



PINE ISLAND SENTIMENT SURVEY

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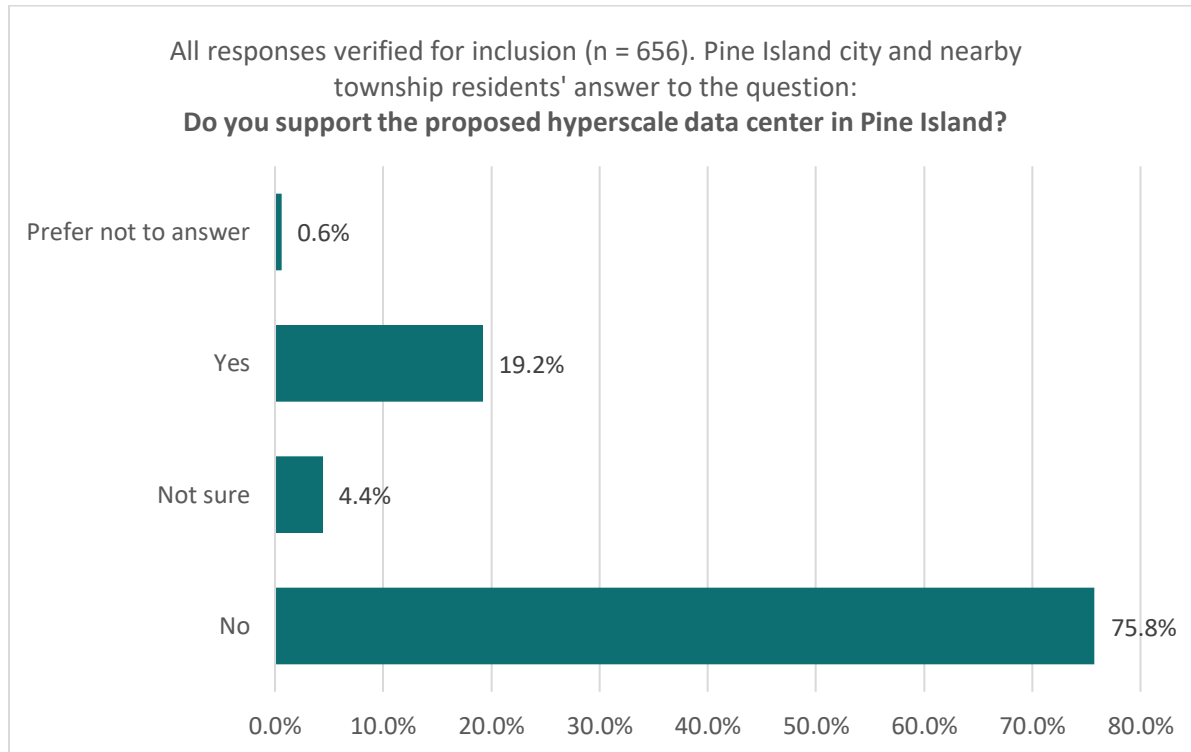
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Summary

The Pine Island Sentiment Survey that ran from August 1-31 aimed to answer one question:

Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?

The majority answer is: No.



Key take-aways

The Pine Island survey results are similar to nation-wide and Minnesota-wide polls.

Previous national data have shown similar proportions of respondents opposed to building hyperscale data centers in their towns.

Pew Research found that “more Americans say data centers have a negative effect on the environment, home energy costs and people’s quality of life nearby than say they have a positive effect. Far more say data centers are mostly bad than good for the environment (39% vs. 4%), home energy costs (38% vs. 6%) and the quality of life for those nearby (30% vs. 6%)” (March 12, 2026).¹

Gallup found that “seven in 10 Americans oppose constructing data centers for artificial intelligence in their local area, including nearly half, 48%, who are strongly opposed” (May 13, 2026).²

The Yale Program on Climate Change Communication’s poll found that “the public is deeply skeptical of hyperscale data center growth. Fifty-eight percent of registered voters oppose building data centers in their area, and 60 percent believe a nearby data center would raise their electricity bills” (June 23, 2026).³

Closer to home, a recent KSTP/SurveyUSA poll found that “60% of Minnesotans oppose data centers in their area, 27% are in favor, and the remainder are unsure” (July 24, 2026).⁴

A Star Tribune, KARE 11, and University of Minnesota poll “showed that just 22% support an AI-driven hyperscale data center in their community, with roughly 63% opposed.”⁵

In Bayesian statistics, these results are considered priors. Priors allow us to build on previous polls and historical records, rather than start from a blank slate, to estimate what our results would likely be. When data samples are small or data are noisy, a well-established prior stabilizes estimates from the current sample and increases confidence when results are closely aligned. The Pine Island Sentiment Survey sample is small, but its response distribution is closely aligned with the prior and recent polls. We can therefore have a high degree of confidence that the Pine Island Sentiment Survey results are representative (also see paragraph on [Response rates](#) below).

¹ <https://www.pewresearch.org/chart/views-of-data-centers-impact-are-more-negative-among-those-who-have-heard-more-about-them/>

² <https://news.gallup.com/poll/709772/americans-oppose-data-centers-area.aspx>

³ <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/newsroom/press-releases/voters-oppose-data-centers-but-support-homegrown-energy>

⁴ <https://kstp.com/kstp-news/top-news/kstp-surveyusa-poll-data-centers-concern-minnesotans-for-several-reasons/>

⁵ <https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/breaking-the-news/inver-grove-heights-data-center-vote-is-the-latest-in-a-string-of-heated-debates-across-mn/89-fb29842c-1811-44a9-8cc2-9f5a5422bc7b>

As time went on, respondents were less likely to support the hyperscale data center.

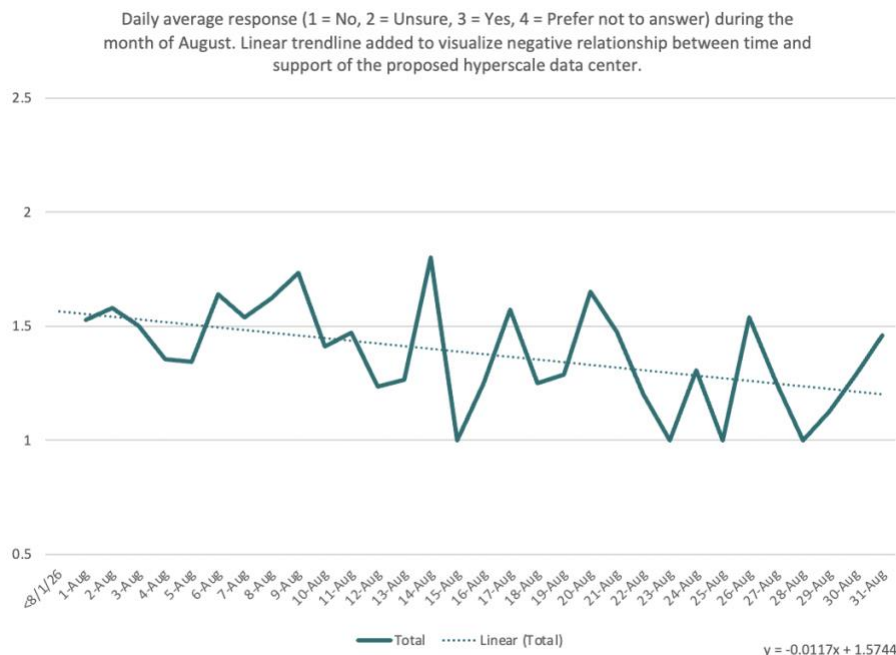
At least two events happened during the month of August that could have impacted survey results. First, on August 4, Ryan Co. | Google sent out a mailer listing the benefits of the proposed hyperscale data center. Second, on August 19, Ryan Co. | Google hosted a Pine Island Celebration Event.

In line with Pew Research Center's findings from March 12, 2026, these survey findings also suggest that the more people learn about data centers, the more opposed they are to them.

Before the August 4 Ryan Co. | Google mailer, 70.5% of respondents were opposed and 22.1% of respondents were supportive of the proposed hyperscale data center. After the August 4 Ryan Co. | Google mailer, 77.3% of respondents were opposed and 17.9% of respondents were supportive of the proposed hyperscale data center.

Before the August 19 Ryan Co. | Google Pine Island Celebration Event, 75.6% of respondents were opposed and 18.8% of respondents were supportive of the proposed hyperscale data center. After the August 19 Ryan Co. | Google Pine Island Celebration Event, 78.4% of respondents were opposed and 17.6% of respondents were supportive of the proposed hyperscale data center.

The graph below shows the daily average response during the month of August. The linear trendline visualizes the negative relationship between time and support of the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island.



Respondents' main concerns involved water, electricity, and noise.

There were more responses concerned with water consumption and contamination (n = 246; see [Concerns](#)) than there were total responses naming benefits of any kind (n = 241). Respondents felt strongly that there remains a lot of uncertainty with regards to the environmental impacts of the proposed hyperscale data center. The use of electricity and the costs associated with electricity, and noise pollution, were the second and third most frequently mentioned concerns.

After environmental concerns, respondents were concerned with the process by which decisions about the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island were made.

After water, electricity, noise, environment, and small-town priorities concerns (see [Concerns](#)), respondents noted their disappointment in what they perceive as lack of transparency on the City Council's behalf (n = 148). Many open-ended comments noted the use of NDAs, the perceived secrecy, and the perception that residents were mostly left in the dark. Many commenters expressed a wish to put the decision to a vote to better represent residents' wants.

Respondents from outside Pine Island were even more opposed to the proposed hyperscale data center.

[Respondents from outside zip code 55963](#) were from Mazeppa, New Richland, Oronoco, Rochester, Wanamingo, Welch, West Concord, and Zumbrota. These 48 responses were excluded from the verified results. It is worth exploring these results anyways, to gauge reaction to the proposed hyperscale data center which will likely impact nearby communities. If we look only at those responses from outside of Pine Island, we see an even stronger opposition: Prefer not to answer: 0%, Yes: 12.5%, Not sure: 0%, No: 87.5%.

The response rate of 15.8% for verified responses is good.

Achieving reliable survey outcomes hinges on an appropriate sample size. In political polls and surveys, it is considered sufficient sample size to achieve 10-20% of the population in question, especially if everyone was invited to participate. Generally, the studies converge on a sample size of around 10-20%.

- For online surveys, a “good” survey response rate is between 10% and 30%.⁶
- A typical response rate from communities is 15-25%.⁷
- Generally, a response rate of 20-25% is considered acceptable for online surveys.⁸

⁶ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/curiosity/how-many-people-do-i-need-to-take-my-survey/>

⁷ <https://blog.polco.us/polco-knowledgebase/response-rates>

⁸ <https://www.surveylab.com/blog/what-is-a-good-response-rate-for-a-survey/>

The survey design was intentionally simple to enable more reliable data.

The survey design was intentionally simple (see Methods, [Survey](#)). Simple language requires less mental effort, making the survey more accessible. Unambiguous questions reduce confusion. Respondents provide honest and precise answers instead of guessing.

A single discreet survey question, “Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” was the key question to the whole survey. There were no options to indicate strength of agreement (e.g., “strongly agree”). The answer options were No, Unsure, Yes, and Prefer not to answer. Using such structured answer options makes it easy to turn results into clear charts.

Then, an open-ended follow-up question, “Please say more about why you feel that way.” An open-ended question let respondents answer in their own words without picking from a fixed list of choices. A fixed list of choices could have biased responses in one way or another. An open-ended question, instead, helped us learn the exact reasons, motivations, and context behind respondents’ answer to the first question.

There were no hypotheses. Nor were there statistical tests conducted on these data. The survey results are entirely descriptive. For the purposes of this survey report, results are presented in the simplest possible way.

There is no evidence that those in favor of the proposed hyperscale data center felt afraid of, excluded from, or otherwise unaware of the Pine Island Sentiment Survey.

Several arguments were made that those in favor of the proposed hyperscale data center would feel afraid to complete the survey. The argument held that those in favor would be afraid of being persecuted for their opinions. But this survey is confidential. Quantitative data are presented in aggregate.

If those in favor here in Pine Island would have been too afraid to complete the survey, then we should have seen a much lower proportion of supportive responses than what has been seen nationwide or Minnesota-wide. The Pine Island survey results are similar to nation-wide and Minnesota-wide polls (see paragraphs on [similar survey results](#) above).

Another argument was made about the survey that those supporting the data center would not feel comfortable providing their name and/or address, even if they did complete the survey. The only reason the survey asked for name and/or address was to verify the response against county records to make sure the respondent is in fact a resident of Pine Island or a nearby township. The responses that were missing name and/or address were not included in the final verified results. If those in favor were too afraid to leave their name and/or address, then we should see a significantly different response distribution for these responses. If we look only at those responses that did not provide name and/or address, we still see a majority opposition: Prefer not to answer: 1.8%, Yes: 20.9%, Not sure: 6.4%, No: 70.9%.

