. All right. We don't have any other speakers in you so let's go ahead and take our votes vote unanimous all right thank you very much all right thank you madam chair and with item 11d uh also asking uh for the board's consideration for an

[05:30:02] initiation of a comprehensive plan amendment related to dallas south innovation center i will turn it over to planning uh good evening again ahmed bezot with planning office presenting you the now famous or maybe i should call it infamous dallas south cp initiation request

[05:30:38] This is a request to initiate an amendment to the CompLan Long Range Land Use Chapter for approximately 252 parcels totaling 1,940 acres in Gainesville District, from Agriculture and Forestry to Mixed Use, Hamlet to Industrial I3.

[05:31:02] A concurrent rezoning from agriculture to PBD would follow if the CPA gets initiated today. It's located in the Gainesville Magisterial District, generally bounded to the north, to Loudoun County, to the east by Aldi Road, to the west Lockman Road, to the south Sadler Road.

[05:31:23] The staff recommendation is not initiating the CPA for the reasons that I'm going to present today. To the right, you will see the existing long-range land use designation for the property, which is agriculture and forestry, and it's also surrounded by the AF-designated lands, parks and open space to the south, and also a hamlet, Cat Harp and Hamlet.

[05:31:49] The requestor's proposed long-range land use designation for the property is I3. The existing zoning designation for these parcels is agriculture, which is intended to preserve agriculture land, open space, and natural resources through low-intensity uses.

[05:32:13] Staff has significant concerns with this request, starting from the infrastructure, especially the roadway network. which the proposed build-out of 43 million square feet of industrial use generates an estimated 42,570 daily vehicle trips versus the existing vehicle trips daily is 2,535.

[05:32:43] This is a significant increase in traffic volume. And according to the staff from Department of Transportation and Capital Construction, The Sanders Lane, which currently carries approximately 1,600 average daily trips, would likely need to be added to the comp land roadway network, and it may require a widening from two to four lanes if the CPA gets initiated today.

[05:33:12] Also, transportation staff anticipates significant impacts to the Loudoun County roadway network, as well as the downstream effects on the Pageland Lane, James Madison Highway, Cat Harpin Road, and also Lee Highway, which they also mentioned that there are currently no existing or planned public transit services near the CPA area.

[05:33:38] In addition, the sadly road was also reduced from four lanes to two lanes. However, if the CPI gets initiated, that change would likely need to be reconsidered. The other issue with this proposal is the lack of water and sewer infrastructure within this area.

[05:34:01] And also, if we extend the public water and sewer to the F-designated land, that will conflict with our policy and action strategy within our water chapter, which is a command against infrastructure that promotes density.

[05:34:30] The second major concern about this proposal is the environmental and rural character impacts. The area is now designated AF-T0, which was designated on the first place to protect agriculture and forested land as an economic and environmental resource.

[05:34:50] And redesignation of 1,940 acres to I3 would reverse the boat division set by this long-range land use designation and the existing character of this community, this area. We will witness loss of vegetation, tree canopies, pervious surfaces, which also doesn't align with the action strategies that we have within our land use chapter, which calls for preservation of the agriculture for the visual rural character, including the hedge, grows, mature trees, and open fields.

[05:35:29] Land Use Action Strategy, LEU 37.6, also recommends preserving agriculture land which is near hamlets, which we do have the Cat Harp and Hamlet to the south, and based on this action strategy, the comp land guides us to preserve those agriculture lands.

[05:35:51] The last item is the land-use incompatibility of the proposed proposal, which the property is almost entirely surrounded by the AAF-designated lands and lies, as I mentioned, in close proximity to the Cat Harpen hamlet.

[05:36:15] The comp plan describes Hamlet as a compact, small-scale center with uses limited to one-story buildings that complement rural character. And converting the 1,940 acres and having 43 million square feet of the data center buildings will significantly impact the visual, the viewshed of the area, and is not compatible with the character envisioned for this area and the character that we have right now.

[05:36:45] We do have action strategies within our comp plan with which discourage large-scale auto-oriented commercial uses near hamlets and villages. And continuous operation, mechanical cooling noise, industrial lighting, and transformer infrastructure are generally incompatible with the low-intensity uses such as those agriculture and forestry designated lands.

[05:37:14] With that, staff recommends the board not to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA 2026-00012, Dallas South Innovation Center. With that, I will conclude my presentation and open the floor for any questions you may have.

[05:37:32] Thank you. All right. Before I call on the first person, I just want to say this is for questions. I would like to contain all discussion and all comments within the motion. So it doesn't seem like we have anyone for questions. All right. So no questions. Supervisor Stewart for the motion.

[05:37:53] Thank you, Madam Chair. So make a motion that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby declines to initiate the Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA 2026-00012, Dulles South Innovation Center.

[05:38:12] Second. It's been properly moved and seconded it. So now if people want to jump in for comments, Supervisor, wait, Stuart, did you want to make a comment? Stuart and then Bode. Stuart, Gordy, Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things that I want to say.

[05:38:28] First of all, I want to thank everybody that came out to speak. And here's what I want to say about that, because I've heard people say it, that, you know, this is supporters versus opposition. And it's not that.

[05:38:45] Everybody that spoke is a neighbor. Everybody that spoke is a neighbor. They're your neighbors, whether you are for this CPA or against it. They're your neighbors. I didn't run for this dais. I ran for my neighbors.

[05:39:01] I ran for my community. I serve for my community. I've been doing it since I was 18 years old. 40 years ago last week, I joined the Navy two days after high school graduation. I served in Desert Storm because everybody in this country is my neighbor.

[05:39:19] So I want to frame the conversation with that. A lot of talk was, a lot was said about doing a study. And I have a copy of a study right here. It's the comprehensive plan, 600 pages long.

[05:39:40] We did a study. Now, this isn't just, oh, we're going to do this, we're going to do that. No, this goes into deep detail about why we're going to do what we're going to do. There's rules.

[05:39:56] We cannot pave over the headwaters for the Occoquan. We just can't do it. 8 million people depend on that. Your neighbors. 8 million people. That's number one. Number two, rural character. The rural character of the area is going to be disturbed. I don't see this conversation being had in the Plains. People talk about one way or another how this open space of

[05:40:33] land, just like the Plains, is going to be developed one way or another. It's either going to be data centers or high-density housing. According to this, this land is already developed. How it is right now is how it is. How it is right now, according to this comprehensive plan, is how it needs to be and how it needs to remain. Any change to this book, to this work, has got to be thoughtfully considered. People say there are no schools in the area. That's not true. I know

[05:41:11] of eight kids that are being homeschooled in that area. One is too many to be affected by this. The square footage is absolutely obscene. I did some math. We're dropping 15 empire state buildings into a rural area. Make it make sense. I can't. I can't. I was at a ribbon cutting yesterday for a splash pad and all I could think about was the view shed in Cat Harpin Park. That's

[05:41:50] where the ribbon cutting was being ruined. And for what? We know now today in 2026 than we knew here in 2022 about data centers. They are a pernicious health threat to everybody in this room.

[05:42:14] And as far as this argument about, you know, it's the United States versus China, Loudoun County has more data centers than China. I think we're winning. Prince William County is not a Formula

One vehicle, and this board is not a pit crew.

[05:42:37] It's not our responsibility to make sure that as a county, we beat China at anything except being good neighbors. At the end of the day, that's what this is about.

[05:42:53] That's what it's all about. that's what it's all about is just be a good neighbor you don't have to be on this dais to be a good neighbor you don't have to come and speak to be a good neighbor you look out for the person to your left to the household to your left to your right the house in front of you and the house behind you and you make sure that those people are good i want to commend staff for the amount of work that you did on this and i want to thank you for your courage for saying we're not

[05:43:26] going that we recommend that you not initiate i want to make sure that everybody here on the dais that can vote um we exercise that same courage and with that thank you very much madam chair supervisor gordon thank you madam chair um thank you supervisor stewart um i know this has been a challenging uh case in uh taking on a massive issue in your district um although i can absolutely

[05:43:57] empathize. To staff, thank you for all your work. You've done an incredible job of looking at this fairly and holistically, and I am proud to say that we are looking at this according to the strategic documents that we have as a county. I can't say that's the way we've approached things in the past, but that's one thing that we've been committed to as a board, is that we're going to be disciplined to follow our strategic plan and disciplined to follow our comprehensive plan because we put a lot of time effort and energy into those documents to make sure that we grow

[05:44:37] well and we grow smartly for the future and so tonight we're being asked to take on a a comprehensive plan amendment out of cycle that doesn't align to our strategic documents in any shape, form, or fashion for today or for tomorrow. And while you say, well, this is one case, no, there's more coming. There's more coming. And it's this approach that has gotten us

[05:45:15] wrapped around our axles in development in this county for too many decades. Discipline is what is required to ensure that we grow well and we end up with the communities 25 for years from now that our kids want to be a part of. Because we have not done that well, and we did piecemeal development, all you have to do is look around the areas that we are now trying to revitalize that were developed through piecemeal development, rather than looking at things in a holistic way. Now, I was presented the overall plan for everything that's happening

[05:45:55] in this corridor last week, and you know what? I felt like I was in a timeshare presentation because I felt like I was getting all these promises without anybody talking about all the cost. And what was presented to me was not just data centers, but an entire Reston, a Reston town center in this part of the county. So the 40 something thousand trips we're talking about, oh, that's just scratching the surface. So when we take a look at what's behind this entire plan,

[05:46:34] of people who are behind all of this. This is just scratching the surface. This does not align to our plan. And oh, by the way, it will cannibalize the plans that we're working on today. It will eat up our redevelopment plans that we have in the Sudley Corridor. It will work against the growth that we're working on in the Gainesville Corridor and the work that's happening in Gateway where we're seeing new and vibrant retailers coming in. When we have this just

[05:47:07] growth without a plan behind it, we end up cannibalizing other parts of the county and other locations. Now, about data centers. People try to compare us to Loudoun County. Right now, we have

approved more data centers than what data that Loudoun has in operation today.

[05:47:30] We will be where Loudoun County is in a few years if the power ever gets here. Right now, we have data. You want facts? Right now, we have data centers that are not operating because they cannot get power. And just because the power lines are running overhead does not mean there's power there. It reminds me of when I worked in a bank in college. People would come in with their insufficient funds letter and say, I don't understand this. I still have checks in my checkbook. And so the challenge is you can look at the power lines. It doesn't mean there's power there. And right now there's not a single data center company that has filed an application in

[05:48:06] this county in two years. Why? Because there's no more power here. They've left. All their staff are gone. So who's left? The speculators, the land flippers. That's who's behind this. The data centers are chasing power in other parts of the Commonwealth because it's no longer here. And as my neighbors in the Braemar know full well, that the impact of these data centers reach far beyond the area that's being rezoned. I'll leave it here for now because I've only got a few seconds left, But so my pal, keep the passion high.

[05:48:45] I appreciate that. Supervisor Bodie. Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Wanted to just start by saying thank yous. Thank you to the residents who came out on both sides of the issue. Thank you to staff for your work on this. We'll just sort of ditto the words of my colleagues on the ability for folks to come out and speak to us about what they care about.

