

[Toolkit] 9/1 City of Stockton - Data Centers

Background

On Tuesday, September 1st at 1pm, the Stockton “City Council and Concurrent Authorities” will host a public meeting at Council Chamber, City Hall, 501 W. Weber Ave, Building 1, Stockton, California.

Elected officials have listed the following item, “26-0793 APPROVE BY MOTION THE 3-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN: 2026-28”. This has drawn interest from the public given the plan aims to strategically pursue industries that will “generate significant revenue” to support the city’s budget. In the plan, city staff list data centers to be planned and implemented in short and medium terms (1-3 years).

Anyone interested in learning more about the plan for the development of data centers (and more) in Stockton should take the opportunity to comment on the approval of the Economic Plan on September 1st.

The public can obtain more information about the items shared previously by reading the Council’s agenda and accompanying documents. Links to those documents are listed below.

Stockton City Council and Concurrent Authorities Agenda, September 1st, 2026.

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Agenda Item 26-0793

10.2 26-0793 APPROVE BY MOTION THE 3-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN: 2026-28

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the City Council approve by motion: 1. The 3-Year Economic Development Action Plan for the City of Stockton; and 2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to take necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of the motion.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Attachment A - 3 Year EDD Action Plan](#)

[PPT - 10.2 - Economic Development Action Plan](#)

City Council Documents Listed

Legislation Text:

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Attachment A - 3 year EDD Action Plan:

https://stockton.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=48&event_id=3168&meta_id=874940

PPT - 10.2 - Economic Development Action Plan:

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How to provide a public comment

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https://www.stocktonca.gov/government/city_council_agendas_meetings_minutes/index.php

The City of Stockton invites public comments in multiple forms. You provide your comments by using one of these methods:

1. **Email** - you may email your comments to publiccomment@stocktonca.gov
2. **Voicemail** - you can leave a voice message by dialing (209) 937-8459.
3. **In-Person Comments** - a) Speakers must submit "request to speak cards" to the Clerk prior to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. No speaker cards will be accepted after the close of Public Comment. b) Address only issues over which the meeting body has jurisdiction. c) The time limit for public comment is at the discretion of the presiding officer and shall be set at the start of the meeting. Donating time is not authorized. d) Your time will be displayed on the speaker podium for convenience

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Write a public comment

You can get started on drafting a public comment by filling out the following outline:

Introduce yourself and state your main ask

Name

Relationship to the community (resident, youth, constituent, park lover, library enthusiast, musician, business owner, and more!)

State the purpose of your public comment.

Example: I want to know more details about the plan to build data centers and where these will be built .

Write a few strong statements that expand on your main ask

Your position on the issue

Key questions about details not yet disclosed.

Example: Are you doing x, y, z..., where are you doing x, y, z...?, who are you working with?)

Closing Statement

Repeat the main task.

Conclude with a memorable statement
Thank decision makers for their time and consideration.

Sample public comment

My name is [name], I'm a long-time resident of Stockton. I'm concerned about the build out of data centers in Stockton in the next 1-3 years as described in the economic plan. I urge the city to provide more information not yet included in the plan:

Why is the city going after the data center industry, what does it offer?

How did the city determine those benefits?

What type of data center is the city planning to build?

Where is the city planning to build the data centers?

How is the city planning to inform the residents in proximity to the potential build out area?

Members of the public like myself found out about this item over the weekend. The information in the accompanying documents doesn't provide enough information for the public to engage meaningfully on data centers development projects in our community. Furthermore, the other projects listed in the economic plan should also have more detailed information for the public to provide a thoughtful comment.

Data centers are widely known for the nuisance impact to residential communities, and many more impacts to the nearby environment. Without enough information about the strategy attract the development of data center into Stockton, it is very difficult for members of the public to feel uncertain about significant impacts to a city that's already highly polluted.

Thanks for your attention

Name

Research Resources

<https://restorethedelta.org/wp-content/uploads/Restore-the-Delta-AI-White-Paper.pdf>

<https://ncejn.org/resources-on-understanding-data-centers-and-their-environmental-impacts/>