Finally, some argued that those in favor would be excluded or otherwise kept unaware of the Pine Island Sentiment Survey. They argued that the survey would show evidence of nonresponse

bias, an error that can happen when the people who do not answer a survey are systematically different from the people who do answer it.

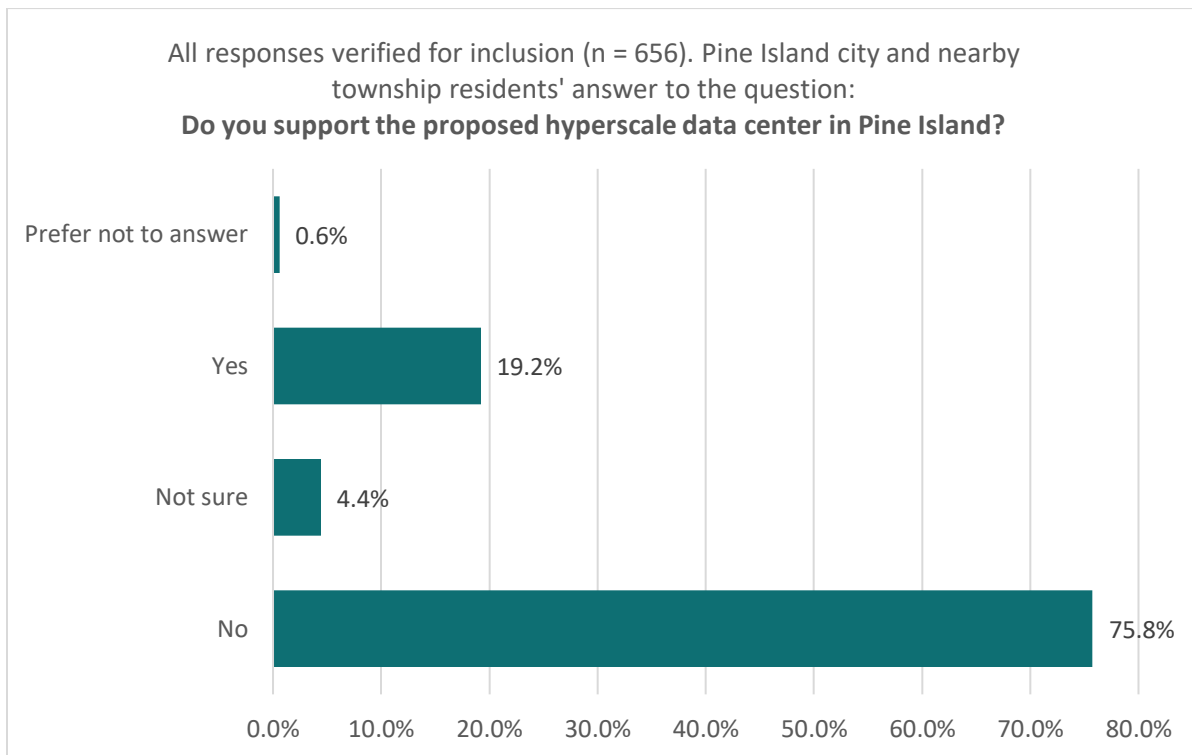
This report shows results from many different angles, including an overview of [All responses](#). Every single response to this survey is represented in at least one view of the data. No response was fully excluded. My efforts were to make sure all eligible residents were aware of the survey and knew how to complete it. A representative survey sample protects against nonresponse bias.

- I sent out survey fliers to all households in zip code 55963.
- I sent a letter to the editor of the Zumbrota News Record.
- I sent press releases about the survey to the Zumbrota News Record, the Post Bulletin, and Rochester's News-Talk KROC.
- I posted to LinkedIn and frequently to Facebook.
- I hung up fliers at City Hall, USPS, Hardware Hank, the Van Horn Public Library, Frandsen Bank, the Pine Island Market, Kwik Trip, the American Legion, the Pine Island Sports Bar, and Ag Partners.
- I invited everyone on the City Council, and the City Administrator and deputy City Administrator, personally via email.
- I attended the City Council meeting on 08/18 and the Ryan Co | Google Pine Island Celebration Event on 08/19 and asked people, "Have you heard about the Pine Island Sentiment Survey?" I also asked in my public input for everyone to please remind those they know to take the survey.

Full Results

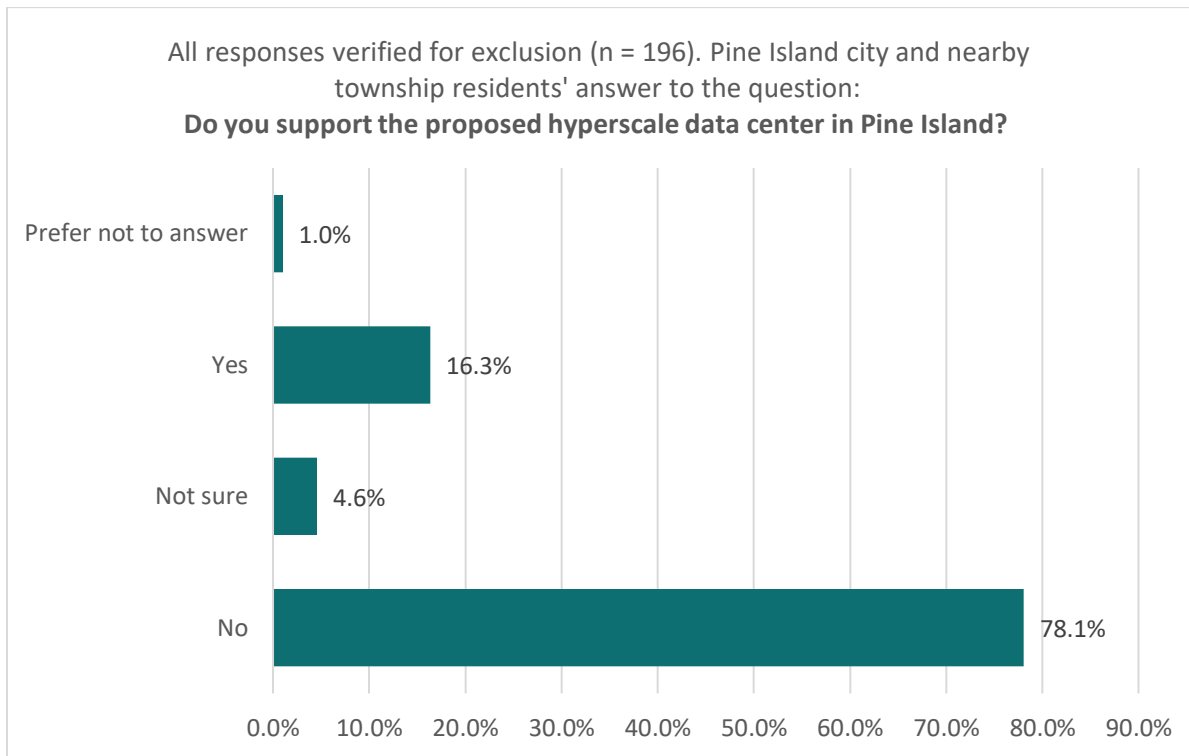
All responses verified for inclusion (n = 656).

No	497	75.8%
Not sure	29	4.4%
Yes	126	19.2%
Prefer not to answer	4	0.6%
SUM	656	100%



All responses verified for exclusion (n = 196).

No	153	78.1%
Not sure	9	4.6%
Yes	32	16.3%
Prefer not to answer	2	1.0%
SUM	196	100%

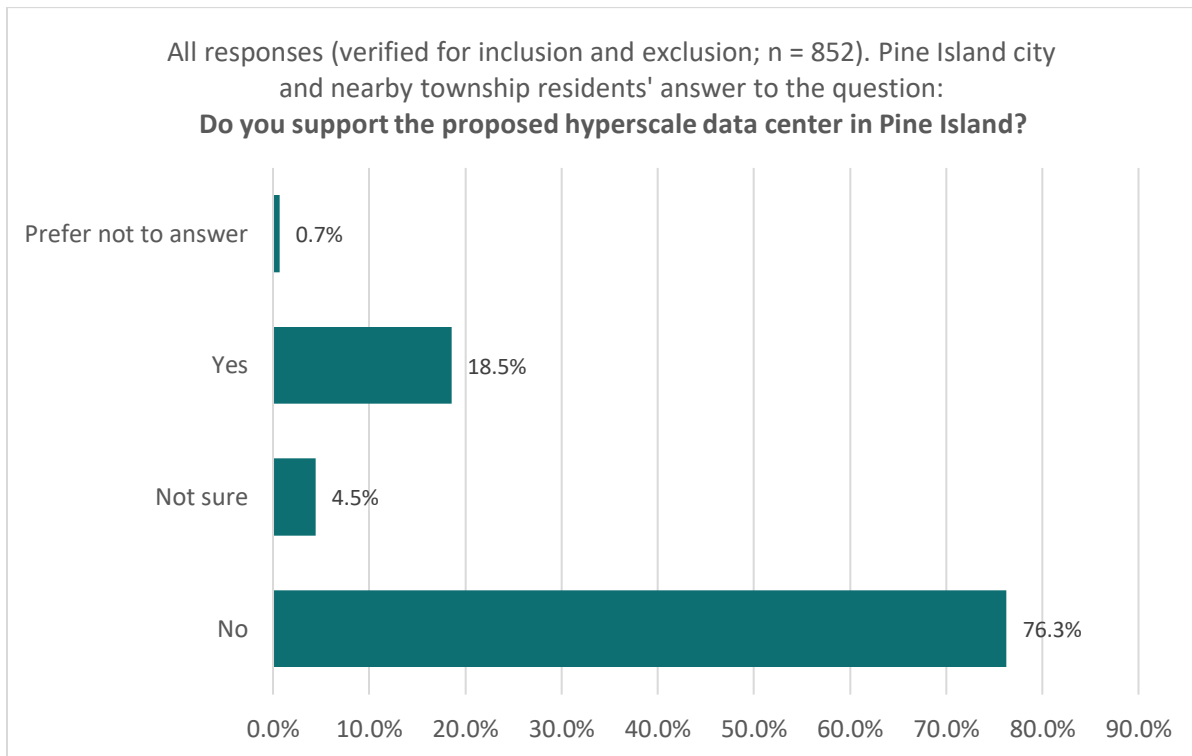


Reason for exclusion:

1. Missing name and/or address (n = 110)
2. Respondent from outside zip code 55963 (n = 46)
3. Unable to verify even with name and address (n = 34)
4. Duplicate (n = 6)

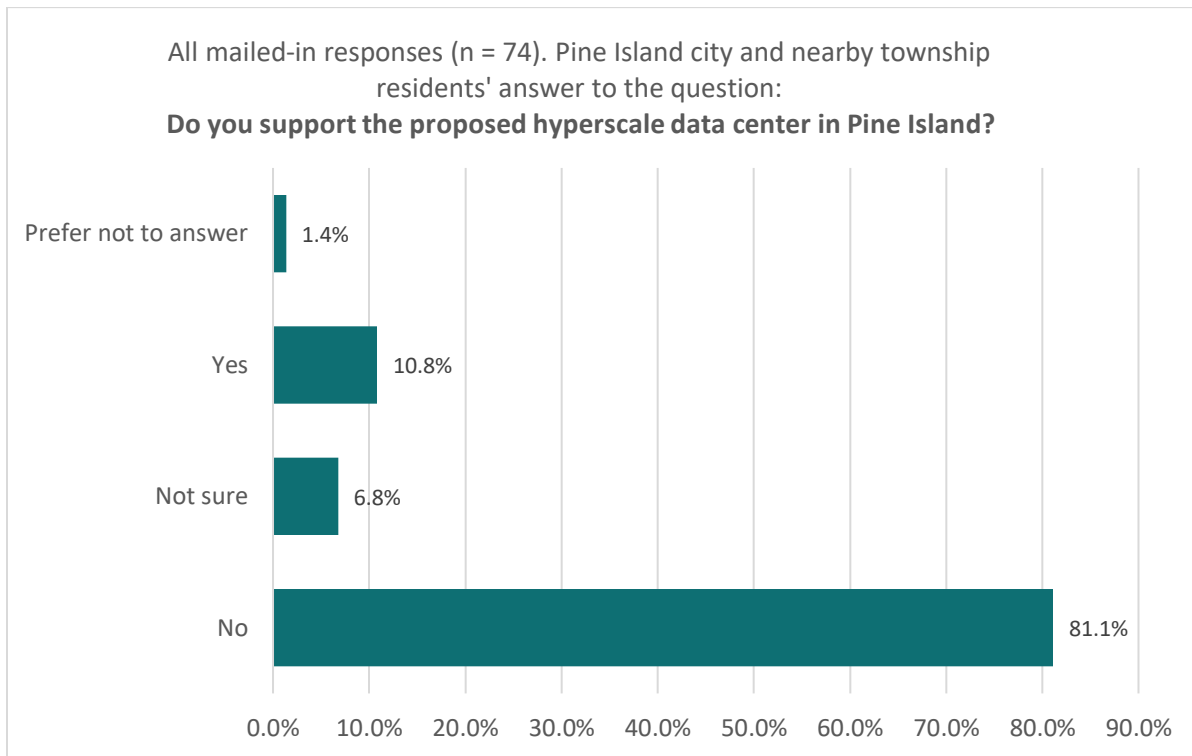
All responses (verified for inclusion and exclusion; n = 852).

