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MEMORANDUM

TO: Prince George's County Council

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SUBJECT: **CR-016-2025**

The purpose of this memorandum is to offer the Planning Department's comments on proposed CR-16-2025.

CR-14-2025 and CR-16-2025 are both intended to address the same topic: the emerging market for data centers in Prince George's County and their potential impacts.

As CR-14-2025 states, the Planning Department is best suited to undertake a study and report back to the Council. CR-16-2025 convenes a task force to evaluate technical aspects of data centers but does not provide a mechanism for the task force to be informed as to the actual costs and benefits of data centers in the County.

The timeframe provided for both studies may not be sufficient to engage consultants through a standard procurement process to supplement staff's emerging awareness of the data center industry. Engaging consultants with broader experience in planning for data centers could better inform this process but may impact delivery schedules.

Staff recommend combining these two resolutions to create a task force staffed by the Prince George's County Planning Department, allocating funds for a consultant-led study, and to complete the Task Force and report by November 2025.

As always, the Planning Department is happy to assist with any questions or revisions the Committee may wish to discuss.