[05:49:06] What are they for or against this? And as Supervisor Stewart said, these are not folks that are on opposite sides of a warring faction. These are neighbors. Um, so I felt like that was worth repeating in and I thank staff again for all the work that they do. And again, looking at this objectively and having the recommendation as it is. Um, I will start with sympathy for folks on both sides who said both in different ways that they are concerned about unwelcome change, right? You have folks who were for this that said they were, they are not, they don't like this because of the unwelcome change of the traffic.

[05:49:37] A lot of the other things that have happened that have made this place not like when they first moved in, and so they feel like they have to be part of a change moving forward. And the folks that definitely do not want to see more unwelcome change because they don't want this to happen.

[05:49:53] I also agree with folks that don't want piecemeal development. I know that both Supervisor Stewart, Supervisor Gordy touched on that point, too. Piecemeal, hodgepodge, Frankenstein monster development is how we got into a lot of these issues that we see today. And just doing more of that is not going to get us out of this.

[05:50:09] That means, though, that data centers aren't the only answer to move forward in this county. That means that when it comes to looking at these areas holistically, we ask Supervisor Stewart, who has heart for his community. He expressed that very emphatically just now.

[05:50:26] He has a comprehensive vision that he's working on for this area and other parts of his district. And he has the ability to work collaboratively with all of their neighbors on both sides of this fence to come together and find something else to do here. There has to be a middle path forward that acknowledges that folks may see unwelcome change and want to change where they live and how they live.

[05:50:45] There's also folks that don't want to be left holding the bag when they move forward. Now, the big giant now dead elephant in the room that is a digital gateway. The community, whether they sit here right now or they sit in other parts of the Gainesville District, they spent years under their uncertainty that it is a digital gateway.

[05:51:05] This proposal leaned on the fact that digital gateways still exist. It does not. As of a couple days ago, it is dead. We owe this community time to pause, exhale, and work together with their supervisor to shape this area's future holistically.

[05:51:22] They deserve to have that conversation without another mega proposal looming over their heads. far too often these conversations get reduced to preserve every acre or pave every inch farmland or server farms it doesn't have to be that way i reject that framing it's not rule anymore it's used as a reason to say the only future is industrial scale data centers in these areas or super high density housing i reject that too there are there is room between those extremes there is room in our comp plan to look at something else and we have the ability to find that it just takes time effort and energy

[05:51:58] The question is not what comes next. That's a separate conversation. Today, the question is whether or not we initiate a CP that redesignates over 2,000 acres into what would be larger than Digital Gateway by a magnitude of two, at least, would become the largest data center development in the world.

[05:52:20] And I, for one, would not want to see, I'm not interested in 43 million square feet of additional data centers in the county. So we are also called to look at this holistically, and we are asked to decide this with one hand tied behind our backs, right?

[05:52:38] Residents ask real questions. What are you going to do about the grid, the water, the air quality, the noise? Too often, the board in many of these cases lacks the state or federal authority to turn those questions into requirements. on energy, on clean energy, on sourcing, on water.

[05:52:53] So many of these things are finally certainly unlocked a little bit for us, but they were not there yet. The CSMP that folks keep talking about, we've not adopted the comp plan amendment that actually handshakes that to the comp plan. So we're still, again, unadopted rules and regulations that could help us fight and put better guardrails around data center development.

[05:53:12] In the past, on an ad hoc basis, case by case, I've pushed operators to do clean energy, waste heat reuse, or district heating, solar, offsetting grid impacts. Sometimes I've been successful, oftentimes not, because they are not requirements. But without the regulatory authority, we should not be looking at any kind of project of this size and this scale right now, and that's why I'll be voting no.

[05:53:34] Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, just want to thank staff for all the time and energy that you put into really delving in and understanding this project and bringing back to us a reasonable recommendation.

[05:53:51] We really appreciate that. And what courage you have waiting all night to come and present it. We applaud you for that as well. You know, my colleagues have said the majority of what I want to say, but I've got three things that I just want to land on. The piecemeal development goes without saying, and we've been doing this not since 2021.

[05:54:13] We've been doing this since the 90s. So I just want to set the tone for that. And, as my colleague said, facts in the 1990s. But there was no vision when data centers came here. There was no vision. They

just came. And nobody knew where they were.

[05:54:28] They came. It's a big box. What is it? And then 2021, it became more relevant as to what it is. And we've grown from that. I think we have to have a holistic vision. We must have a holistic vision. And that holistic vision starts right now, today.

[05:54:46] And we've learned a lot since the 90s. We've learned a lot with the compatibility of working with the community, not like brothers and sisters falling out, but falling back in. But we've learned a lot together. So we have to, as Madam Chair would say, we've got to name that.

[05:55:02] We've got to look at that because we're all neighbors, whether it's the east or the west. We're trying to get away from that, too, y'all. We've all learned a lot. So we've got to acknowledge that and keep learning. The other thing is when you talk about this corridor, this corridor is huge.

[05:55:20] It's huge. And so when we talk about a holistic vision, it deserves time, timing and making the right decisions. This is not the right time. It's not the right time. I spent four hours with the team, the developmental team, to understand this.

[05:55:39] Four hours. I don't know. I don't need a pat on the back because I want to understand what all this is about. And there is opportunity and potential for one reason when I think about data centers, The reason why? I wanted to even entertain the thought. It brings us a commercial tax base, and we need that.

[05:55:57] None of us as taxpayers in our communities need to have that on our backs. So we need to talk about and really understand what that commercial tax base looks like for us. And we are moving in that direction from the beginning when I came on the board of \$1.03 to .865.

[05:56:16] It's not where we want it to be, but it has moved, and we have to name that. We have to acknowledge that. So for me, a holistic vision and making sure that the right time, and I said this to the developers, I said this is not the right time because the big, bad, dead elephant in the room was not a pretty thing.

[05:56:35] 27 hours without lip gloss was not fun for me, y'all. I want y'all to know that. I want you to know that was for you, Alina. It wasn't fun, but it was realistic for us to grow to where we are now. There is potential in a project like this, the magnitude and success of this, but how we do it is very, very important.

[05:56:57] So that's all I've got to say. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Ingrid. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll say it before, and I've said it every year I've been up here. I'm here to work with you all, and we're here to govern together. Public has a role to play in public comment time, public hearings.

[05:57:16] Every time we do this, I hear everyone address the audience. I'm here to address you, and I want to start by saying I believe we all have been compromise. We're compromised by the media. We're compromised by special interest group. We're compromised by developers. We're compromised by just about everyone. And I say that because this whole conversation has been about data centers. You talk about neighbors. We had 252 neighbors package their land together, bring it to the board to talk about the comp plan amendment.

[05:57:48] Wasn't there when we did this in 2022. We have this opportunity now. My one question I would ask this board is if you excluded data from that conversation, would this board initiate that CPA to look at everything I've heard much of both sides say about the next level of Prince William County and the innovation that we can do?

[05:58:08] Data has clearly run its course. And at this point, we had an opportunity to look at over 1,900 acres of land that 252 neighbors have wanted to come in this chamber and look at. I'm not here to question how much money they make.

[05:58:25] I'm not here to question who's giving it to them. I understand where we are today is because it's driven through a lot of what you just went through. We all just went through. I don't think that's functional. That's not functional. I would even ask the question, if it's a possibility, and I doubt it is, and I'm not even going to make any kind of secondary motions.

[05:58:44] We are where we are. That if that was not about data centers and we could initiate this comp plan and remove data centers, is that possible? Just a thought, not a question. all right but i think where we are right now today is very disturbing for me and there's been a lot that has gone on in this process to get here um we've got the vote we've got the motion uh that's it for me thanks manager supervisor la croix well first i'd like to say i'm i'm really impressed

[05:59:17] and i'm impressed with both sides um you all have spent a lot of time and a lot of energy um coming here and this has been a constant thing for your your communities and i am impressed and when i ran i ran knowing that i was going to try to listen to everyone and then you sent me a thousand emails made it a little bit harder but i did try to read a lot of your emails um i do also

[05:59:49] want to say thank you to George. George has taken a lot of heat and he has been steadfast and just really good character. You know, he wants everyone to vote their conscience and, but he has, you know, this is a tough issue. Every application that comes in, I know our, my office looks at it as though it has fresh eyes because I think that's my job to look at everything. Then I hear the public comments. And I think it's really important to really, really try to listen to each and every

[06:00:25] person. And then at the end of the day, I have the hard decision of making one side happy and one side sad. And so I just want you to know that it's still very impressive and very important for your voices to be heard because I listen. And I thank the planning office for having the courage of of of going against you know and getting the flack too i know that you have and um you did a good job and you tried your best on this one and and i really appreciate your effort and so with

[06:01:02] that i just thank everybody for taking the time i mean this is this is a huge commitment to be here and i thank you all supervisor vega thank you madam chair first off i'd like to thank county staff for their time their due diligence and for meeting with all of us i know that it's not an easy task presenting to eight minds that think differently and that oftentimes pull you in a different direction. I also want to thank the applicant for their level of professionalism

[06:01:34] and for being forthcoming and honest with this proposal. I want to thank members of the community, the groups that advocated on their behalf also for meeting with my office and for sharing your concerns. These are not easy decisions that we make here. I know what it's like to have sat through that 27-hour meeting on the Digital Gateway. I'm actually the only member on this board right now that voted against that project, and it was a tough battle. It truly felt like we

[06:02:08] were never going to overcome it, but all things that are good and great take time, and the time has arrived. And of course, we wait to formally hear from the Supreme Court on that order to make it official. And I'll have more to say about that later on. But I really just want to focus my comments. And I

hope that the papers report on this, that the media reports on this, because this is a very important component that it is left out of the conversation.

[06:02:37] At a time where there is so much political divide, working together, reaching across the aisle still matters. And we have two groups with two different perspectives, and that is what makes this country so great, that we can have a difference of ideas and opinions, but we have an opportunity to voice those differences while still loving our neighbors and respecting each other.

[06:03:11] This might come to a shock to many of you, but I want to thank Supervisor Bailey for her leadership. It takes a lot to sit down and to have conversations about very difficult decisions that we have to make.

[06:03:29] The level of bipartisanship that has gone on from this governing body should make every single resident of Prince William County proud despite your position on this issue. When you get elected, you don't get elected to serve or to represent a party.

[06:03:50] You get elected to represent everybody. I am the Coles District Supervisor. I don't care what your political affiliation is. It doesn't matter to me. I was elected to represent your interests. And boy, have we gone through a lot. Andrea, Kenny, Victor, we've gone through a lot.

[06:04:08] And I name you guys because we are the OGs. All right? We've gone through a lot. But this is a moment that should make this county very proud. It's what I call growth. And while the result may be different, you know, for some folks here tonight, I remain committed, I've said it from the very beginning, it is not prudent to put all of your eggs in one basket. I remain committed to expanding and growing our commercial tax base while attracting other businesses and still engaging with the industry because that is our job.