No	650	76.3%
Not sure	38	4.5%
Yes	158	18.5%
Prefer not to answer	6	0.7%
SUM	852	100%



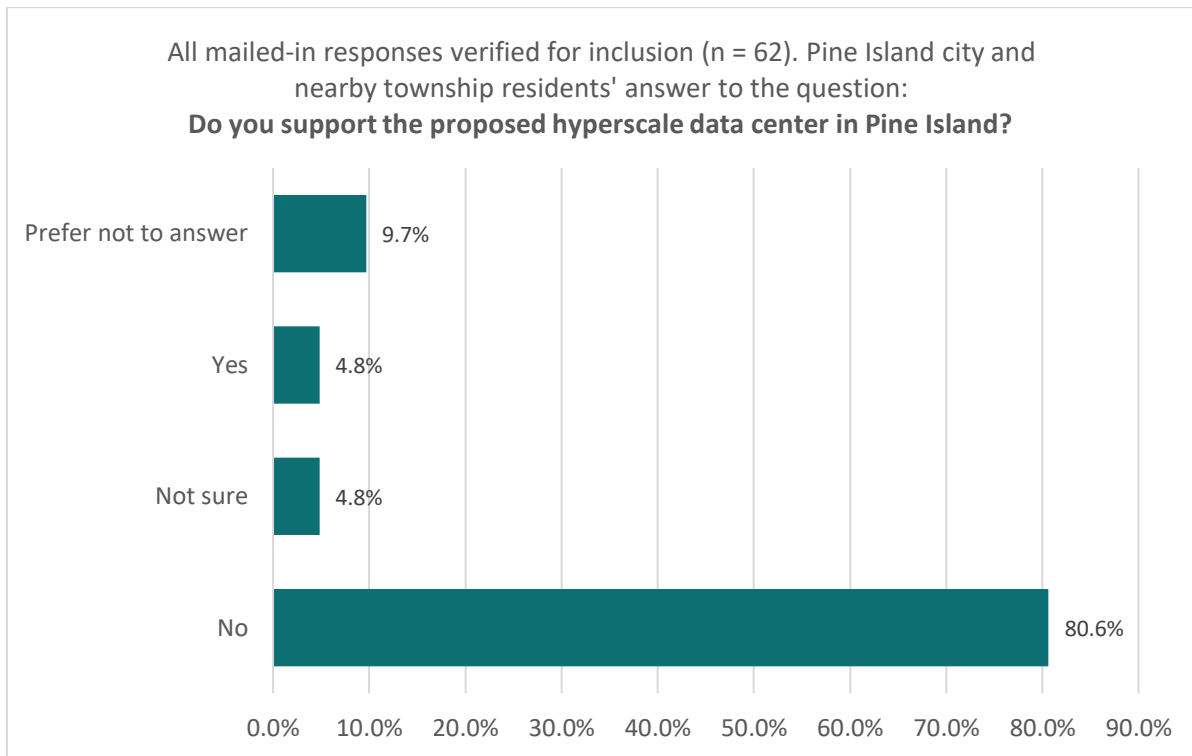
All mailed-in responses (n = 74).

No	60	81.1%
Not sure	5	6.8%
Yes	8	10.8%
Prefer not to answer	1	1.4%
SUM	74	100%



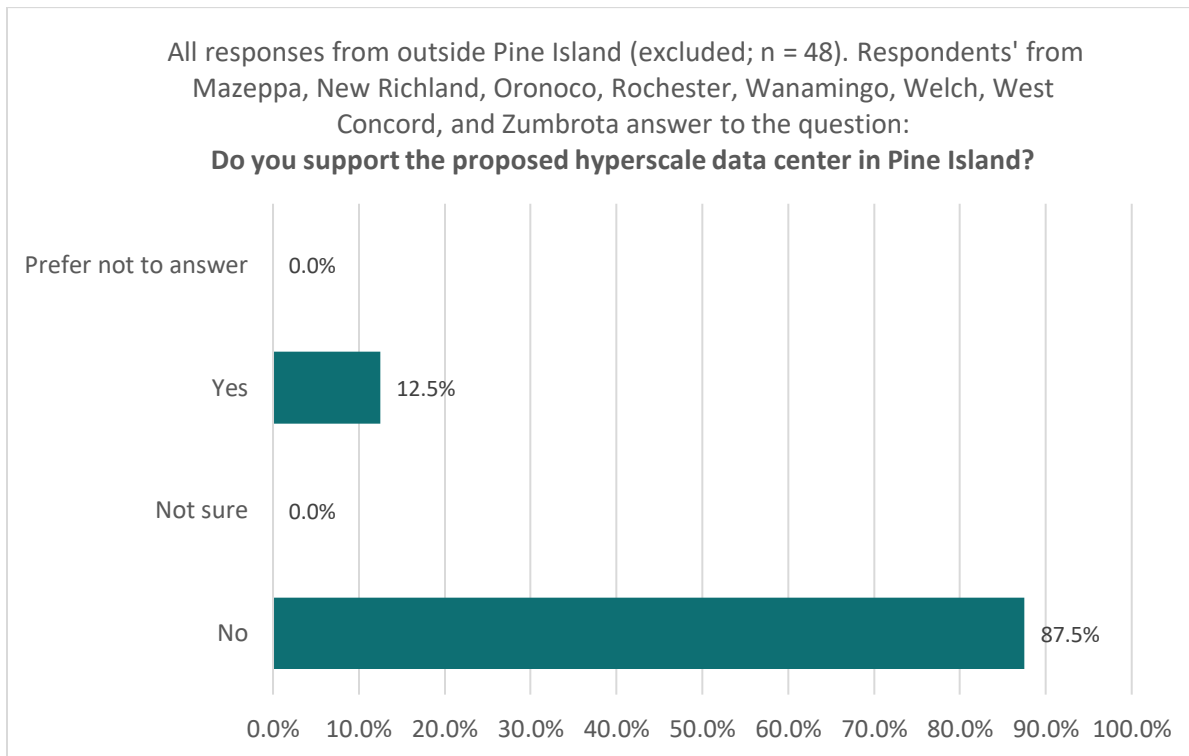
All **mailed-in** responses verified for inclusion (n = 62).

No	50	80.6%
Not sure	3	4.8%
Yes	3	4.8%
Prefer not to answer	6	9.7%
SUM	62	100%



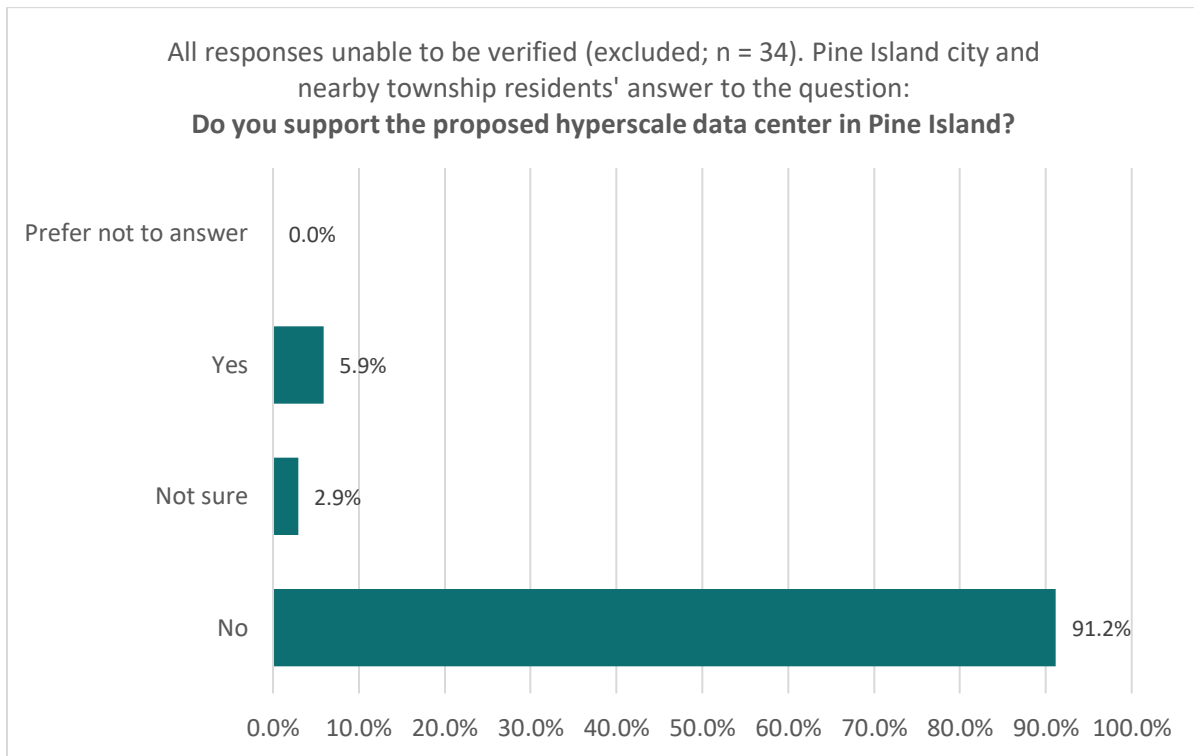
All responses from **outside Pine Island** (excluded; n = 48).

No	42	87.5%
Not sure	0	0.0%
Yes	6	12.5%
Prefer not to answer	0	0.0%
SUM	48	100%



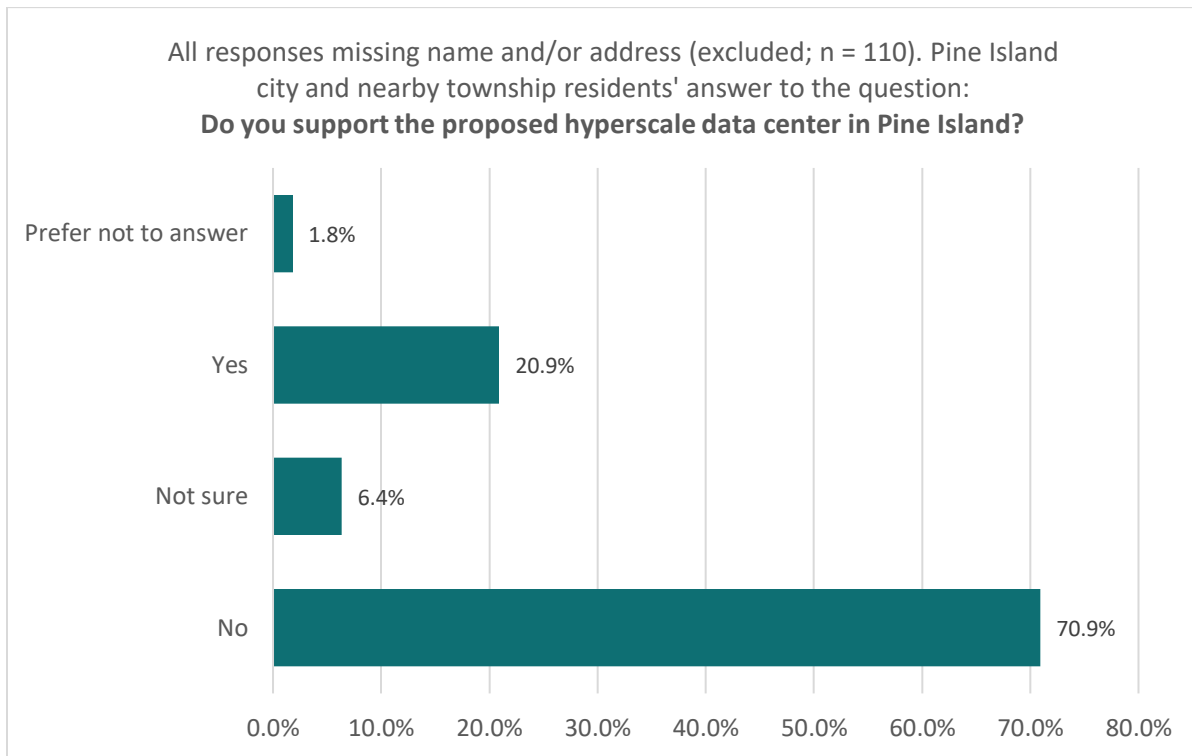
All responses **unable to be verified** (excluded; n = 34).

