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I am a resident of Valley Center Kansas and am worried about the major negative impact this project will cause to me, the people I care about, and the planet's well-being. This project is far from necessary and very dangerous for the environment, including humans, animals, plants, and overall wildlife. Not only will this increase hazardous risks to the environment, but will increase climate change and make it worse than the harm it has already caused. Society has survived many years without major data centers and I don't believe that should change any time soon because of this careless project and other projects that have already been followed through on. The heat that climate change has caused has become extremely dangerous for humans and wildlife and will only get worse from here if we continue with building major, unnecessary data centers. It is important that Project Jupiter is not followed through due to the everlasting impacts it will have on our planet. The changes it will cause are irreversible and will lead to everlasting consequences for humans and wildlife's well-being. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. Last summer, my 7 year old suffered a grand mal seizure while on the playground at school because the extreme heat led to electrolyte imbalances. My brother works outside everyday without shade or rest breaks and has nowhere to keep his insulin cool. I can barely pay my electricity bills in the summer as it is. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels. How am I supposed to send my kids to school knowing what they are breathing in? Knowing it can cause permanent brain damage or breathing complications before they have had a chance to grow up. My family's health and safety should be worth more than the profits of out-of-state corporations. The only defensible options moving forward are to deny this air permit or you must hold a public hearing in-person in Santa Teresa with a component for virtual participation. Materials and the hearing itself must be translated into Spanish and meet any other accessibility needs requested by community members.