[06:04:43] But we must never lose sight of our why and why we are here today. So Supervisor Bailey, thank you for the conversations. Kenny, thank you for the conversations. Victor, thank you for the conversations. I know that I connected with Supervisor Gordy, who has also done a lot. And while this is not my district, my open door policy remains that I will do everything in my power to ensure that whatever project is presented to us as a board, we have a say that makes the project better, that it has a good impact for the betterment of this county while

[06:05:19] also being mindful of the people that we represent. Again, if you keep anything that I said here tonight is this despite where you fall on this issue here tonight you should feel very proud of your public servants thank you madam chair all right thank you supervisor vega i will make a few comments and then i'll call for the vote this isn't your district but it is your county all of us have a say in what happens in this county and the decisions that we make touch everyone and i want

[06:05:52] to be very mindful of that i took a lot of notes i was listening to what people were saying and someone asked, I respectfully asked what fits in our area. We haven't had a chance to really have that discussion because people came to us with the CPA that was already fully baked. And a CPA stands for a comprehensive plan amendment. It is not simply a study. It is to revise what is found in that document right there. So it's not just a study. It is initiating something. It is initiating

[06:06:32] a change. I also want to note, someone mentioned that we're listening to a small, loud group of pretentious people. I don't know if you were talking about the opposition or us on the dais or whoever, but I'm a proud member of that small, pretentious group of people. I was once a professional attendee, and I

guess I still am because I am chair. I have always made my views known on this. My vote should not come as a surprise to anyone. I don't believe that data centers are the answer to all of our problems. And I am worried. I am very worried that we're

[06:07:11] putting all of our eggs in one basket. And I'm worried about the opportunity cost of voting for every data center that comes before us. I would have liked to have a discussion about what could have been in this area. I did an agritourism directive. That's not something we're looking at or talking about. We're talking about data centers. So let's be clear. We're talking about data centers. There are people with competing ideas and competing visions, but we're not talking about that. We are talking about data centers. So I have to name that. I have to be very clear about

[06:07:47] what it is we are talking about, because this is not an open-ended study. And you're right. We have four OGs who have been through the digital gateway, which was a really tough decision. Was that 27 hours, 29 hours? It was a long, long time. And thank you that this is not going to be as long as that particular meeting.

[06:08:11] I cannot get on board with this. And I know that's going to disappoint some people, but I cannot get on board with this. And Josiah, I remember when you came to my office and you asked me for my vision. I told you I don't have one because I haven't had a chance to think about it.

[06:08:27] And I think we should have worked with transportation, economic development, and done a holistic study of this area. And a lot of what we're talking about would have tied into the digital gateway, but that, we really don't know which way that's going to go.

[06:08:43] Actually, we do know. I'm just trying to be mindful of what the county attorney always tells me. We have so many comprehensive plan amendments coming before us, and it is piecemeal. It doesn't make sense in the area in which people want to build.

[06:09:00] And I understand the landowners. I understand that you see an opportunity. I understand that you're looking around the county, and you're seeing other people assembling land. You're seeing us vote for more suburban housing developments. and maybe you don't want to be left behind and as much as I hate it I am going to give Mr. Looney his credit because we actually had a really strong conversation about that and he made some points while I disagree with him it did cause me to look at things in a different way but this CPA is for

[06:09:37] data centers and the county is ready to move beyond that we are ready to move beyond that it's time and I want to thank everyone because a few months ago I said you know we can just say no to things and in order for us to get better things we have to be willing to say no we have to articulate not just what we want but what is we don't want and i think it's pretty clear where a lot of people stand here i'm not anti-development i i'm tired of piecemeal development i'm tired of development

[06:10:16] doesn't match the area that doesn't leverage the land i'm tired of looking at development that is not moving us forward that is not place making we really have to think about what it is we won this county and i do think we're going to have to review the comprehensive plan but i don't think it should be something that we do during an election year because this is too important for it to be a political issue how we grow who we choose to be in our identity is too important and with that i'd like to call for the vote yeah just for clarity denial yeah would you like to

[06:10:56] repeat it supervisor stewart thank you madam chair um so i make a motion that the prince william Board of County Supervisors hereby declines to initiate the comprehensive plan amendment CPA 2026-00012 Dulles South Innovation Center. So what that looks like is if you want to say no, you have to vote yes. It's already been moved and properly seconded, so we're going to take a vote.

[06:11:38] Vote unanimous. All right, thank you very much. I'm going to give people a moment to exit board

[06:11:46] chambers, and then we are going to go into supervisor's time. I'm going to give us a 10

[06:13:07] minute recess, and I mean 10 minutes. Don't make me come find you. 10 minutes. We're back from our recess. We are going to move into supervisor's time. Now we're going to start with directives.

[06:13:38] We have a new system, and I'll be honest with you, I went a little crazy because I wasn't sure if I would get a chance to do them all, but everyone should have received the emails that were sent about doing directives because of a change yes because of a change in state law we have to publish things so we will no longer be reading our directives out loud in their entirety what we are going to be doing moving forward is please continue to email everybody what directives you want to have and having the hard copies given to us on the day of is also great um but and you know

[06:14:17] people are going to be doing a notice of intent for their directors just to give us all a heads up so when we go around the horn i am going to you know if you would like to give your notice of intent for a directive please um you know please do so supervisor vega you have a quick question i do um i just want clarity because in uh i think it was the email that you sent yes it also referenced handing a hard copy yes i had just mentioned that so what we're going to do sorry

[06:14:48] is i have a directive let's just say to declare cats the county animal the county object cats are the most popular but just suppose i wanted to do that so what i'm going to do is i'm going to work with chris and michelle as i've always done to get the directive language i'm going to email everybody my directive and i will have a hard copy for you to look at thank you i'm sorry jeannie can you please show that to the camera it's cats but the hard copy is needed when i would appreciate

[06:15:24] and we can discuss this if people do not want to give out the hard copy in addition to sending out an email we can talk about that i'm fine with it i think it's helpful for some people and just so everyone knows this is a process we are going to see how it works and we may amend it we may say that this is a little too much it's a little too extreme i'm open to that but going back to my directive on cats so when the day comes or we also need to make sure that we give it to the um

[06:15:59] it's sent around how many weeks do you need two weeks to get in on the agenda or roughly what's a good practice the the prior board meeting prior board meeting so we get the directive to declare cats the county pet on the agenda so it will be published as you see under directives and when we give our directives, which I'm going to do today, Supervisor Bailey will go first. Without objection, I would like to issue 12D, for example, the proposed directive. If anyone, again, we're going

[06:16:35] to treat it like we've always done. If people have an objection, then we are going to turn into a motion. I also think it would be a good practice for us to say a little bit. I'm going to take each of these individually so you could say a little bit about what it is you want to do. I'm going to acknowledge that at least one of mine may be a little contentious because it is an off-cycle budget request. So I'm ready. If it

goes down, it goes down. But I do want to give people an opportunity to speak to a little bit, not long, about what their directive is. If there's any

[06:17:09] discussion, we'll have it or any objections. Supervisor Bailey. Madam Chair, just for clarity again, you don't want us to read the entire directive, understanding that we would have socialize it with our colleagues one-on-one before we get here and before it's on the agenda.

[06:17:29] We don't, you said socializing with our colleagues one-on-one. That is not necessarily something we've always done. No, no, no. What I mean is, I know we, I was saying that in terms of we can't, it's only two of us that can talk. So in other words, we will explain, pick up the phone and explain. That's what I meant. I think that's a great idea because we don't always do that. And I think if people have questions about a directive, they should actually call that member. That's what I mean. Yes, I think that's great. If someone has a question, I would really truly encourage you to call the person who's giving the directive. Now, I have sent mine around a while ago, and everything

[06:18:08] will be on the agenda. It needs to, at this point, be published on the agenda. So I hope when people are doing summary though when we're just just say a brief summary please don't get go five minutes three minutes it shouldn't take that long because we should be familiar with everything on the agenda at this point any questions comments or concerns cats are the best victor angry i actually have a directive so and i and i thought i knew this process and i i didn't email it so i just asked my staff to email it to the board but i have hard copies and so it's not here so do i tell

[06:18:44] You can just give us, you know, when you're doing your supervisor's time, next week I'm going to give a directive on X, Y, and Z. Okay, and then this will be on there for next week. And it will be on next week's agenda, and you can pass it around to all of us. Okay. Any questions, comments, concerns, thoughts, questions, cats?

[06:19:02] I know people are allergic. They're still cute, but that's okay. All right. If not, I'm going to go to Supervisor Andrea Bailey for 12A. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, without objection, I have two directives. One is House Bill 257, which addresses the comprehensive plan, social determinants of health.

[06:19:24] And this is from the General Assembly Session 2026. And it's to amend the county's comprehensive plan, the board to pass a resolution to initiate the interest in adopting a plan that will impact the localities overall public health and access health care services.

[06:19:44] so that's my first one house bill 257 hold on hold on chris did send around some sample language so let's just do one at a time so are there any objections without objection i would like to issue 12a the proposed directive okay just that's the language to use moving forward does anyone have any objections to 12a madam chair supervisor vega a little more excitement it's like you already no supervisor vega we are so bipartisan i love you thank you madam chair um i object

[06:20:20] and and and and that will be my position just giving you all a heads up on these directives and and i wasn't sure madam chair when when you wanted us to talk about the directives because i feel a certain way about the way that this board is handling directives i feel that they're being issued left and right without any need and my position has always been why continue to add more work to staff when we are already getting what is being asked via directives through other avenues. And so while I understand,

while I understand Supervisor Bailey's request in her directive, I believe based on, you know, what we already have in place through the comprehensive

[06:20:59] plan, the strategic plan, community health assessments, and other adopted plans that we can already get this information without the need of putting more work on the plates of staff and getting the answers that we need and so for those reasons madam chair i object because i believe that this is redundant all right let's go ahead and turn this into motion i move that we approve house bill directive 257 second has been properly moved and seconded any discussion any additional discussion saying none let's go ahead and take our votes

[06:21:34] The motion passes 7-1. Supervisor Vega, voting name.

[06:21:58] All right. Supervisor Bailey. Okay. Madam Chair, without objection, I'd like to move forward House Bill 594, which again was in the General Assembly for 2026 and is entitled Expedited Approval for Certain Housing Projects.

[06:22:19] This is June 2, 2022. The bill was passed. with the understanding that ZTAs isn't working through a public hearing process for the Planning Commission and then for a public hearing with the board.

[06:22:36] Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. I object because this board has already initiated a zoning text amendment to implement House Bill 594, and that process is currently underway. Staff has already been asked to provide recommendations, a legal review, and supporting information through the established public hearing process before the Planning Commission and the Board.

[06:22:58] Again, directing staff to prepare a separate update and additional recommendations duplicates work that is already being performed. Again, Madam Chair, the redundancy. So, Madam Chair, in the spirit of this being a recent bill that was passed in session to make sure that we're in compliance, I'd like to move for approval, please.