No	31	91.2%
Not sure	1	2.9%
Yes	2	5.9%
Prefer not to answer	0	0.0%
SUM	34	100%



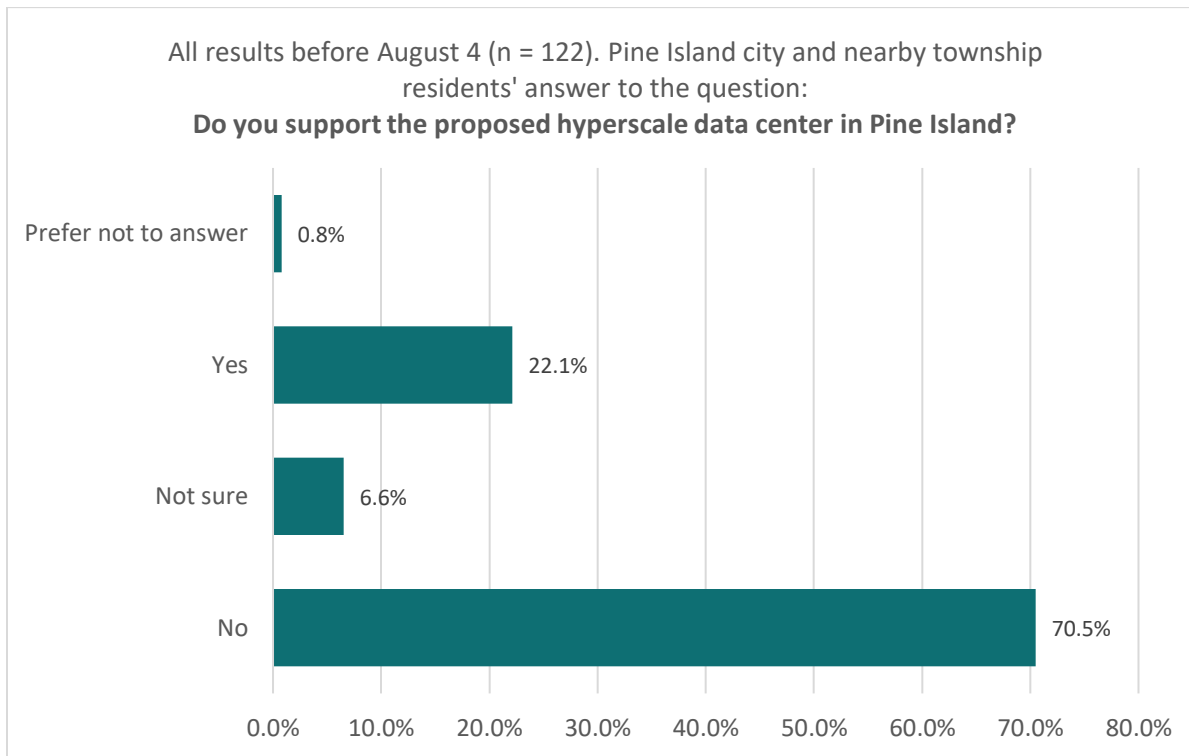
All responses missing name and/or address (excluded; n = 110).

No	78	70.9%
Not sure	7	6.4%
Yes	23	20.9%
Prefer not to answer	2	1.8%
SUM	110	100%



All responses **before** August 4 (n = 122).

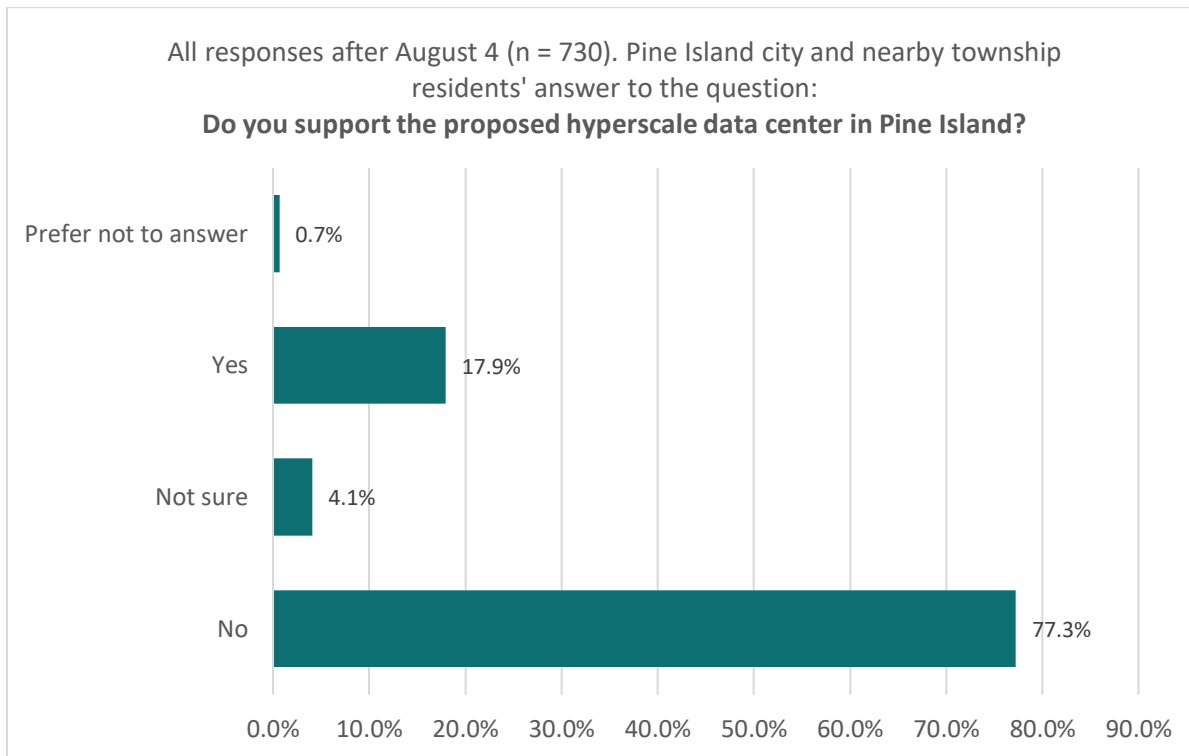
No	86	70.5%
Not sure	8	6.6%
Yes	27	22.1%
Prefer not to answer	1	0.8%
SUM	122	100%



For these analyses exploring the effect of the Ryan Co. | Google mailer that was sent out two days after the survey mailer, we include all responses regardless of verification because the question is no longer, “Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” but rather: “Did the response distribution change after the Ryan Co. | Google mailer?”

All responses **after** August 4 (n = 730).

No	564	77.3%
Not sure	30	4.1%
Yes	131	17.9%
Prefer not to answer	5	0.7%
SUM	730	100%

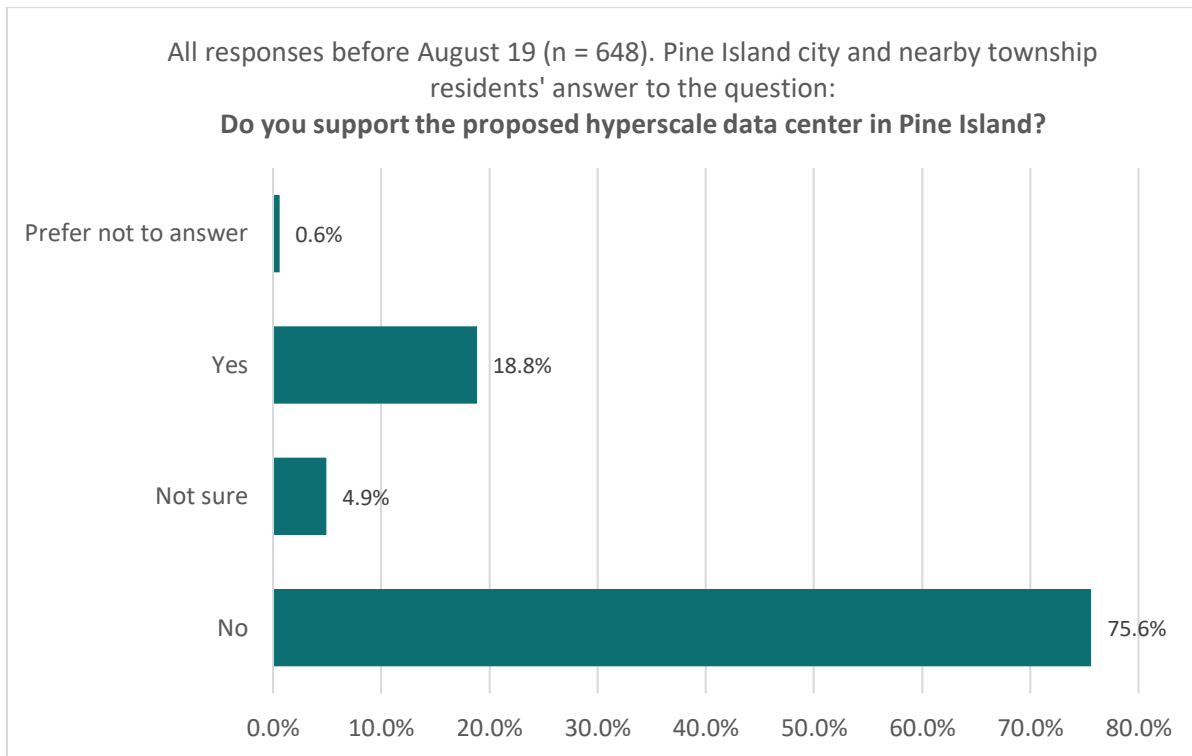


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The answer is yes: the response distribution became more opposed after the Ryan Co. | Google mailer sent on August 4 (77.3% vs. 70.5%).

All responses before August 19 (n = 648).

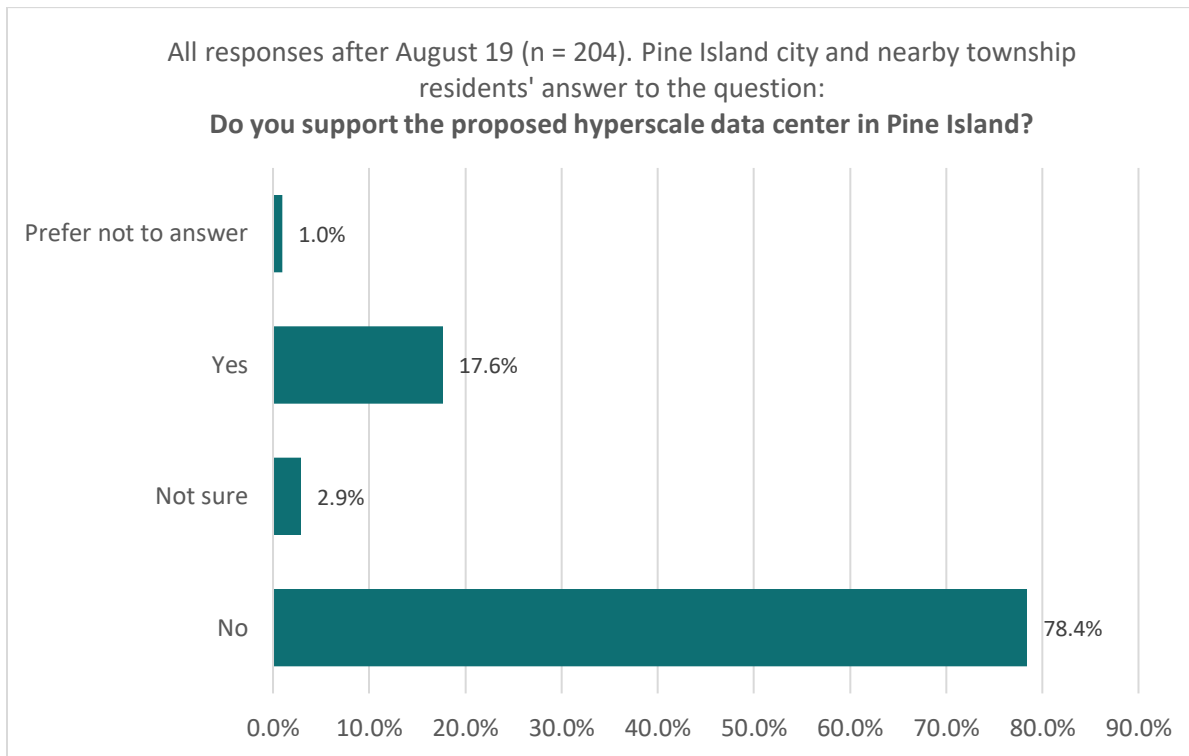
No	490	75.6%
Not sure	32	4.9%
Yes	122	18.8%
Prefer not to answer	4	0.6%
SUM	648	100%



For these analyses exploring the effect of the Ryan Co. | Google Pine Island Celebration Event on August 19, we include all responses regardless of verification because the question is no longer, “Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” but rather: “Did the response distribution change after the Ryan Co. | Google Celebration Event?”

All responses **after** August 19 (n = 204).

