

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC) respectfully requests that you hold the Gigaland hearing at the September 11th Board of Supervisor's meeting and not grant Gigaland's request for a delay. If granted, this will be the third delay since votes were previously scheduled in July and August.

Gigaland should not be allowed to drag out the process further. This project has been in the works for many months and has consumed huge amounts of county staff, Planning Commission, BOS and the public's time and energy. It's been controversial because of the inappropriate tactics that have been employed unsuccessfully by the developer to gain the public's support. Everything considered, it would be best for all parties if this application doesn't go forward. Besides, if the developers intend to downsize the project as significantly as has been indicated it is essentially a whole new project anyway. And why didn't they do so months ago.

CFFC continues to endorse the Planning Commission's decision to reject the project because it is non-compliant with the Comprehensive Plan and Fauquier's Data Center Policy. And we continue to have concerns about:

- Where the power is coming from
- Impact on existing transmission lines and rights of way
- The type and number of generators
- Noise and lighting from what would still be almost 15 football size fields of data centers and two substations
- Setbacks and buffers
- Decommissioning provisions
- A water run-off study
- And unenforceable economic proffers

The developer has had plenty of time to shed light on these issues, and granting a delay at this point will only encourage them to do a quick refresh without providing the information the county needs to evaluate what would still be the largest development in the county's history.

The Gigaland developers have reached out to CFFC and we are in the process of trying to schedule a meeting. Nevertheless, we encourage you to proceed to a vote on September 11 about Gigaland's current data center application.

Sincerely yours,

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