[06:23:21] Is there a second? Oh, wait, hold on. Let's just go ahead. I'll let you, I know this is in proper form, just let someone second it and we'll talk about it. Second. All right, it's been moved to second it. Supervisor Angry. I'm just curious because this is, is that anything, I don't want to put you on the spot, Ms. Washington.

[06:23:42] I'm just curious, is it redundant? Is it, are we doing this? I don't want to put you through any extra work if that's the case. House Bill, Tanya Washington, planning director. Good evening, board members.

[06:23:58] House Bill 594 was included amongst the recently approved legislation for the Virginia General Assembly that were signed into law by the governor that were a part of the ZTA initiation for state mandated changes.

[06:24:16] This was one of the bills that was already included. And so this bill, along with other bills that were included as part of the state mandated changes, those ultimately will go to the Planning Commission for Public Hearing into the board so it is already being taken care of okay okay just want to be in compliance then i'm fine we can just vote you want you want to i could withdraw it you want to withdraw yes so 12b is going to be withdrawn again guys we're having fun new process let's try new things we are going to go into 12c and this is a directive for the animal advisory committee terms we have to

[06:24:53] reappoint them every year this was a request um from kelly easterly and some other people on the animal advisory committee to make their terms coterminous with ours a lot of our other committees boards committees and commissions do this so with that supervisor vega thank you madam chair i don't object to this i actually support this but i wanted to ask the county attorney um if we are legally able to perhaps consider all commissions and committees to run concurrent with the serving board because we have a problem in particular with the planning commission and so i think that

[06:25:31] if we're going to do it um you know for the animal advisory committee and and i'd love to hear from my colleagues also why can't we apply the same standard uh across the board considering you know right folks you know being you know new supervisors coming on board i think that we should have that flexibility madam chair members of the board a few years ago the board did an audit of all the boards committees and commissions and we had to look at what was the legal authority the underlying authority for the various boards committees and commissions say for example the Planning Commission that's required by the Code of Virginia and it sets in there when they're appointed how they're appointed

[06:26:09] when they can be removed etc then the Code of Virginia gives you the discretionary authority to create additional BCCs such as the Animal Advisory Committee you can do that if you want the board has done that and you can make those terms coterminous annual etc but we can't just with a broad brush say all boards committees and commissions shall be coterminous or shall be this shall be that we have to look at the underlying authority for each bcc as to what they are if you have a question on one please let us know we'll look at it to see we'll go through the internal audit that was done on it

[06:26:45] to see um madam chair yes thank you for that ms roble i think that sharing that uh with the entire board would be beneficial so that we can make that determination and if we are allowed to make the the change then we go from there yeah if you could just let us know what bcc if it's a discretionary one that you've done that's pleasure of the board other ones there are certain requirements as to when and how that that appointee can be removed madam chair that sounds like a new directive but go on no i don't want no no i don't think it's a need there's a need for a directive i i don't

[06:27:18] want to be the only one speaking but I would like to have a report on all the the the ones that yes we can certainly send out the internal art report as well again I will just say most of most of the BCCs that are discretionary are coterminous if it's the IDA or a CDA those are very different and cannot we cannot dictate those terms so there are some in like the board of equalization is an annual appointment by state code it's not something we can control so we'll look and see

[06:27:54] what the internal audit was in 19 or 20. Thank you. All right Supervisor Stewart. Thank you Madam Chair. Yeah well hearing this conversation yes I agree with that they should probably be co-terminus but I'm looking to see what is and isn't and so I look forward to just seeing that report so that we can get all of that aligned because I think that's a good idea.

[06:28:24] All right, thank you very much. I don't see any objections, so we're going to move on to 12D, which I'm ready, y'all. Okay, so this one, this was not included in the budget. This was taken out of the budget, but after going to the hunger-free Prince William rally, and honestly, this was a tough one for me that was taken out of the budget because I think that this could be a very useful position for us, and I would really love to have someone, as the Capital Area Food Bank suggested, really work with us on food insecurity.

[06:28:51] I know that this is a good contentious one because it is an off-cycle request. I accept that. At the very least, if people are not interested in funding it off-cycle, I hope it is something we can include in our fiscal 28 budget. With that, Supervisor Bailey. Yes, Madam Chair, thank you so much for acknowledging the concern about this one.

[06:29:14] Though I agree with you, I really think that I would like to hear more from the county exec as it relates to this request and what is needed. And is this a staff? And I'm sure it is.

[06:29:31] I'd like to hear from him in terms of how would we navigate this, though I realize that it's needed. Mr. Schurter. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board. This position, along with many others, were included in the budget for the proposed budget for FY27.

[06:29:54] So we laid out at that time the need for this FTE. The board decided otherwise with not just this position, but with all others. And I think it is the board's prerogative on whether it is interested in the position as consistent with the chair's directive.

[06:30:13] Thank you. Okay. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. Aside from it being an off-cycle budget request, there are other reasons why I object to this directive. And I think that it's important that we, at the very least, become familiar with what we already have.

[06:30:29] I always say that we take great pride in the services and positions that we already offer here in Prince William County. You know, somebody said that there is a need for this. And my question to my colleagues is, is there really a need for this? And why do I ask the question? Currently, the Human Services Alliance of Greater Prince William, you know, heavily relies on collaboration with organizations which employs an executive director.

[06:30:55] You know, this group alone already tackles some of the things listed in your directive. They're specifically tasked with serving as the primary liaison, okay, to community stakeholders, managing partnerships, and advancing human services initiatives across the county.

[06:31:15] Then we have Volunteer Prince William. This is a centralized agency that already functions as the county's primary hub for recruiting, tracking, and coordinating volunteer opportunities across, not just Prince William County, but our neighboring jurisdictions, as in the City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, and Haymarket, you know, to address further nonprofit needs.

[06:31:38] And then we have the Northern Virginia Food Rescue. This is operating directly in a warehouse partnership with Prince William County. This network coordinates, you know, with an extensive database of donors, volunteers, distribution partners specifically, you know, serving to address any food insecurities and or food waste. Again, I understand the intent. And while it sounds good, I would make the case yet again, that we already have different organizations that already address quite literally everything that is listed in the directive. Can you, I'm sorry, what was the first organization you

[06:32:11] mentioned? If you can mention that. All right, the reason why I asked, so Volunteer Prince William, I actually, they did reach out to me, and they had concerns about this, and I had a chance to address those concerns. All these organizations do great work. I think there could be better coordination between the county, and with Northern Virginia Food Rescue, they're one of several food rescue organizations that we service, Prince William County. The problem is our need is still so great. They alone are not able to meet it, and at the recommendation, again, of the Capital Area

[06:32:44] Food Bank, having one person or having a position that can really coordinate across non-profits was a weakness that they identified for Prince William County. Because we have such a high number, high percentage of food insecurity here, I would like to try this out.

[06:33:07] I would like to see what we can do better, because I feel like we have a lot of Band-Aids, but it's not comprehensively managed. And I, again, I'm 101-8. I know that, you know, we're going to have to vote on this. I just feel that if we have someone in the county who can really be a liaison, a strategic partner, and put everything together, that would benefit us.

[06:33:30] So with that, I'm going to go to Bodie. But, you know, we have a long queue, honey. It's a lot of people. No, no, no, no, no. I'm going to Bodie. I'm going to the other bee. All right, Bodie.

[06:33:48] Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate the sentiment behind this. This was a position that, you know, I also supported in the budget. But one, like was said at the outset by yourself, I have concerns about doing these off-cycle additional employees, especially seven days into the new fiscal year.

[06:34:13] And I think that while there is a need, I agree to think through how we better collaborate and connect all of the dots with all the different organizations that are doing good work and that there should be some kind of staff that helps curate that, I think there are other better ways we can do it.

[06:34:32] So for that reason, I'm going to object, but I do believe that we should continue this conversation and bring it back with the FY27 budget. 28. All right, Stuart. Thank you, Madam Chair. So, you know, I've got two questions.

[06:34:49] The first one is for the county exec. Is there anybody in community safety that's doing something like this already? That's the first part of the question. Well, there's considerable outreach in community safety. I would say that the focus in community safety is on vulnerable populations generally.

[06:35:11] And so this is a unique position. We laid out sort of in the budget that this position would be focused on things that are not included in the Office of Community Safety. So I would say there are aspects of this position that the community safety office is not focused on exclusively.

[06:35:34] Madam Chair, can I respond to Supervisor Stewart? Hold on, let him finish. And the other half of the question is, well, not the other half. I guess it's more of a statement. I don't know if I can wait a full year while 43% of the county is food insecure.

[06:35:57] that's that's a long time for to deal with people that are are missing meals you know that's a long time i am so sorry i am going to i did miss a part of what you said i do apologize greatly supervisor vega wanted to respond to part of yeah i just wanted to remind that within the office of community safety we have the police department who also has a community liaison unit and they tackle this along with the office of youth services and so i can keep reading but i'm not going to

[06:36:32] again we quite literally have all the boxes checked and there's a bigger argument to be made but for the sake of time per the chair's request i just wanted to remind you that there are those two components within the office of community safety all right supervisor angry uh thank you madam chair um three boards ago three boards three board members ago we um created that position and fire and rescue as a volunteer coordinator i don't know what task that position is doing now But, you know, again, you've heard about other volunteer kind of groups and people in the county.

[06:37:09] I'm wondering if we can look and see if that's something that can be added to a plate of someone that we already have in the county. Instead of creating and paying more money for something, I'm curious if we can just assign this task or whatever to a position that we already have that's doing volunteer work or whatever work.

[06:37:30] So that would be my ask to look into to see if that's something we can do with that. Supervisor Gordy. Well, I'll just say specifically, just because you mentioned the FTE associated with volunteer coordination in fire and rescue, that is the volunteer fire service.

[06:37:49] So this position would be slightly different in that the focus area would be on supporting and coordinating volunteers, but also focusing on food and food rescue. And that's not something that's currently included, even in the position description associated with the volunteer coordinator within fire and rescue.

[06:38:10] Again, not trying to. Right. I think this is a board discussion. Right. I like that because I thank you for that response, because now I would ask if if there's a position inside the Canada that we could move and then to do this assignment, that if we're so worried about 43 percent food insecurities do we have a position that is able to be moved into doing this role that may not be doing you know all of whatever this position is you know whatever current position is assigned to do so i'm just curious and i don't know how much work that would be for you uh mr shorter to look into a ft that we already have to go into

[06:38:49] this role but if this is going to be a priority role is there another role that we have in the county that's not a priority and i'll just put it like that i don't i don't mean that it's not important but as we look in that priority that this is going to be something that's high is there something else that we can move this to handle instead of spending more money to create a position for it so you mean if there's someone who can assume this work and an ft that we already have inside the county on our books then that would be something um because that's outside the scope of this directive i mean i can rescind it and mr shorter if you want to look at positions

[06:39:26] and see if there's someone else who can absorb this work, or, you know, I can always bring back this directive at a different time. I don't know. Yes, well, I'm also, I do, I'm sorry, yes, you may respond. But also in the interest of time, and since we're talking about this now, this is a different request.