No	160	78.4%
Not sure	6	2.9%
Yes	36	17.6%
Prefer not to answer	2	1.0%
SUM	204	100%



For these analyses exploring the effect of the Ryan Co. | Google Pine Island Celebration Event on August 19, we include all responses regardless of verification because the question is no longer, “Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” but rather: “Did the response distribution change after the Ryan Co. | Google Celebration Event?”

The answer is yes: the response distribution became more opposed after the Ryan Co. | Google Pine Island Celebration Event on August 19 (78.4% vs. 75.6%).

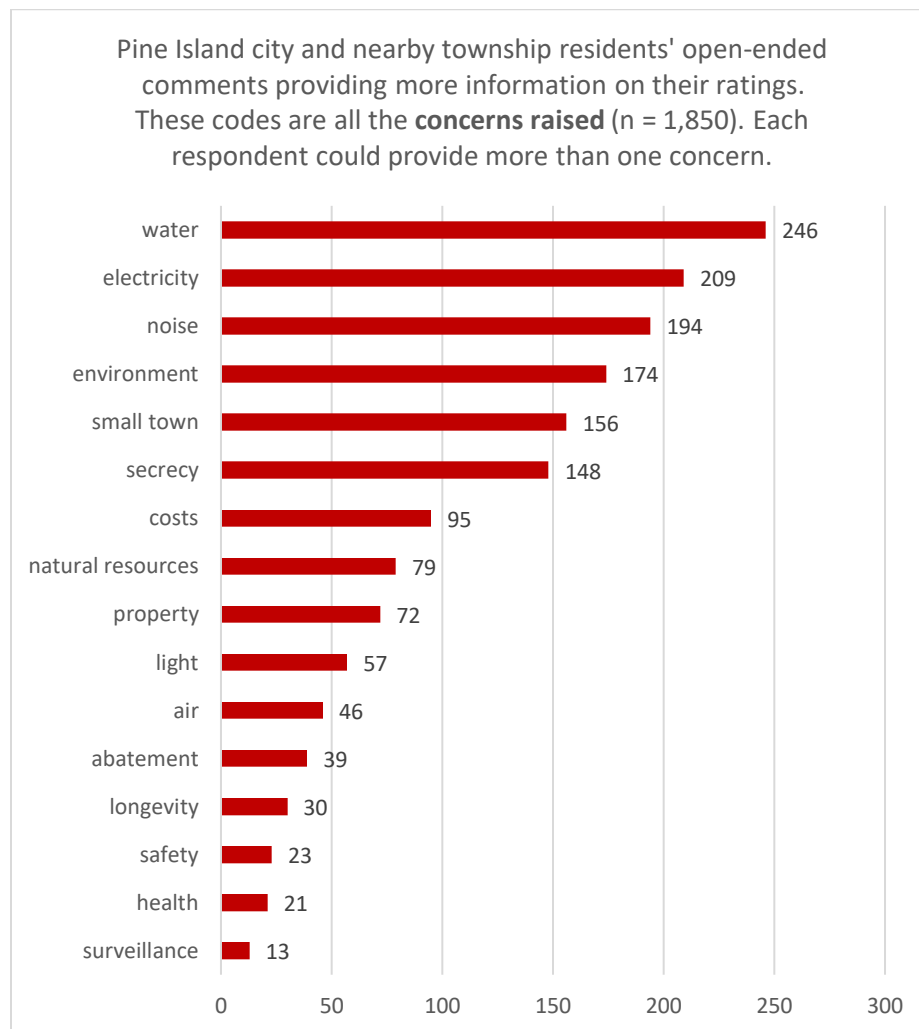
Open-ended comments.

The open-ended comments question asked: “Please say more about why you feel that way.” 148 responses had no open-ended comment. Two example comments are provided for each of the categories listed below.

Concerns.

All responses, verified for inclusion and exclusion, were included in the analysis of the open-ended comment. That is because the question is no longer, “Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” but rather “Why?”

650 respondents provided 1,850 concerns regarding the proposed hyperscale data center, an average of 2.85 concerns per respondent. Many comments noted both concerns and benefits. Here are listed the themes that arose from the comments that primarily listed benefits.



Water pollution and quality

The largest category, these comments were concerned with water, either with water consumption or water contamination. Several comments noted that the aquifer serves more towns than Pine Island. There was very little trust in the guarantees given on the air-cooled system or how “little” water the proposed hyperscale data center will use.

“Worried about the water usage. We are on a well and can’t do anything if they drain the aquifer.”

“Basically, am against due to water consumption and what may be going into the water to prevent breakdown of equipment used to cool the machines the data center uses. Feels like an Erin Brockovich story all over again.”

Electricity

These comments noted that the current electrical grid is already under strain. There have been several outages just this summer. Respondents have little trust that cost of electricity will stay the same. Many noted that their costs are just rising.

“I think this will be a burden for our already stretched energy resources.”

“The drain to the town of Pine Island over the years will be detrimental. In viewing the research on other data centers, it will ruin the water source and electrical grid. It’s a environmental hazard.”

Noise pollution

Noise pollution was just one of the many kinds of pollution that respondents noted, and the one noted the most frequently. Some comments noted that kinds of noise pollution matter. The guarantees given on the kinds of noise the proposed hyperscale data center could produce do not take into account noise pollution like low-frequency noise.

“I don’t want my child exposed to all the harm associated with the noise.”

“It will degrade the property values, ruin our clean drinking water, produce noise that is silently detrimental to our health, and taking away farm land that is needed to provide feed for livestock or food for humans. It will slowly destroy our town we live in.”

Environment

Respondents are concerned about the environmental impact; from local impacts that are apparent today to big unknown environmental impacts that are as yet unknown because the long-term studies haven’t been done.

“The city only appears concerned about money and none of the environmental aspects that directly affect residents. There are concerns with noise pollution, air pollution, water contamination, and electrical consumption.”

“Data centers are a cancer sold as salvation. They poison our water supply and heat up the atmosphere so much, we may never see snow in the winter or a day below 100 degrees in the summer. There is NOTHING good about them.”

Small town

These comments were concerned with the fact that respondents intentionally chose to live in Pine Island because Pine Island is a small town. Inviting a hyperscale data center into the town will change the entire nature of Pine Island and what makes Pine Island so great. There was also concern about the impact on local farm land.

“I decided to start our family here for the small-town qualities, not an industrial park.”
“We are a small farming community. I’ve seen what data centers do to the surrounding properties from noise and light pollution, zero water pressure, and filthy water.”

Secrecy

These comments notes concerns and worries over secrecy and lack of transparency. Many respondents noted that they have lost trust in City Council.

“Pertinent information was not provided to city members before the city council approved this monstrosity. No transparency and poor/disrespectful behavior by council members when residents showed up to ask questions.”
“I also believe our council and city administrator have acted in secrecy and did not involve resident opinions and concerns in the decision-making process, but rather prioritized the requests of the developer/Google.”

Costs of utilities

Respondents expect utility costs, especially electrical, to increase. They are not convinced that the hyperscale data center’s massive use of electricity will not impact residents.

“Data centers are known to cause an increase in electricity bills for people who live near the facility.”
“It will use so much electricity and there is risk we will have more outages; utility bills will increase for residents”

Natural resources

Many comments on natural resources noted that wildlife will disappear and local natural resources will be depleted.

“The drain to the town of Pine Island over the years will be detrimental. In viewing the research on other data centers, it will ruin the water source and electrical grid. It’s an environmental hazard.”
“Data centers are bad for the environment and we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the earth.”

Property values

Many respondents worry about their property values. For some, their retirement planning involves their property. For others, they worry they can no longer afford to leave Pine Island.

“I don’t care that they want to give the school money. It’s not like it’s rally free money since it is likely my home value will drop significantly.”

“Our homes, property values, health, and quality of life deserve to be protected. I urge local leaders to reject this location and require data centers to be built in areas appropriately separated from residential communities.”

Light pollution

The comments on light pollution had less detail, other than generally being worried about light pollution up to 3 miles away and the night sky disappearing in Pine Island.

“I'm worried about light and noise pollution and the environmental impact.”
“There needs to be more research about noise and light pollution as well as water usage/pollution and electricity usage. We need to know who is held accountable if a problem arises. I wouldn't say never, but I say not yet.”

Air pollution and quality

Comments on air pollution and quality called out the kind of air pollution that could result, and the fact that other data centers have seen impact on the air in surrounding towns.

“Air Pollution: Backup diesel generators release harmful smog and toxic chemicals during tests or power failures.”
“People in towns where hyper scale data centers have been built are reporting that the air is not clean, they can't use electricity like they used to, their bills have gone way up, and they can't sleep due to the noise and light pollution.”

Tax abatement given to Google

Many comments questioned why the tax abatement was given to Google, especially when some small business owners noted that they had not received the same. This lack of consideration for existing small businesses while benefiting one of the world's largest companies made people question the overall benefit to Pine Island.

“While tech corporations receive massive tax breaks, Pine Island taxpayers are left to fund the infrastructure upgrades for a facility that provides almost no long-term, permanent jobs for our community once construction is finished.”
“The data center is a poor economic driver for Pine Island. The City is expected to provide water, sewer, street pavement and yet the data center enjoys long term deferral of local property tax as well as losing property tax from the displaced farmland.”

Longevity of the hyperscale data center

These comments noted that with the current speed at which data center technology develops, the hyperscale data center will be obsolete before it's even done. Then, Pine Island will be stuck with the decommissioning of the massive data center.

“Worried about the bubble bursting and data center closing leaving large space unused and lack of taxes and other promises trouble for the city.”
“What happens in 10 years when technology changes and improves and the building of that size isn't needed?”

Safety

These comments noted safety impacts as a result of the years of construction such as increased traffic with construction vehicles.

“The construction process will last for years to come and utilize the roundabout near the NE neighborhoods making it an unsafe place to walk or ride bikes.”

“Negative safety impact for our families with excessive truck traffic for years and inadequate infrastructure to support it.”

Health

There were many comments expressing concerns about the long-term negative health effects (of air, heat, light, noise, and water pollution).

“The negative health effects of data centers are documented.”

“Any temporary financial benefit is NOT more important than the risk for neurological diseases and cancer to our community including our children and grandchildren!!!”

Surveillance

The smallest category, these comments were concerned with the fact that hyperscale data centers are also used for storage of surveillance data.

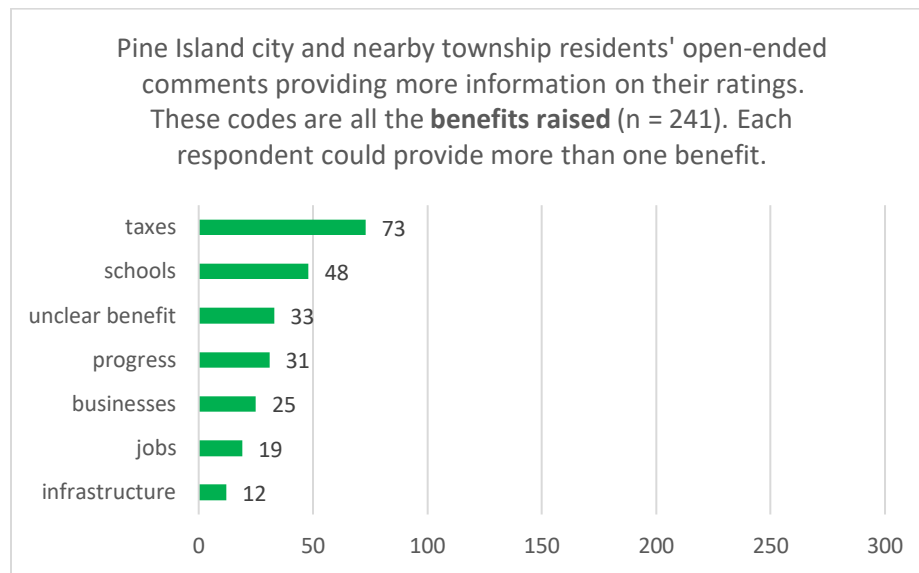
“AI surveillance is a huge risk to personal freedoms and autonomous human life and decision making.”

“The data center is not to store data for your phone. It is to implement a surveillance state.”

Benefits.

All responses, verified for inclusion and exclusion, were included in the analysis of the open-ended comment. That is because the question is no longer, “Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” but rather “Why?”

158 respondents provided 241 benefits regarding the proposed hyperscale data center, an average of 1.53 benefits per respondent. Many comments noted both concerns and benefits. Here are listed the themes that arose from the comments that primarily listed benefits.



Increased taxes

The largest category, these comments highlighted the economic benefit the of increased commercial tax base.

“The economic benefits to the community will be substantial. It would prevent our school from having to have a referendum, and significantly increase our tax base by double.”

“The town needs to grow to support our community. Local restaurants and Mom and Pop shops do not create the tax revenue a corporate business can and will. To add to that, no one actually supports local business to the point the community would need.”

