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DATE: February 3, 2021

RE: CB- 3-2021

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation. The bill will permit a newly defined use – “Qualified Data Center” – by right in several zones. I offer the following revisions to the bills.

1. Remove the standards from the definition and insert them in the appropriate sections as additional regulations for the use.
2. Remove the additional standards in the footnotes and move them to the same sections noted above.
3. This bill will allow the use without an opportunity for Detailed Site Plan review. Accordingly, the sponsor should consider minimum setbacks from adjacent properties, especially those that are developed with residential uses, and clarify that the use must meet the provisions of the Landscape Manual, to minimize and adverse impact.