[06:39:46] This is a different request. And so I just want to, I mean, people, we can continue to have discussion, but this is a different request, and so I want to make sure that I respond to my colleague. That said, Supervisor Gordy. Well, Madam Chair, if you would like to, you know, pursue an alternate route here, my biggest concern on this is in my conversations with Northern Virginia Food Bank, with other food banks, it's really about the lack, the demand is, you know, exceeds the supply of the food.

[06:40:20] And so having another person come in and try to coordinate, what I'm concerned about is that might cause some confusion amongst those who are donating and providing the food. And so, you know, in order to, you know, this is one of those things where there's a lot of people in the community trying to address this hunger issue.

[06:40:43] And what I'm concerned about is if we add yet another individual in the midst of all this, that it could, you know, are we spreading the peanut butter even thinner rather than trying to ensure that we're using solid, reliable pathways to get food to the right places that get distributed out to the community.

[06:41:07] And so if based on what you just said to the with with county executive shorter, I'd be willing to see, you know, if you know, as long as if there's a potential within what we currently have.

[06:41:23] But at the same time, ensuring that we are not, again, going to be sort of adding another layer within this effort community-wide that could end up diluting the food that is or creating confusion among the suppliers of the food.

[06:41:47] Because, again, we've got great people who do this every single day. They do it very well. And the last thing I want to do is for the county to get in their way, but rather, you know, so, but I'd love to see, you know, what options are there. All right.

[06:42:03] Supervisor LaCroix. Okay, so Nikki, the other day I had a meeting with the folks from social services, and they brought over, because I was looking for different food insecurity things, because that's what's going on in the Woodbridge District.

[06:42:19] And they brought over a box this big filled with all kinds of different plans for, you know, whether it's, you know, they need legal, whatever it is. But food was part of it. Then also what I did is I went out to different organizations and I got a listing of over 70, probably 80 or 90 different food pantries within Prince William County.

[06:42:46] their addresses their phone numbers when you call and a lot of the a lot of the food insecurity that's going on has a lot more to do with them not knowing where to go and so we're in the Woodbridge district trying to work on a book that will consolidate everything that the county is doing as well as all the extra people that are having uh you know doing well like whether they're showing up at Veterans Park with food or but they are there and when they are there anybody and everybody's welcome so we haven't experienced that it was a lack of food we've experienced that it

[06:43:26] was a lack of understanding where to go but there are so many people that have been doing it and they're doing it within our county they're doing it in our social services and it's if we just all work together it's I don't think people will be as food insecure it's more about them not knowing where to go and how to get the food truly or whether they have to go through a lot my new favorite word rigmarole to get there supervisor vega i think we're all on the same page i do too

[06:44:02] but people wanted to talk so i'm going to let them supervisor bailey we are on the same page but i think now that i understand that for clarity the focus is food and security i think that's important because as supervisor gordy is saying we've got a lot of entities where we can get the food. We just need someone to make sure that that coordination is there. And if that person is inside, I think we should explore that. So Supervisor Bode. Yeah, I'll just concur and say, I think we're on the same page. And I appreciate what Supervisor Gordy said and what you just said.

[06:44:38] There's someone else we can sort of reprogram this into to enhance and not dilute what's being done. I think that's what we should look into. So I just want to say this, and I'm going to say this one last time. Wait, hold on. Before I get to you, Chris, I just want to say this. I appreciate everyone yes and i will turn over to chris about maybe if someone else can pick up this work or not i have to iterate this capital area food bank made the recommendation they are one of the largest organizations within our region tackling food insecurity so they didn't feel that this was a position that would take away or spread the peanut butter too thin this was a position that they had

[06:45:16] recommended that we should have on staff now again i hear everybody loud and clear i want to turn over to Chris then you know this does not have the support it sounds like to pass so I would like to go on to the next but um Mr. Shorter yep you know as I listen to the discussion it actually might be helpful to follow up with the directive on this I am not so clear if if we are talking about the position that was proposed as part of the FY27 budget that position obviously has a scope that is larger than just food yes uh if we are specifically talking about food uh then uh yes

[06:45:54] I could do the work of making sure that we are looking internally at, but I will say, this is me taking a person or a position and reprogramming it to something else, which means that I am going to an agency and saying, I want you to stop doing something and start doing something else. Now, I think you all have said it. There are dozens and dozens and dozens of organizations that are in the space of providing support for food. And it would certainly be helpful, yes, to have someone inside the organization that is helping to coordinate

[06:46:32] all of the county government resources that could be brought to bear. But that said, that person has to be positioned properly. It can't just be an analyst in an agency that's working on behalf of the entire county. So I'm happy to go back into the analysis.

[06:46:51] so hold on and i'm sorry i haven't been taking track of who's been speaking twice i think that i just want to land this plane um because i in this conversation i should have prefaced that more because i know we talked about mr shorty this is something i had asked about but it wasn't something necessarily socialized with the whole board and it was months ago um again i know people have if you've spoken twice then i don't know mr sheard if you've spoken twice but it sounds like there isn't an appetite for this so to speak pun intended um but you know i want to hear from you

[06:47:26] and then we can move on yeah i just want to say that you know all of our offices probably need to pitch in and and do uh something that capital area food bank talked to our office about called mobile markets and we're setting a couple up in in the gainesville area and i invite all of you um to come check check it out um you know just more of a grassroots on the you know uh but something that capital area food bank themselves suggested that we do so um just that so what i'm

[06:48:05] hearing um and i think that this is going to need further discussion i'm not going to know i will follow up with you chris during our next monday meeting to talk a little bit more about this. And if I need a resurrected directive or come back with something different, I will. But for now, I am going to leave this be. And I'm going to move on to 12E because I'd like to talk about food. And guys, I didn't bring back the restaurant week proposal, but okay, I want to see that in fiscal year 2028. I'm about food, feeding people and eating. So without objection, I would like to

[06:48:42] issue 12E or the proposed directive 12E. Now community gardens, this is something that I admittedly had kind of dropped the ball on last year. This is part of a discussion and I didn't give the follow-up directive. This is for a survey. This is to survey residents. I'd given some directives, staff did the research, and they found a couple of areas that they feel that would be good for a community garden and so it is to survey the residents in that area to see if this

[06:49:19] is an interest of us it doesn't mean it's not committing us to moving forward with the community garden it is asking questions and with that i have supervisor bode and vega yeah thank you madam chair i had a couple questions i i like the idea in principle but i had some clarifying questions on this so you just mentioned that you had you know you had done a directive staff had done some they

identified two different areas i think one is in uh neapsco and one is in brentsville brents i mean no gainsville gainsville um were there any other areas that they identified in that work that they did this is what was presented to us seth is not here this was a while ago and

[06:49:55] again i do apologize this was from last year and we started this i'd like to say the summer last year late spring early summer so mr sure i don't know if you remember but i know that they did look at other areas and these were the two that they felt? I do not recall if in the memo we outlined other areas. I will say that there is a, generally via directive, I believe this directive also came from the chair, that we were looking at a county-wide study. That's the chair or Supervisor Bailey.

[06:50:31] And so I don't recall if there were understood yeah and I guess so then that's my second question is is when this came back identifying these two areas was there a collaboration done with the Gainesville and Neabsco offices this at the time there was and again I do apologize um because things have changed since I and we have a new person in Gainesville this was a conversation I had with the previous supervisor supervisor angry and I touched base this is something we had talked about so um you know if there's any concern from either one of them you know supervisor stewart we haven't

[06:51:09] had a chance if you to talk if you have a concern certainly love to hear you voice that um you know it was something again that needed to be followed up with sooner and it got lost in the sauce so supervisor vega then angry thank you madam chair um since we're talking about a potential community Garden in a specific district. Would this be funded by the supervisor's office or would it be funded by the general fund? The county would, so Parks and Recreation would support the survey

[06:51:44] and they would fund it within their budget. And if there is a financial impact, we would come back as part of the response with the, with additional, with an additional request for funding. But this would come from general funds, not from board offices. I don't, I don't necessarily object to to the directive, but it would be my preference that we conduct a county-wide survey.

[06:52:07] So that if general funds are going to be utilized, I think we can go and let folks know that this was voted by the overwhelming majority, right? Not voted, but supported, rather than it just being exclusive to those two offices, or two magisterial districts.

[06:52:23] - And if I remember correctly, I do apologize. I believe that these were kind of the pilot. These, if, again, I apologize, I wish Seth was here, But I remember him identifying a couple areas that kind of starting small and then growing for it. I think that community gardens are a great thing, and they build community, and there have been studies to show that they help reduce crime.

[06:52:44] So, again, I'm looking at this, following up on something last year, and I think that these might be two good pilot spots they identified. Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. So this was a conversation a while ago. It was, and that's how we got to the survey, at least for Birchdale, because initially I wasn't read in or quite understood the request, and we chatted, so we did talk about that.

[06:53:13] But we finalized with doing this survey to figure it out, because my point for this particular area is Birchdale is a community up Birchdale Road, if you know. So that's a heavy, deep, concentrated community. I don't know how we're going to pull this survey off to do that, but I think definitely I want to hear from what they're thinking.

[06:53:31] But I also know that Burstdale Park or this area of recreation is right along Dale Boulevard, so it really does feed all of that entire area. So how big this survey goes and then really how the intent of this

garden would be is interesting to me to kind of hear and understand because I don't know how much it's going to cost.

[06:53:52] I don't know who's going to maintain it. I don't know who's going to be using it, but I know that's going to be a lot to do. So I really want to make sure we at least explore this particular right. But I would agree with Supervisor Vega that this should have been a whole county-wide kind of process, just to look and see what it looks like, because that was my point initially about funding.

[06:54:10] And, you know, had I come up with it, I might have been like, hey, Neon School District, we're going to look at this because the people want it, and we'll fund it out of the district funds. However, you know, we didn't initiate it. So I just feel like if it was going to be a county-wide issue or county funding, then we should look at at least all the districts to see if this opportunity exists for everybody.

[06:54:29] Okay. I've actually found the memo from 25. So the county did an overall county-wide survey. These are the two locations that Parks and Recreation identified. They identified one on the east and one on the west. What was also identified in this memo are costs associated with the community gardens.

[06:54:50] The agency defined what we mean by community garden in this memo as well. And so this is consistent with the recommendation of staff, both locations, and I would say that the survey is the next step that the staff recommended. So Parks and Recreation is fully prepared to do this survey.

[06:55:08] If the board so desires by way of direct, if the board approves this directive, we will move forward with providing the costs associated with the survey and then coming back to the board before the survey is. And Madam Chair?

[06:55:24] Yes. I would like, because this is Neapstil District, that is Birchdale, if Parks is going to do that survey that he works with my office and we kind of see that involved and make sure we get a good populace of folks to really respond to it.

[06:55:40] Absolutely. We'll make sure that Parks, if, again, this moves forward, we will make sure that Parks and Recreation works with the Magisterial District offices for the purposes of both location surveys. I think that this is great. Supervisor Vega? Thank you, Madam Chair. So just to recap, Mr. Shorter, the survey was conducted last year?