Schools

The second largest category, these noted the money promised to the school, in addition to the extra money promised by Google during the Pine Island Celebration Event.

“I think our community will benefit economically. They have opened their check book to the school.”

“Google is committing to the Panther Program, initially announced as a \$25 million education fund, intended to support STEM education, classroom technology and workforce-development pathways.”

Unclear benefit

A large number of comments did not specify exactly the benefit to Pine Island.

“Great for the town.”

“After thoroughly researching and understanding the available facts, data, and information on the project, it is my perspective and understanding that this project benefits our community.”

Progress

This category noted as a benefit that we would get to be part of the forefront of AI and hyperscale data center development.

“The need to keep up with technology or the rest of the world will.”

“Data centers are an inevitability of our future. I prefer to be a participant of the process that works towards refining the knowns and unknowns within the progression of this technology. Not building a data center in our community will achieve nothing. AI will continue to advance and data centers will still be constructed. Not building here will only mean that we will lose out on more revenue and jobs in our community. And, we would lose our voice for the positive progression of technology and its applications.”

Businesses

Respondents noted the positive impact on local businesses, both via increased people here and also via the tax income that can support growing local businesses.

“Pine Island will continue to grow, homes or businesses. I’m happy to see a big business putting us on the map.”

“Pine Island has an opportunity to provide a future for this town that isn’t hindered by economic limitations, like we see with the countless other small towns around us. When small businesses want to make Pine Island their home, we can ease that barrier to entry and help them get off the ground. Instead of treading water for a couple years to only end up closing their doors.”

Jobs

This category noted as benefits the job creation both in the building of the hyperscale data center and the maintenance of the data center.

“It will benefit many small businesses in our community already. It will benefit companies that fix trucks, small engines, sell things for building the facilities, and will impact our restaurants all in a positive way.”

“The data center will be an asset to this community. It will provide good paying jobs even after construction and will provide a lot of economic benefit.”

Infrastructure

The smallest category, these comments noted the benefits of Google's investments in Pine Island infrastructure specifically, and the associated infrastructure upgrades in general.

"It will bring many temporary jobs (3-5 years) and initially 15-20 full time jobs. After that the infrastructure will be set, paid for by Google, and I would expect to see more commercial development happening along 195th Ave."

"It is going to be great for Pine Island. There's a ton of infrastructure investments, money for our school district, and it will alleviate some of the tax burden."

Conclusion

The Pine Island Sentiment Survey that ran from August 1-31 aimed to answer one question:

Do residents of Pine Island city and nearby townships support the proposal to build a hyperscale data center in Pine Island?

The majority answer is: No.

Despite local government and city support of the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island, respondents' opinions are loud and clear: the majority are opposed.

Where do we go from here?

The research suggests, not very far.

*“Most people, when directly confronted by evidence that they are wrong, do not change their point of view or course of action but justify it even more tenaciously. Even irrefutable evidence is rarely enough to pierce the mental armor of self-justification.”*⁹

At least not locally. But nationwide, surveys and polls are showing the same results: the mood on data centers has shifted.¹⁰

There are places where data centers are welcomed.¹¹

Declared a respondent in the survey:

“Go build your data center somewhere else.”

⁹ Carol Tavis & Elliot Aronson (2007). Mistakes Were Made, but Not by Me: Why we Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts.

¹⁰ <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/07/21/poll-data-centers-democrats-moratorium-01001799>

¹¹ <https://www.inc.com/fast-company-2/data-centers-map-ai-boom-erin-brockovich-reporting-website/91357251>

Methods

No parts of this report were written using AI.

None of the analyses in this report were conducted using AI.

All of the methods and costs associated with them were absorbed by me, Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD. The survey was not sponsored by the City of Pine Island or any organization.

Survey

I built the survey and administered it from the survey platform Qualtrics. Qualtrics hosts its own QR code generator, which I used for survey dissemination. Below are screenshots of the online survey questions. Question 4 was worded differently in the survey flier. Question 5 was omitted from the survey flier (see the Appendix).

Hi!

The primary question this 5 item survey seeks to answer is: "What is the proportion of people living in and near Pine Island who are in favor of the proposed hyperscale data center?"

This survey is not an official vote. It is intended only to gather community feedback. To help ensure the results accurately reflect the community, we ask for your name and address to verify residency. Survey findings will be shared live and publicly at [our website URL]. Full verification of results will happen after the survey is closed.

This survey is being administered by Pine Island township resident Eva Susanne Blazek. If you have questions, please check out the FAQ or reach out via esblazek@outlook.com.

1. Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island?

☐

No

☐

Not sure

☐

Yes

☐

Prefer not to answer

2. Please say more about why you feel that way.

3. Would you like to leave a message for the Pine Island City Council?

Your message will be collected with others' responses and submitted to the City Council in an open letter.

4. If your comment is included in the public letter, may we publish your name?

☐

Yes.

☐

No. Publish my comment anonymously.

5. Do you have any feedback about this sentiment survey?

These responses will only be read by Eva Susanne Blazek, who is administering this survey.

To help ensure the survey results accurately reflect the community, we ask for your name and address. This information will be used only to verify residency against Goodhue and Olmsted County public records.

Your personal information will be used solely for verification purposes, will not be sold or shared beyond this purpose, and will not be included in any publicly reported survey results.

Your first and last name

Your full address (e.g., 123 Main Street, Pine Island, MN 55963)

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback.

Survey findings will be shared live and publicly at www.pineislandsurvey.com. Full verification of results will happen after the survey is closed.

Verified survey results will also be submitted to the City Council by 09/15 to help inform future discussions.

We appreciate your participation and your commitment to our community.

Websites

I created an account on TinyURL.com to create the shortened URL tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey.

I created a Wix.com account to host the website www.pineislandsurvey.com.

I posted once to LinkedIn and regularly to Facebook, to the main Pine Island Facebook group. I did not post survey invitations or information in any other Facebook group.

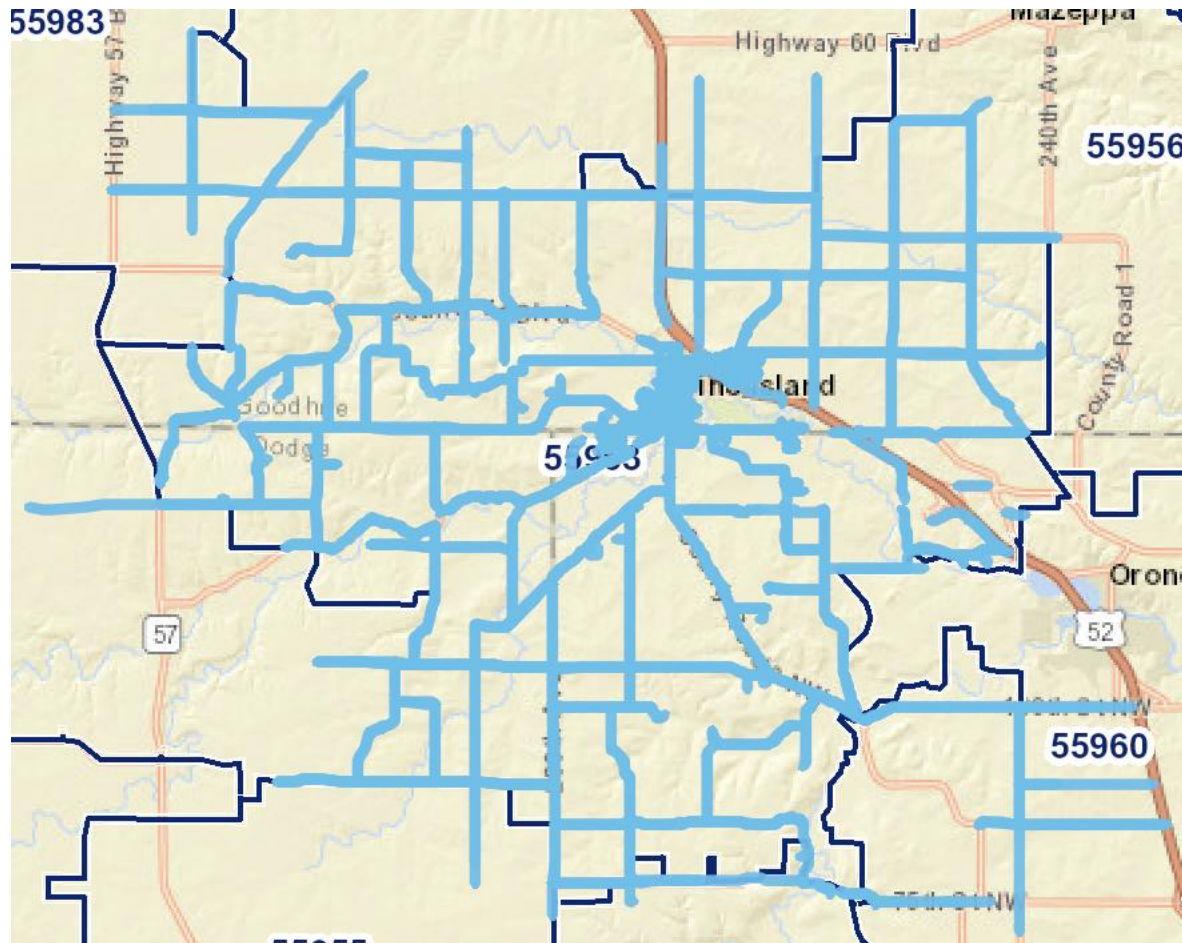
I do not have other social media like Instagram, TikTok, or X. I therefore did not post to any other social media platforms.

Survey fliers

I ordered survey fliers on www.amazon.com. I used USPS' Every Door Delivery Mailer (EDDM) to send one flier to each household in urban and rural Pine Island.

Some residents within Pine Island city limits have noted that they did not receive the survey flier. Furthermore, there are residents who rely on mailboxes at USPS. I hung up survey fliers on the cork boards at the USPS, opposite the mailboxes.

See this map for the urban and rural Pine Island USPS route where the survey fliers were delivered.



Response verification

For response verification I relied on these MN GIS Web Apps:

- Goodhue County
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ffadfa9bc1c04b7d804d9eb0172e70cc/>
- Olmsted County
https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c0543b6276904e6b8da0a1e36a9491c8#data_s=id%3Awidget_39_output_config_default_geocode_utility_2_0%3A0
- Dodge County <https://gweb01.co.olmsted.mn.us/WebApps/OlmstedCountyGISMap/>

First, I filtered out all the responses with insufficient name and/or address. Next, if I personally knew the respondent and I knew their home address, they would be verified. Next, I searched for the respondent's address and confirmed whether the name and address listed in the survey response matched the name and address listed in the county records. I started with Goodhue and Dodge Counties as their GIS Web Apps are most user friendly. For Olmsted, I had to go township by township: Pine Island Township, then New Haven Township, then Oronoco Township, then Kalmar Township.

If the name and address in the survey response didn't match the name and address in the county records, I reached out on Facebook to ask for clarification. Most respondents that I reached out to replied with an answer to clarify. These were included in the responses.

There were in total 34 responses with name and address that I was unable to identify.

Analyses

For the analyses, I used Excel and the open-source statistical software R.

I exported the survey data off Qualtrics and into Excel locally on my Mac. I manually added the mailed-in responses.

This survey did not use random sampling to determine who would get the survey. This is a strength of the survey. I did not have to rely on random sampling because I invited the entire population in question to participate in the survey.

Objectivity

I hold a PhD in Social Psychology with a minor in Statistics from the University of Minnesota. I am certified in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Human Subjects Research (HSR) – Social-Behavioral-Educational, Conflict of Interest (COI), and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) for Clinical Trials through the CITI Programs. I have published in peer-reviewed journals. See my Google Scholar profile here: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=iAnQZ10AAAAJ&hl=en> or by searching for “Eva Susanne Blazek” at scholar.google.com.

Before this survey began, I had been a vocal opponent of the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island. Starting in October 2025, I attended City Council meetings and voiced my opinion to City Council and to the media. Many respondents and residents voiced concern about bias in the survey results.

I agree that ideally there would have been a neutral third party conducting this sentiment survey. I suggested this to the City Council in February 2026. I also suggested running the survey with or on behalf of the City Council. That way both sides of the debate could have come together to run this survey together. The City Council did not respond to or acknowledge my suggestion.

Instead, I chose to conduct this survey myself. My opinion was withheld from all the survey materials. During the month of August, I changed my Facebook picture to a neutral picture. I did not wear gear indicating my opinion. I did not share my opinion with anyone. I did not once post in the Facebook group Stop the Pine Island Data Center. When I was raising awareness about the survey, I asked people, “Did you know that we’re running a Pine Island Sentiment Survey?” or “Hi! I’m Susanne, I am conducting a Pine Island Sentiment Survey.”

