Data centers are currently not obligated to disclose their resource use, making it easy for us to remain uninformed. When attending public meetings, so it is essential to ask questions to help understand the impact they will have on your community.

Recommended questions:

1. How much water will this use? Is our water infrastructure able to handle this increased demand?
2. How much power will this use? Will it require new power infrastructure including substations and transmission lines?
3. How much tax revenue will this generate?
4. How many permanent jobs will this create (after construction)?
5. Who is going to pay for the power and water infrastructure upgrades?
6. What will the lighting look like? Who will monitor the noise levels?
7. How long is the lease for? If we give them tax incentives, do they pay them back if they leave early?
8. What is the end of life plan for the data center?
9. What is the onsite backup power generation plan? Are you going to have 1000 diesel generators?
10. Who gets the water during drought protocols?