[06:55:58] In 25, yes. In 25. Okay, well then I, in the spirit of avoiding redundancy, it sounds like the work has been done, and I withdraw my intent of having the entire county resurveyed because I love our staff and don't want them to do double the work.

[06:56:15] All right, thank you very much. It does not sound like there are any objections. This was a lot smoother than 12-day. All right, let's move on to 12-F. Now, to preface this, I know that staff has gone around and talked to everyone about the PDR program and about the people who are going to be on the committee.

[06:56:33] I know that there was not everyone had the same ideas, and so in working with Mr. Shorter, staff came up with this looking at, again, having professional county staff be a part of the appraisal review of the, you know, to combine the Purchase of Development Rights Committee and the Appraisal Review Committee into a single committee.

[06:56:57] I think that this gives us a level of professionalism from people who understand the county and understand what this program could do and could be. So I'm ready for my beating. Supervisor Gordy, Ann

Vega. Madam Chair, no beating.

[06:57:15] You know, as we're thinking about the PDR program and, you know, It unfortunately, as the staff was trying to put together the committee or the commission or whatever it was called, it it it it became an unfortunate set of circumstances for the staff.

[06:57:33] A lot of egos and personalities got in the way and it became an unfortunate situation. I'll be honest with you, where we are right now, I'm willing to take this, let this proceed forth, let us, you know, come back with something for a hearing and let's see what that looks like.

[06:58:01] You know, just my biggest concern is the fact that we are going to actively push forward the PDR program. And I just want to make sure that, you know, that we're operating in good faith with the citizens and the intent behind this program from when it was initiated.

[06:58:21] Because a lot of this predates us, right, previous board. So I'm happy to, your recommendations here for, and take it up for consideration. And look forward to seeing what County Executive Shorter comes back with.

[06:58:38] Thank you. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. No beating, just stating my opinion. You know, I object to this directive because I believe that it does the complete opposite. You know, the directive highlights transparency. I think that having community members serve in this capacity is vital.

[06:58:57] While I don't disagree that, you know, county staff, you know, they conduct themselves in a professional manner, I do think that, you know, tasking what your directive highlights here, the directors of finance, public works, and planning, you know, who are already stretched thin because of their workload, would be counterproductive in my opinion.

[06:59:24] Furthermore, it is my position that an independent appraisal review committee serves as a critical firewall. That is what we want, right? I think that it, you know, has great value when you have both staff, professionals, along with members of the community, because of their personal experience, which I would counter is what sometimes our professionals lack, right?

[06:59:45] You know, folks that reside in the community, who live in these areas, they know best because they live it. And so I think that we would be missing a critical and vital component in the discussions and conversations. And so for those reasons, I don't think that it would be prudent to go in this direction.

[07:00:03] Supervisor Bailey. Though I think that the PDR program is something we really, really need to focus on. I agree with Supervisor Vega. And so I think we just shouldn't do this right now.

[07:00:21] Yeah, I agree with Supervisor Vega. All right, thank you so very much. So obviously I think this group would be able to consult with residents and other important stakeholders. The problem is there was a lot of dissension about who should be on the board, and I don't want that to hold us up.

[07:00:39] I don't want us to keep spinning our wheels on this. And there is nothing to say that if this isn't working, if we don't feel that this is the right group, we can not revisit that at a later date. I would like to move this forward, so I'm going to go ahead and make a motion for 12B to schedule a public hearing to consider amendments for County Code Chapter 32.1, purchase of development rights.

[07:01:07] I'm sorry, 12F. Okay, so I have a motion for 12F. No one wants to second it, then it dies. Second. All right, second by Tom Gordy, Supervisor Gordy. Any further discussion? All right, let's just go ahead and take our votes.

[07:01:30] Motion fails, four to four. Supervisors Bailey, Stewart, Vega, and LaCroix voting nay. All right. Thank you very much. We are now going to go.

[07:01:47] That was, you know, we're still making good time. I thought we were going to be here to ODARC 30. No. I always say that because if I don't say that, we will be here to ODARC 30. So we're going to go around the dais now. Everyone gets there. Five minutes. I'm going to start. Madam Chair. I'm sorry.

[07:02:02] I just want to make sure, just because this was something that we need to get some clarity on because there is an application process that will be starting soon for the PDR program. And so as it currently stands, there is an ordinance in place that gives us guidance in terms of appointments.

[07:02:21] That did not seem to go well in terms of getting agreement amongst the board. Now, if and so given that this directive failed, we would need to advertise in order to bring back a public hearing. We would have needed to do it consistent with a vote of approval today.

[07:02:40] In order for us to be ready on September 1, when the applications actually close, I'm asking, is there another solution here? We also talked to the chair about a potential district-by-district appointment, so where each board member would appoint.

[07:03:07] Jump into the queue. So someone said, we wish you would have said that before we voted. I mean, I told y'all he gave the recommendation. But okay, we're going to go with Vega.

[07:03:24] We're going to go with Vega first. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. I actually did, to my colleague over here, say, why don't we just make the appointments to avoid any issues? But that was not part of the initial directive, and so we needed to have this conversation anyways.

[07:03:41] Do we need, Madam County Attorney, another directive to make that, to change? The county needs to. Guys, hold on. Hold on. All right. Thank you.

[07:03:57] You need to have a public hearing to amend the ordinance. And when the public hearing is advertised, you have to have the language that you want to change and amend the code to. So you need to give clear direction to staff. What is the amendment that you want to be done to the ordinance and then to schedule the public hearing?

[07:04:15] But my question is, because of the new law change, will we have to advertise, put that on an agenda to move it forward? No? You're basically amending your directive there. Amending the directive. All right. I know I have other people in the queue, so Supervisor Bode.

[07:04:31] Yeah, I was just going to say I actually agree with it, changing it to it being a board appointed. Yep. Supervisor Gordy. I do have a question about timing because even if we bring a directive back, we don't have any meetings in August.

[07:04:48] So we're literally, by September 1, how do we get something? Do we have enough time to get it done? Because we only have two meetings before the August break. And then, you know, if the board gives guidance today, if I'm clear about that guidance today, we will move to advertise and then come back on the 21st of July with a public hearing.

[07:05:13] And no, is that not right? September 1. Thank you. So we would come back on September 1. And if it is approved on September 1, that would actually work perfectly because the applications would have closed at that time. and that committee can then move forward now.

[07:05:30] Well, we would have to appoint, and so that means on September 1, we need to have names ready to go that we can vote on the September 8th, and then, you know, in order. I would suggest you have names on July 21st that we put on.

[07:05:47] Okay, okay. And we can certainly work to make sure that we reorient. We can come to and talk to each board office again to make sure that you all recall what the situation was with the PDR committee and then talk to you about who your appointee might be for the committee so that we come back on the 21st with some idea of where board members are.

[07:06:16] So I have a question because, again, I want to make sure that I am clear because I know when we talked about it, was that one of the suggestions we talked about, having everyone appoint somebody? That was something we talked about. All right, so I'm going to go on to Supervisor Stewart, and I have some process questions.

[07:06:33] So we can't change our vote? Well, that's the process question I was going to ask. What is the best way to do this? Someone from the prevailing side can make a motion to reconsider. But we are 4-4. So the no side was the prevailing side.

[07:06:52] So I'd like to change. I'll make it. Go ahead, Supervisor Stewart. So I'd like to reconsider. All right, so first we're going to do a motion to reconsider. Is there a second? Second. It's been properly moved and seconded. Please, no discussion. Can we just vote?

[07:07:09] She needs a minute. Reconsider.

[07:07:41] Yes. Amend it. Yes. Should I give us a five-minute recess, which always ends up being more than five minutes? I can't hurt cats.

[07:08:07] All right, give us a moment as we discuss amongst ourselves. Madam Chair, members of the board, is it the board members are not wanting to combine the two committees?

[07:08:24] you're wanting to change the appointments to the other committee to be by district? Is that what you're doing? So if you give direction to staff to advertise a public hearing, to change the county code, to change the appointments to the one committee by magisterial district and an at-large, one per board member, and then you would basically, at the clerk's suggestion on the 21st, you would be coming forward and making a notice of intent to appoint someone who has not yet

[07:09:03] been created. So what would have to be done on the September 1st agenda, the public hearing would have to be first on the agenda. And if the public hearing, after the public hearing, being mindful of the fact that you can't change the language unless of what was advertised. So the language is advertised at the public hearing. It's either up or down. If you approve the amendment to the code, then later on in that agenda, you can make the appointments to the new committee that you just changed the criteria for the appointments.

[07:09:42] Membership has changed. Does everyone understand and follow? Mr. Shorter. And to be clear, that would be September 1st, right? So what we would be doing on the 21st of July is the notices and the notices only.

[07:10:00] People seem really happy with that. Supervisor Vega, are you happy? I was just going to suggest that Supervisor Stewart second whatever the county attorney said since he was the one that made the motion to reconsider to that. We haven't, yeah, we haven't voted. Yes, go ahead, bring up the vote.

[07:10:26] Motion to reconsider. So please, yes. Vote unanimous. We're going to do that next. So now we're going back to 12th and it needs to be amended.

[07:10:42] Who is going to do that? Is that you, Supervisor Stewart? Yes, I'll amend it to everything that our county attorney said. Second. Hold on. Hold on. I see. Wait, hold on. I just want to give a minute because I know that there's some conversation going on, and I don't know if that's going to affect what we are trying to do.

[07:11:01] Madam Chair, members of the board, are we changing both committees or just one? Supervisor Vega. Are we changing one committee, correct, or both? One. One. Which committee is that? Are we changing both or one? This was staff's recommendation. I'm sorry. Wait, hold on. We have a lot of people with their lights up.

[07:11:18] We're going to go through this process first. Mr. Shorter. I want to ask Wade to maybe come up to, just as a reminder, explain what we intended to do by way of scope for PDR and what the scope is for the Appraisal Review Committee.

[07:11:33] Both need board appointments, so we can't ignore the Appraisal Review Committee tonight. Go ahead, Wade. Madam Chair, members of the board, Wade Hugh, Deputy County Executive. So, yes, there's two committees. When the board created the pdr ordinance talks about both committees and it gives specifics in there there's some staff appointees to appraisal but there was also a professional appraiser that needed to be appointed so it basically just laid out it's five members on the appraisal committee and who those members would be in terms of organizations if you will we needed and the

[07:12:11] reason we did the one-on-ones is we were saying the names we were recommending to be plugged into both the appraisal and the pdr so if we leave the appraisal committee as it is in the ordinance and i'd have to pull it up to see exactly what the different titles were positions we would still need to bring that to you for approval and i know as we were talking i think again looking at some of the individuals we had i don't know if we necessarily had consensus on the appraisal so i guess the question i was asking the county executive is do we want to go ahead and do an eight-member appraisal where you all appoint one individual on the appraisal and you'd appoint one

[07:12:50] individual for the PDR committee. And the PDR is actually looking at the application, looking at the contiguous of the properties, et cetera, because we're going to have to rank them. We only have so much money. And so that's what the PDR committee does. The appraisal is looking at the value and what we would be offering as part of the PDR. Madam Chair, members of the board, The Purchase of Development Rights Committee, designated by the board, and it shall consist of five members appointed by the board, including one member of the Planning Commission.