Some have asked whether my husband, Joe Blazek, helped with the survey effort. Yes, in a single way did he help. He asked people, “Did you know that we’re running a Pine Island Sentiment Survey?” at the City Council meeting on 08/18 and at the Ryan Co. | Google Pine

Island Celebration Event on 08/19. Aside from helping raise awareness about the survey, Joe did not at any point support with any other part of the survey.

To further prevent bias, I systematically planned for objectivity across every stage of the survey lifecycle, from survey design to data analysis. These are the same steps I would have followed if I were to have submitted this research design for approval to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) ahead of time, which is something researchers do when they want to publish their research. This survey was never intended for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Therefore, I did not seek IRB approval.

- I documented the survey methods and design, and shared these publicly before collecting data to prevent changing goals later.
- I invited everyone in the community to participate in the survey rather than rely on convenience groups or random samples.
- I wrote clear, broad, and unbiased survey questions that were aimed to prevent leading respondents toward a specific answer or trigger social desirability bias.
- I protect confidentiality by presenting data in these results in aggregate only.
- For the open-ended comments coding, I blinded the responses. That is, I hid responses to the other questions to make sure that I read the comment without knowing the valence of that response. That said, comments were mostly obvious in terms of valence.
- I publish all results here, including outliers.

APPENDIX

Public Input Speech *as presented to City Council on February 17*

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Public Input Speech *as presented to City Council on July 21*

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Pine Island Sentiment Survey Project Overview *as presented to City Council on July 21*

About This Survey (FAQ) *as presented to City Council on July 21*

Letter to the Editor *sent to the Zumbrota News Record and the Post Bulletin on July 24*

Email *sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on July 25*

Press Release *sent to the Zumbrota News Record, the Post Bulletin, and Rochester's News-Talk KROC on July 31*

LinkedIn post *on August 1*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 1*

Every Door Direct Mailer (EDDM) *sent with USPS on August 3*

One-page survey flier *that accompanied the EDDM hung on cork boards in Pine Island*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 4*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 10*

Letter to the Editor *sent to the Zumbrota News Record on August 10*

Email *sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on August 12*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 13*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 17*

Public Input Speech *as presented to City Council on August 18*

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 21*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 26*

Email *sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on August 28*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 29*

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on September 1*

Survey log *maintained during the month of August on the website*

Open letter to the City Council

Public input speech as presented to City Council on February 17

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Tonight, I want to talk to you about leadership, and a community poll.

First, leadership. You have been elected, by us. We trust you to make decisions that represent our collective voice and serve our best interests. Being a leader means sometimes making tough or unpopular decisions.

When those moments come, it is absolutely essential that you do two things: first, share your vision clearly and broadly and enable us to understand the why behind the decisions; and second, guide us through the changes with patience, empathy, and transparency. Doing this builds trust and unity.

Yet, what we've heard so far about the Project Skyway Pine Island Data Center is vague and unsettling. In a personal conversation with a council member, we learned that the vision for Pine Island is to grow to 10,000 residents. But why? The only real answer we've received so far is "growth." Again, why? Do residents want this?

Moreover, rather than engage us patiently, you have told us what is happening, without much room for dialogue. If the elementary school can email us 13 times a week, then you, our most important leaders, should be able to inform us transparently and respectfully about one of the largest data centers in the country.

As our leaders, you hold a position of great responsibility and we hold you to higher standards. It is your duty to be kind, patient, and empathetic. We don't have all the information, and frankly, neither do you. So why aren't you standing with us, holding our hands through this process, and building trust instead of suspicion?

Which brings me to my second point: a community poll.

We've talked with friends, neighbors, parents, small business owners, and residents. Based on those conversations, we believe around 80% of residents oppose the data center. However, the same council member I mentioned before said you think the opposite— that 80% support and only 20% oppose. This disconnect is troubling.

Decisions this significant cannot rest on belief. They require clarity and democratic input. I am asking you to please hold a community-wide poll, asking every resident what they want.

I offer my experience. I have spent two decades working with large-scale representative survey data. We have the need, the tools, and we can and should run a fair and transparent community poll.

Thank you.

Public input speech as presented to City Council on July 21

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Good evening.

I want to take a couple of minutes to introduce myself and then let you know about something I'll be doing for our community this August.

I live just south of the Middle Fork Zumbro River with my husband and our four kids, aged 4, 6, 8, and 10. In the four years we've lived here, we've grown deep roots and built a strong community.

By profession, I'm a researcher. I have a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Minnesota and have spent the last 15-plus years designing and analyzing surveys and public opinion research. I've published in peer-reviewed journals and spent my career at the intersection of data and people, trying to understand what people and organizations actually think and need, not just what we assume they think and need.

I say this not to impress you, but to be transparent: I take this kind of work seriously and I do it carefully.

I'm here tonight to let you know that this August, I'll be conducting an independent community sentiment survey of Pine Island city and township residents on the topic of the proposed hyperscale data center.

I want to be straightforward about what this is and what it isn't. It's not an official city process. I'm not doing this on behalf of any advocacy group, and I'm not here to push this community in any direction. My goal is to give residents a fair, structured way to put their views on record — and to give this Council a verified, credible snapshot of where your constituents stand, so that your deliberations are as well-informed as possible.

The survey will run throughout August. Responses will be verified against Goodhue County public records to confirm that respondents are actual residents of the city or township. Results will be posted publicly on a live website throughout the month, and once verification is complete, I'll compile a summary alongside a collection of residents' direct messages to the Council, which I'll submit to you formally.

I have left printed out FAQs at the back of the room, and I will email you the project plan. I'd be happy to answer any questions about the methodology, and I welcome your awareness of this effort.

Thank you.

E. Susanne Blazek, PhD

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Pine Island Sentiment Survey Project Overview

August 1 - August 31, 2026

OVERVIEW

This doc summarizes the project plan to conduct a sentiment survey of Pine Island residents and Pine Island township residents during the month of August, 2026. The primary question the survey seeks to answer is: "What is the proportion of people living in and near Pine Island who are in favor of the proposed hyperscale data center?"

GOALS

1. Trust in the process. We need to frame this as information-gathering, not advocacy. The survey will be more trusted, and more useful, if it's clearly presented as neutral community research, not a campaign. Our intro text and all outreach materials will reflect that.
2. Media coverage as a result of the survey itself (not just the results).
3. A publicly hosted website with a live, real-time dashboard of results.
4. More than 2,350 responses (~75% of Pine Island residents and Pine Island township residents over the age of 18). We can then use power analyses to determine the odds of the results holding were we to get 100% response rates (i.e., counter the likely claim that the results are invalid if we can't reach everyone).
5. Everyone understands that this survey has no legal standing. We need to make that clear in our materials. It's a community sentiment signal, that is, powerful, but not binding. Framing it accurately maintains our credibility.

Survey Design

- **Intro.** One paragraph explaining: who is administering this, that it is a community sentiment survey (not an official vote), how results will be shared, that name/address are required to verify residency, and that only verified responses will be counted. State clearly that results will be posted publicly at [our website URL].
- **Survey.**
 - **Q1** “Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island?” — Yes / No / Not sure / I don't have enough information yet.
 - **Q2** “Say more about why you chose [insert Yes / No / Not sure / I don't have enough information yet]?” — Long text field
 - **Q3** “Would you like to leave a message for the Pine Island City Council? Your message will be collected with others’ responses and submitted to the City Council in an open letter. (Optional. Your name will be attached unless you request anonymity)” — Long text field + a checkbox: “Please keep my name anonymous in the open letter”
 - **Q4** “Do you have any feedback about this survey? (Optional. These responses will only be read by E. Susanne Blazek, who is administering this survey.)” — Long text field
- **Verification.** Explain that name and address are required for verification against Goodhue County public records. Assure them data will not be sold or shared beyond its stated purpose.
 - **Q5** First name (text, required)
 - **Q6** Last name (text, required)
 - **Q7** Street address (text, required, include a note: Example: 123 Main St, Pine Island, MN 55963)
- **Closing.** Thank them, tell them when results will be posted and where, and note that verified results will be submitted to the City Council by [target date].

E. Susanne Blazek, PhD
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[About This Survey \(original FAQ\)](#)

What is this survey?

This is a community sentiment survey designed to capture the range of opinions Pine Island city and township residents hold about the proposed hyperscale data center. It is not an official city election or referendum. Its purpose is to give residents a structured, documented way to weigh in, and to give City Council a clear, verified picture of where the community stands.

Who is running this survey?

This survey is administered independently by E. Susanne Blazek, PhD, a Pine Island township resident acting as a private citizen. It is not sponsored by the City of Pine Island, any political party, any business, or any advocacy group for or against the data center.

Is this an official city vote?

No. This is a community sentiment survey and carries no legal or binding authority. The results will be compiled and submitted to Pine Island City Council as an open letter representing community voices, but they do not obligate the Council to any particular decision.

Why is this survey being conducted?

Decisions about large-scale development affect the whole community. This survey gives every resident and township resident a convenient, documented way to go on record — whether in favor, opposed, or undecided — and to share their reasoning directly with the people who represent them.

Who paid for this survey?

This survey was funded out of pocket by E. Susanne Blazek, PhD and Joe Blazek. No business, PAC, advocacy organization, or outside group contributed to or directed its design or administration.

Who Can Participate?

Who is eligible to take this survey?

Any current resident of the City of Pine Island or Pine Island Township is eligible. This includes renters and property owners alike. You do not need to be a registered voter to participate, but your name and address must match a verifiable public record (voter registration file or county property/parcel record) to be counted in the verified results.

Can I participate if I'm not a registered voter?

Yes. Voter registration is not required. Your address will be cross-referenced against Goodhue County public records (including the county parcel/property database) to confirm you live in the city or township. If your name and address appear in any county public record for this area, your response will be counted.

Can township residents participate?

Yes. Pine Island Township residents are explicitly included. If you have a rural route address in Pine Island Township, your response is welcome.

Can I take the survey if I own property in Pine Island but don't live there?

No. This survey is intended to capture the views of people who live here. Property ownership alone does not qualify you to participate.

Can businesses vote?

No. This survey is for individual residents only.

My spouse and I are both residents. Can we each submit a response?

Yes. Each adult resident at your address may submit their own individual response. Responses will be deduplicated by name, so each person should use their own name when submitting.

Privacy and Your Data**What information do you collect, and why?**

The survey collects your first name, last name, and street address. This information is used solely to verify that you are a Pine Island city or township resident and to deduplicate responses. It will not be sold, shared with any third party, or used for any purpose other than administering this survey.

Will my vote (yes or no) be made public?

No. Only aggregate results will be published publicly. For example, "68% of verified respondents gave answer X" or "1,247 verified residents responded." Individual votes will not be published or attributed to any named person.

Will my name appear in the City Council open letter?

The open letter will present aggregate results and a compilation of residents' written messages. If you submitted a message for City Council (Question 3), your name will be attached to that message unless you checked the box requesting anonymity, in which case your message will appear without your name.

Who will read my feedback about this survey (Question 4)?

Only E. Susanne Blazek, PhD. Survey administration feedback is not shared, published, or included in any public-facing document.

How are my data stored?

Responses are stored in a password-protected Qualtrics account accessible only to E. Susanne Blazek, PhD. The data will be retained through the duration of this survey and the City Council submission process. The raw survey data will then be archived securely on a password-protected device (not in the cloud), and then deleted after two years.

Verification**How do you verify that I'm actually a Pine Island resident?**

After the survey closes, your submitted name and address will be compared against publicly available records: the Goodhue County voter registration file and/or the Goodhue County parcel/property database. These are public records available to any resident under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA). If your name and address match a record in either database, your response is counted as verified.

What if my name or address doesn't match perfectly?

Typos happen. If there's a close but imperfect match (e.g., "St." vs. "Street," or a minor name spelling variation), it will be reviewed individually. When in doubt, the benefit of the doubt goes to the respondent, and the discrepancy will be noted in a verification log.

What if I'm a new resident and not yet in the county records?

If your name and address don't appear in available public records, for example, if you moved here very recently, your response will be flagged as unverified rather than discarded. Unverified responses will be reported separately in the results (e.g., "X additional responses could not be verified against public records"). If you believe this may apply to you and want to provide supporting documentation, contact E. Susanne Blazek, PhD directly at esblazek@outlook.com.

What happens to responses from people outside Pine Island?

They are filtered out before the verified count is calculated. Unverified responses will not be included in results submitted to the City Council. They may be noted in a transparency summary as evidence that the verification process was used.

How do you prevent people from submitting more than once?

Several layers are used: the survey platform limits one response per account, duplicate names and addresses in the results are deduplicated during the verification process, and the post-close verification review flags any suspicious patterns. Because verification is done manually against public records, ballot stuffing would require fabricating identities that match county records, which is not a realistic concern in a community of our size.

The Results**Where can I see the results?**

Live results (aggregate counts only) are posted at [website URL] and updated automatically as responses come in. Final verified results will be published at the same location after the survey closes and the verification process is complete.

When will final verified results be available?

Approximately one week after the survey closes on Monday, August 31. The verification process takes time to do carefully.