[07:13:25] Each member shall be a resident of the county, et cetera. The Appraisal Committee, Review Committee, which Mr. Hugh was talking about, currently the code says consists of three members appointed by the board, and the Appraisal Review Committee shall include one professional real estate, one real estate professional, the county director of finance or designee, and one member of the committee, which is the Purchase of Development Rights Committee.

[07:13:53] So are you talking about changing the Purchase of Development Rights Committee to an eight-member committee appointed by each member of the board and that the appraisal committee stay as is? Yes. I am comfortable, Madam Chair, with, given what the county attorney just read off, with the appraisal

committee staying the same, with the representative from the PDR committee, a designee from finance, and a real estate professional.

[07:14:27] I think that certainly for the scope of the appraisal review committee, that will get us what we need, if you wanted to. Yeah, thank you. And just one point of clarification, and I guess as the board then issues the notice of intent, then what we would need for the appraisal committee is you'll have who you want appointed to the pdr and then we need the board to identify who the individual that you all collectively agree to be on the appraisal since the appraisal has one member from the pdr

[07:15:00] so does everyone understand that does anyone have any questions for mr hugh supervisor vega i see you you're ready thank you madam chair so so we are going to move forward collectively with appointing a member each to the PDR committee, correct?

[07:15:21] That's a total of eight, just making sure, while accepting the recommendations made by staff for the appraisal review committee. The appraisal review committee is already in ordinance. So what the county attorney just read off is already county code.

[07:15:40] Okay. Supervisor Bailey, is this a question for Mr. Hugh? Yes. Yeah, that's what I'm saying. I just want to make sure that we are asking anyone who jumps in for him. I'm just making for clarity, please. Yes. So do we still need a representative from the PDR committee to be on the appraisal committee?

[07:16:01] We do. So that is a part of code. And I would say that what Deputy County Executive Hugh just mentioned is getting some direction on who from the committee would be that representative.

[07:16:17] If the committee would decide or if the board decides. That was my second level question. Madam Chair, members of the board, the code right now states that appraisal review committee consists of three members appointed by the board of supervisors. And so it is real estate professional, the director of finance and designee, or one member of the committee.

[07:16:39] So the board makes the appointments for the real estate professional and the member of the PDR committee. And then you're talking about amending the code section on the PDR committee to be a member of eight instead of the five.

[07:16:55] So you would still have to, on July 21st, come together with a notice of intent to appoint the new eight members of the yet-to-be-re-established and amended PDR committee and one member, the real estate professional, and one member of the yet-to-be-created new committee as a member of the appraisal committee.

[07:17:18] Supervisor Bodie and then Vega. Yeah, I hate to muddy the waters, but I guess I just have a question. And I don't want to make this more complex, but I'm going to ask it anyway. why wouldn't we just let the PDR committee choose who's their representative on the appraisal committee? If you do, you would need to give us, so that would also have to be advertised because that represents a change to county code. So if that is the case, it is a change based on what the county attorney just read to what has been approved by the board.

[07:17:56] Understood. And again, knowing it's already, we're here for a long time, but I think that It would be an easy way to rectify that part. So I wanted to see what my colleagues think about that. So we, again, totality, we change the PDR committee to be eight members, one appointed by each one of us.

[07:18:13] Then we also then change only the representative from the PDR committee to the reappraisal committee to be chosen by the PDR committee and not by us. Supervisor Cordy. So we as a board right now, it says we have to appoint all the people to the appraisal committee, but who is identifying the real estate professional and giving us the name from, well, I mean, you guys will give us the name from the finance department, but

[07:18:51] who would provide the name for the real estate professional? We will provide that recommendation. It would just need to be approved by the board. Okay. So you guys will have that also ready for us on the 21st. This is fast moving, but yes, we can.

[07:19:07] I just want to get us all on the same page here, all rolling together, right? Because we've got a lot of work to do to get this right in two weeks. And so you're going to work on getting us the real estate person and, of course, identifying the staff from finance.

[07:19:25] And then we've got to decide, you know, I guess they could provide a recommendation to us from the committee and then we could appoint them. But that would provide a little bit of delay in the appraisal side of things. That isn't exactly what I'm hearing.

[07:19:42] I'm glad you actually said that, Supervisor Gordy, because that's not what I heard from Supervisor Bodie. What I've heard from Supervisor Bode is that the language in the ordinance would change to the effect that the PDR committee, once established, they would, in their meeting, decide who would be the representative from PDR to appraisal review, which would not need additional board action.

[07:20:13] Yeah, I'm just saying, you know, if we did it that way, because, I mean, we don't even know who's going to be on the committee until the 21st. So how can we determine who the right person is to put on the appraisal committee until we know who's being nominated by all of us?

[07:20:29] So, yeah. And then, again, do they have the time? And then they've got to set their own bylaws, their rules of procedures. They've got to identify their chair, the vice chair, the parliamentarian, and get organized themselves. And then, I guess, and then, of course, in part of that, they would have to have a, you know, that would be one of the positions that would have to be identified.

[07:20:54] Mr. Hugh, if you want to respond. Just to add from a timing perspective, and thank you, Supervisor Gordy. So the application process closes at the end of August, which is why we're saying September 1 is perfect timing. But the time we get the applications in, collate everything, there may be some follow-up questions we have to ask because maybe an application either isn't completed, We need more detail.

[07:21:15] We kind of looked and said that may take the month of September for staff to get everything together. Meanwhile, to your point, the committees can go ahead and start meeting, do their bylaws, get structured so that, say, October 1st, they're now meeting and they're pulling this together. And then the plan was to take the applications back to the board probably late November, December time frame so that you would see here's how we ranked, here's the recommendations.

[07:21:40] And so, again, transparency-wise, you're seeing what the recommendations are for. So most of our boards and commissions meet once a month. So what you're looking at is potentially they might have to meet multiple times in the month of September to get to October 1 to be ready to take action.

[07:21:56] Correct. Okay. And Madam Chair, members of the board, I just want to point out that if the public hearing, after the public hearing on September 1, if the board amends both committee structures, The PDR committee is now going to have to have a public meeting noticed under FOIA before they can make the determination as to who their recommendation will be to the board to make that person on the appraisal review committee.

[07:22:23] So they can't get together, talk about it. They're going to have to have a public meeting to determine who their recommendation is to the board. She just stirred your mud. There's a lot of mud here. And again, this was a conversation because, again, Based on the conversations that staff were having with the board members individually, there didn't seem to be a consensus.

[07:22:45] And so this was a conversation I had with Mr. Shorter. He gave a good recommendation. You know, if we want to make changes, there's a lot for us to think through. Are you ready? I feel like you're ready. You ready? We're all clear?

[07:23:00] You're fine? Is everyone fine? So that means, okay, we did the motion to reconsider. Who is, George, are you the one who's going to amend? If you can do that again. I will amend to, so should I read what the PDR has and what the.

[07:23:19] I think for clarity, yes. Okay. So eight members assigned by the board. If I'm getting this right, one designated still by finance and one planning commissioner. No, that's the appraisal.

[07:23:35] We have two separate committees. Got it. Okay. Appraisal committee. Well, one is a real estate professional, but I, because in my notes here, I had that the PDR program had one. Madam Chair, if I may, the directive is for staff to schedule a public hearing to consider amendments to the county code with regards to amending section 32.1-202.1 regarding the establishment of the PDR committee to consist of eight members recommended by each magisterial district and the chair appointed by the board.

[07:24:10] You would then be amending section 32.1-203.1 to change the makeup of the appraisal review committee to be the real estate professional, director of finance or designee, and one member of the committee as recommended by the committee to the board.

[07:24:29] The board is still appointing that person. So if that's your motion, that would give clear direction to staff for us to advertise, make those amendments to the code and advertise it for the public hearing. So moved. that is very since this is a direction and is anybody objecting or do we have to vote we don't have to vote there is no objection so we're good all right we're gonna move so directed so directed yay so what we are now going to do is we are going to go around the horn

[07:25:04] and i'm going to spice things up supervisor vega i'm going to start with you supervisor angry you're on deck. Thank you, Madam Chair. I first want to start off by wishing my beautiful mother a very happy birthday. She is already 60, but we had a great time celebrating her in Costa Rica. I don't think she's watching, so it doesn't really matter, but I still wanted to say happy birthday to her publicly. Also, last night we hosted the Coles District Soccer Watch Party. Although Team USA couldn't bring home the W, we still had a great time, and I want to thank everybody that came out

[07:25:38] and supported east coast wings um and grill it is a district restaurant and they were very thankful because they had a very busy night also just a reminder that as we i know that we just got out of school for those of us that have children in school um and so it sounds a little silly to be asking for back to school donations but we want to get a head start we have that annual coals district back to school event in

the month of august so if you're around the way you can swing by our office and drop off school supplies if you would like to help stuff backpacks.

[07:26:11] Lastly, you know, I spoke a lot about bipartisanship, and I just want to give a public shout-out to Mr. Idris O'Connor. I have stepped away for a few weeks. I've been out of not just the country but out of the state and, you know, just handling some personal things, and I've called on him. I'm sure our chairman at PRTC has noticed that Mr. O'Connor has been stepping in my place um for these meetings and i so i just want to thank him because some of my requests for him to show up on my behalf have been last minute so i know idris is not watching but i just wanted to publicly thank him because the district thanks him that's all i have madam chair thank you

[07:26:48] supervisor angry thank you madam chair i put everything away um i will simply say on the fourth of july was amazing i know it's super hot um dell city fourth of july parade was the only parade in town uh in the three-state area and so we did very well we braved the heat and it went exceptionally well so i want to thank uh the committee for you know continuing to keep that on because it was a challenge to do so and it went very well i will say now the fireworks that evening were amazing because you could tell it was 250 years those things went on all night

[07:27:26] the unfortunate downfall to that is as a veteran as a combat veteran I sat in my backyard and it was it sounded like firefights going off over here bombs dropping over here I mean it was such a realistic picture of real life scenarios where I know a lot of folks had a hard time with that that was just Saturday of course that went on Sunday and I feel like it's going to be going on for a few more nights and maybe even maybe even the rest of the month so I'm just asking

[07:27:57] And the people, I know they're not watching now, but this is recorded, just to be cautious and be aware that as you just drop these things and just, boom, out of nowhere, it affects a lot of people, clearly a lot of animals, a lot of dogs. And so, you know, I just want to tell you to be mindful.

[07:28:13] I know this is a big deal of 250 years, but there are a lot of people that are affected by those sounds and really those realities. So just to be mindful of that. I do have, in this new process of directives, I have one, so I guess I say that next week I'm going to introduce my directive.

[07:28:30] I did have copies, but I understand my staff did e-mail those around, so everyone should have it. Do I say anything about it now? Just say, yeah. Okay. Madam Chair, members of the board, I was going to say, he can just say it's his notice of intent to have this on the agenda for next week.

[07:28:48] You've already provided it to the board and to the clerk, so it'll be on the agenda. There it is what she said. You don't need to read it. Okay, there it goes. Now, do you want a copy or is it in your, okay, I'll send this. You printed it, distributed it. Yeah, so we did both, okay. And in the interest of time, Madam Chair, I am done, so thank you.

[07:29:07] All right, we're going to go to Supervisor LaCroix and then Supervisor Bode, you're on deck. Okay, first, I hope everyone had a great 4th of July. Last week I had a great touring with Seth and his assistant.

[07:29:24] Her name is Sharon Richardson. She's actually on the Parks and Recs for me. And we went to every single park in Woodbridge. And let me just tell you, I'm sitting pretty on the best location of all of Prince William County. I'm serious.

[07:29:40] With Neabsco and all the water parks, oh, my gosh, it's wonderful. Anyways, so I thank Seth for doing that with me. That was awesome. Also, I had my first appointees roundtable, and it was bipartisan, and we all had a great time.

[07:29:58] Dixie Bones brought us food, and it was awesome. And everybody talked about how passionate they were on each and every appointee that they are. So I was thrilled to death to keep the appointees that have been there that actually are thrilled to be a part of it.

[07:30:16] I also hosted, I'm sorry, I'm also hosting a cleanup party on Route 1. So anybody who wants to pick up garbage with me, it's a lot of fun. And we have some giveaways.

[07:30:32] They look like Jeannie LaCroix shirts, but they're awesome. And then last but not least, I'm very, very excited to announce that the Woodbridge District newsletter is um now bilingual and we worked really hard on that and i'm very excited about it and we are reaching out to the latino community and um we're just um we're very excited about bringing people the words so that they know what's going on in woodbridge so

[07:31:09] you're welcome um and that's all for me i am intending to how do i say it uh do a directive we have sent it around to everyone i gave everyone a hard copy and the clerk knows about it too and it's about cats but i'm gonna say dogs rule cats drool it's the opposite thing but i'm gonna let you i'm gonna let you say that it's it's cats rule dogs drool because cats don't drool but all right so um supervisor bodey and then gordy you're on deck sure so first i'm gonna second

[07:31:45] super la croix's last statement about dogs over cats especially since i'm also allergic to cats and I don't like them making my eyes shut and my throat closed. But that's another, neither here nor there. Yeah, so a couple things. One, I would like to provide my notice of intent to reappoint Cindy Fox to the BZA.

[07:32:05] I, earlier this afternoon, sent to the board a tree canopy directive, which is a follow-up to it. Do you mean Board of Equalization? Board of Equalization. Thank you. I had the wrong note. Thank you. Board of Equalization. I also sent a tree canopy directive, which is a follow-up to the last directive.

[07:32:21] and the board was briefed on that a couple of weeks ago. Appreciate what was said about the fireworks. I know we've talked about that before. And going back to Juneteenth, appreciate how they did the drones lights. And I know that's expensive, but I feel like there's a much more inclusive way of doing it.

[07:32:38] So I just want to say maybe we can continue to partner and talk about that as a county around making that sort of a default of how we do sky displays instead of the fireworks. So I wanted to piggyback on that. Wanted to invite folks out to our Purcell Road Town Hall that's coming up.

[07:32:58] It's going to be a good time. We're going to talk about pedestrian traffic safety. Super Azevega, I know you know all too well, but the folks that I inherited that we share along that corridor and share neighborhood insights and neighborhood questions and concerns will be joined by police, transportation, and neighborhood services.

[07:33:17] Go on to my office website, OccoquanDistrict.net. and our Facebook page for more information. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Gordy, and then Supervisor Stewart is on deck. Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. I've distributed a resolution out to everyone who's also shared email that I'm

providing notice of intent to bring up for next week's agenda related to Dominion routes for the Noakesville to Bristow transmission line.

[07:33:54] And a couple of those lines crossed county property about six times. And so this is to restrict their ability to cut through the county through the Broad Run Linear Park six times. So I really appreciate my colleagues' support on this and look forward to having a discussion about it next week.

[07:34:14] That's all I have, Madam Chair. All right, Supervisor Stewart and then Supervisor Bailey on deck. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just two very quick things. I want to mention the ribbon-cutting at the splash pad at Cat Harpin Park that I mentioned earlier in the meeting.

[07:34:34] And the other piece is she was at the microphone with her grandmother sharing in the back. Her name is Kaylin, and I wanted to thank her for the hand that she gave me when I was coming in and I was carrying a bunch of food for my staff. And the wagon almost tipped over, and she was right on the spot, nine years old, stronger than me, and she helped me.

[07:34:57] So she's probably in bed right now, but hopefully somebody can show her this recording. And Kaylin, thank you very much. Just wanted to give you a shout-out. Thank you very much. Madam Chair, I'm sorry, if I could just interrupt. Sorry, Supervisor Bailey. That's okay. Forgot to mention a couple days ago it was Supervisor Vega's birthday, too.

[07:35:13] And I think she thought she was going to get away unscathed, but happy birthday. Feliz cumpleaños. Thank you. I turned 21. She's now the youngest member of the board. Happy birthday. Happy birthday. To the bride.

[07:35:30] All right. Okay. Thank you very much. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much. I just want to say thank you to Christina Nguyen and Wade Hugh for their support. We had our first international VRE Korean delegation visit, and they were wonderful.

[07:35:48] They wanted to know about our rail system, and so we showed them Potomac Shores. And so, Wade and Christina, thank you so much for your support. And then I just want to thank my staff for attending the Valor Awards. Congratulations to the awardees. You rock. Well-deserved. And then I've been allowed to participate in the Leadership Greater Washington Program, and I went to their kickoff, and that is a 10-month program, and I'm excited about that.

[07:36:15] So thank you very much for accepting me in that program. And went to a ribbon-cutting at Milk and Honey Restaurant, which is so good. It's yummy. To my friend Warren Thompson, who has decided to become a big business owner in Bristow, Welcome Warren. We love milk and honey. And then we had our first VRE operations retreat, board retreat, and it was excellent. And so thank you for Maria Zimmerman who participated. Thank you for everybody that participated. It was excellent.

[07:36:54] And we talked about advocacy and our strategic communication at VRE. And then congratulations to Kappa Alpha Psi, Victor, your fret, the Gainesville chapter for making 10 wonderful, 14 wonderful women in Northern Virginia recognizing their achievement and supporting of which our very own delegate, Margaret Franklin, received an award.

[07:37:18] So congratulations to her. And happy anniversary to Pastor Charles Lundy, 36th pastor anniversary at Ebenezer Baptist Church. He's beside himself because he had red velvet cake. So

congratulations, Pastor. And then I want to welcome, on the 29th, we welcome Inova Dumfries at a river cutting for coming to our district to serve with maternal health care in the district.

[07:37:46] And so we really appreciate an overcoming to the district. On the 30th, 2026, the Employee Awards Community Connections, where NVTa and OmniRide, Victor, congratulations for that. And the Reagan National and Dulles International Rand and Suburban Hospital received awards there, supported by COG.

[07:38:09] On the 2nd of July, participated in the Quantico Annual Independence Day celebration. It's usually on the 4th, but it was so hot, and it was still hot on the 2nd, but we had a great time, and the fireworks were awesome. And then participated in the July 4th Dell City Parade, relentless but forward-going.

[07:38:33] We had a great old time. It was steaming hot, but it's always good to come together, And the grandmaster of that parade was our very own chair, Mr. Angry, down there. Congratulations on that, the grand marshal. And then on the ninth upcoming, we're going to have our town hall to talk about the 3-1-1 community service that we offer here in the county.

[07:38:56] So I'm looking forward to that. And that is all that I have. And happy birthday, Supervisor Vega. Yes. Turning 21, it's a big occasion. You can now legally drink. All right. And with that, I wanted to know a couple of quick things. First of all, I am doing a professional clothing drive, or that's the emphasis. But if you have any clothes, any gently used clothes, House of Mercy does amazing work within our community. And this is going to be going to them to help support their programs and the people that they're working with. And they have been a wonderful partner.

[07:39:31] so that closes tomorrow if anyone is not able we have three drop-off locations one at Furlazzo one at Sudley North Government Center in Manassas and one right outside my office here at McCourt we're actually going to keep the one out it's going to close tomorrow but I might keep the one out in front of my office for another day or two because I want to make sure that we can get as much as we can and I want to thank everyone who's already contributed everyone on the board you got a couple days if you want to clean out your closets let me know because i got do you want to clean yeah men and women everybody kids well okay again it's mostly professional clothing but if you

[07:40:08] have other things to donate that are gently used in good condition we will take it we will certainly take it um the other thing i wanted to mention this is also closing soon is i did a retail and business survey because i want to see what stores do we want to see here everyone's trader joe's Lord knows I want a Trader Joe's.

[07:40:28] Christina, Wynn, if you're watching, you hear me all the time, Trader Joe's. I'm sorry, what? I'm sorry, what? Apple. We have one. You can come to Stonebridge. I'm sorry. Whatever. Make the drive. Make the drive, bro. Make the drive. We've got one in Stonebridge, and we've got to keep that one going.

[07:40:46] But to close this out, I do want to say thank you to everyone on this board. Supervisor Vega, I appreciate your comments earlier. You know, there are times we may disagree. It's kind of like a dysfunctional family. you got the crazy uncle the crazy aunt you know but at the end of the day we are all working together to move the county forward so i really appreciate all that i appreciate everyone's hard work i still think cats are the best but again we can disagree i mean again we probably can't even agree on the same ice cream flavor i brought that up it really is douce de leche but that's

[07:41:24] okay more for me so for that we are going to go into our closed session all right we are back from

[07:42:05] our closed session before we do anything i would like to move to 13a to certify the closed meeting so moved second is it probably moved to second it let's take a vote i'm sorry hold on okay unanimous i'm going to move on to supervisor angry thank you madam chair i'd like to move that we authorize settlement of the acquisition of property located at 13900 noblewood plaza

[07:42:44] woodbridge virginia owned by dodie ventures incorporated a virginia corporation in conjunction with the Minnieville Road-Prince William Parkway interchange project in the Abscoe Magisterial District. Second. As we're properly moved and seconded, let's go ahead and take our votes.

[07:43:01] Vote unanimous. All right, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I'd like to move to authorize the settlement of the acquisition of the property located at 17555 Main Street, owned by C&J II LLC, a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Route 1 on Fraley Boulevard widening project.

[07:43:27] in the potomac district second it's been properly moved and seconded let's go ahead and take our votes unanimous move to adjourn second all right let's go ahead and take our votes we got out at a good time y'all i think yes that's a boardy oh i like that boardy ban all right thank you very

[07:44:07] much we are adjourned um and i will see everyone next tuesday for a work session



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