What will you do with the results?

The verified results and a compilation of residents' City Council messages will be submitted to the Pine Island City Council as an open letter signed by E. Susanne Blazek on behalf of participating residents. The letter will be a public document. Results will also remain posted at [website URL] indefinitely as a community record.

Will the City Council be required to act on these results?

No. This survey is advisory, not binding. City Council members are elected representatives who make their own decisions. The goal is to ensure they have a clear, documented, and verified record of community sentiment.

What if the results are close?

The results will be reported accurately regardless of how they come out. A close result is itself meaningful information for the City Council and the community.

Technical Questions

I don't have a smartphone or computer. Can I still participate?

Yes. The Pine Island Public Library has computers available for public use. Library staff can assist if you need help accessing the survey. You may also ask a household member to assist you in submitting your individual response. Just make sure the name and address entered are yours.

The QR code on my flier isn't working. What's the direct link?

Go to: [full URL here]

I submitted my response but I made an error. Can I change it?

If you submitted under your correct name and address but made an error in your answers, email E. Susanne Blazek at esblazek@outlook.com within 48 hours of submitting. Include your name and address so she can locate your response. Requests to change a submitted vote will be handled on a case-by-case basis and logged for transparency.

I'm having trouble submitting. Who can I contact?

Email E. Susanne Blazek at esblazek@outlook.com or call/text 612-695-9595. She will do her best to help you submit your response before the survey closes.

About the Data Center Proposal

What is a hyperscale data center?

A hyperscale data center is a very large facility, typically hundreds of thousands of square feet, that houses the computing infrastructure used by major technology companies for cloud services, artificial intelligence, streaming, and other digital operations. They typically require significant amounts of land, electrical power, and water for cooling. In Pine Island, the proposed hyperscale data center, called Project Skyway, is approximately 482 acres.

Who is proposing the hyperscale data center, and where would it be located?

Project Skyway refers to an area encompassing approximately 482 acres located to the NE, partially in the City of Pine Island and Pine Island Township. Ryan Companies US, Inc. is a developer working with the city to prepare the land for future development.

Details about the proposal are available from the City of Pine Island. Contact City Hall at 507-356-4591 or visit <https://pineislandmn.gov/skyway>

This survey doesn't tell me enough about the hyperscale data center called Project Skyway. Where can I learn more?

For official information about the proposed development, contact Pine Island City Hall or attend a City Council meeting. Meeting dates and agendas are posted at <https://pineislandmn.gov/meetings>. The survey is intentionally designed to be neutral and does not advocate for or against the project.

I have a question not answered here.

Contact E. Susanne Blazek at esblazek@outlook.com. You may also use Question 4 in the survey itself to leave feedback about the survey.

This FAQ will be updated if material changes are made to the survey design or process.

Last updated: July 14, 2026

[Letter to the Editor July 24](#)

Dear editor,

Social science research shows that when people disagree on an issue, they have a tendency to look for evidence that supports their own views while discounting evidence that challenges them. This tendency is called confirmation bias. In classic psychology studies, people on opposite sides of controversial issues read the same, balanced newspaper articles, and yet both groups came away believing the articles were biased against their own position.

Why does this matter to us? Because the proposed hyperscale data center has become an increasingly divisive issue in Pine Island. As the discussion has grown more polarized, many of us have become convinced that our own perspective reflects the will of the whole community. But the problem is: we don't actually know.

To help solve this problem, I am conducting an independent sentiment survey of Pine Island city and township residents throughout the month of August. I am doing this as a private citizen. I do not act on behalf of the City of Pine Island, the City Council, or any advocacy group. I am funding this project myself. As a social scientist with more than 15 years of experience working with surveys, I aim to use my skills to provide our community with something we currently lack: clarity.

Residents of Pine Island and the township will receive an invitation by mail in early August, and an online option will also be available. The survey takes about 3 minutes to complete. Whether you support the proposed hyperscale data center, oppose it, or remain undecided, your voice matters. I want to hear what you think. Please take the survey. Name/address are required to verify residency, and only verified responses will be counted. My hope is that every resident participates so we can better understand where our community truly stands on this important issue.

Thanks,
Eva Susanne Blaze, PhD

Email sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on July 25

Subject line: Pine Island Community Sentiment Survey

Hello Pine Island City Council,

As I noted in my public input during the City Council meeting on Tuesday July 21, I will be running a Pine Island Community Sentiment Survey of Pine Island city and township residents during the month of August.

The survey will officially open on August 1 and close on August 31.

You can preview the survey [here](#), on mobile or desktop (link also in bottom of email).

I have set up www.pineislandsurvey.com with a link to the survey and the full FAQ. I also have a direct link to the survey: www.tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey Please note that these two links take you to the live survey. If you hit submit in the live survey, it will record your response. If you need help changing it or re-opening it later, just let me know.

I will verify residency against county records. I will need some time after the survey closes to run a full verification before I publish the results to the website above and share with you.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Thank you,

E. Susanne Blazek, PhD
1315 County Road 3 SW
612-594-9494

Survey preview link:

https://qualtricsxm67jjrtm8d.pdx1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/5f71f699-cal1c-46d4-96cf-cb526efa0429/SV_dn8nyHoUvXL5xFc?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current

Press Release sent to the Zumbrota News Record, the Post Bulletin, and Rochester's News-Talk KROC on July 31

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 31, 2026

Pine Island Community Sentiment Survey Opens August 1

PINE ISLAND, Minn. — A new independent community sentiment survey will open on Saturday, August 1, inviting Pine Island-area residents to share their views on the proposed hyperscale data center.

The survey is intended to provide a snapshot of community opinion and is not an official vote or referendum. The survey asks residents whether they support the proposed data center and provides opportunities to explain their views and share comments with the Pine Island City Council.

The survey is being conducted independently by Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD, a Pine Island resident, acting as a private citizen. It is not sponsored by the City of Pine Island, any political party, any business, or any advocacy organization.

“The goal is simple: to provide every resident with an opportunity to have their voice heard,” said Blazek. “Whether someone supports the project, opposes it, or is still undecided, I hope they’ll take a few minutes to participate.”

The survey consists of five questions and takes approximately three minutes to complete. Residents may participate online by scanning the QR code included on mailed postcards or by visiting: www.tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey. Paper surveys may also be completed and returned by mail.

To help ensure the results accurately reflect the community, respondents are asked to provide their name and address so residency can be verified. Personal information will be used only for verification purposes and will not be published or shared. Only verified responses will be included in the results. The survey will remain open through August 31, 2026.

Survey results will be posted publicly at www.pineislandsurvey.com following the close of the survey. Verified results will also be submitted to the Pine Island City Council to help inform future discussions.

Additional information, including frequently asked questions about the survey methodology and privacy protections, is available at www.pineislandsurvey.com.

Media Contact
Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD
Email: esblazek@outlook.com
Phone: 612-594-9494

LinkedIn post on August 1

**Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD**  • You
People Science @ Stripe
1mo • 

Today I'm launching an independent Pine Island Community Sentiment Survey to better understand residents' views on the proposed hyperscale data center.

If you're a resident of the City of Pine Island or Pine Island Township, please check your local mail or local media for information on how to participate. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to contribute their perspective!



 Andreas Gabrielsen and 11 others

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**Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD**  **Author**

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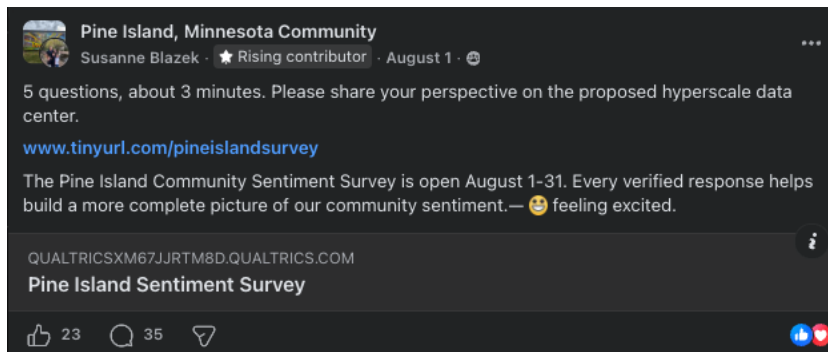
For more information on the project itself check out <https://pineislandskyway.com/> (in support) and <https://www.stopthepineislanddatacenter.org/> (in opposition). There are also lots of local news articles on the topic in the Star Tribune, MinnPost, Post Bulletin, and the News Record.

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Reply

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Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 1*



My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- For more info and FAQ, visit <https://www.pineislandsurvey.com/>
- [NAME], no. The only reason I ask for your name is so that I can verify residency in Pine Island or a nearby township. If you wish to leave a note for the City Council you can choose to attach your name to it, or leave the note anonymous. The results will be reported in aggregate only: “X% of verified responses said Y.”
- [NAME], unfortunately no. There would be no way to verify that residents of Pine Island and nearby townships were the ones who completed the survey (versus people from other parts of Minnesota, for example). If you want to include a comment to the City Council and would like that comment to be anonymous, that is possible.
 - [NAME], maybe I answered the wrong question. You asked about anonymity. The survey results are indeed confidential. They will be presented in aggregate only. For example, X% of verified survey respondents said Y. While your name is needed for verification purposes, it will not be shared alongside any survey results. I hope I better answered your question!
- The survey is voluntary and the choice is up to you 😊
- [NAME], please put that in the survey. It’s important that all Pine Island voices have a chance to be heard. There’s an optional open-ended question where you can even leave a message for our City Council.
- Hi [NAME] and [NAME]. 8 months ago I offered to run a survey on behalf of or together with the City Council. I would be happy to meet with you, to show you and talk through the survey methodology. If you have specific observations or concerns besides overall lack of trust, please let me know so that I can do my best to address them.
- [NAME], the goal is to get a representative sample (meaning a very large number of Pine Island and township residents). A larger sample will reduce random error, but we will still need representativeness. If you have ideas on how to make sure all relevant residents are reached and engaged, I would appreciate hearing them.
- Hi [NAME]! I understand why you’re skeptical because you’re right, I have been outspoken about my personal opinion (but that opinion is withheld from all the survey materials - this is a poll, not advocacy). Ideally there would be a neutral third party conducting this poll. I suggested it to the City Council 8 months ago. There have been no takers so far. I am doing what I can to maintain transparency each step of the way with

this survey. I would be happy to meet with you and talk about the survey methods. Let me know!

- Thank you for the note [NAME]! I also live in New Haven Township. I will update the materials to be inclusive of all those on Pine Island USPS city and rural routes. I am keeping a survey log and will note this there.
- I will deliver the survey results - including a free text response - in an open letter to the City Council. Please elaborate on your opinion!
- Hi [NAME]! You are right that it is likely some people will complete the survey who are not residents here. That's why I will verify each response against public records.
 - Hi again [NAME], thank you for letting me know! While I have some duplication prevention in place, it's not perfect. I will explore duplicates and verify against public records.

Survey Every Door Direct Mailer (EDDM) sent with USPS on August 3

TELL US
WHAT YOU
THINK



Pine Island Sentiment Survey.

Please take this short 5 question survey. The survey seeks to answer: How do residents feel about the proposed hyperscale data center? It takes ~3 minutes to complete.

Every verified response matters.
Scan the QR code or go to www.tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey.
Prefer paper? Complete the back and drop it in the mail.

Questions? Visit www.pineislandsurvey.com

This independent survey is being conducted by Pine Island resident
Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD. It is not sponsored by the City of Pine Island
or any organization. Survey results will be shared publicly and
submitted to the City Council.

**Complete by
August 31.**

Local postal customer

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Each adult resident may submit one response. Additional adults in your household may each complete the survey online. To return by mail:

1. Draw a large X through the "Local Postal Customer" box on the front.
2. Add postage on this side.
3. Drop the card in any U.S. mailbox.

Q1 Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island?

☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐ Yes ☐ Prefer not to answer

Q2 Please say more about why you feel that way:

Q3 Would you like to leave a message for the Pine Island City Council?

Your message will be collected with others' responses and submitted to the City Council in an open letter.

Q4 Indicate whether you want to keep your name anonymous in the open letter.

☐ No ☐ Yes

We ask for your name and address only to verify residency. Personal information will never be published.

Full name: _____

Street address: _____

PLEASE ADD
POSTAGE

RETURN TO:

EVA SUSANNE BLAZEK
1315 COUNTY ROAD 3 SW
PINE ISLAND, MN 55963

One-page survey flier that accompanied the EDDM hung on cork boards in Pine Island

SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE



on the hyperscale data center

Pine Island Sentiment Survey • Independent • Confidential • 5 Questions • About 3 Minutes

Scan the QR code or go to www.tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey

The survey seeks to answer: How do residents feel about the proposed hyperscale data center? A mailed survey will arrive at every Pine Island city and township household. Every verified response matters.

Questions? Visit www.pineislandsurvey.com

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**Complete by
August 31.**

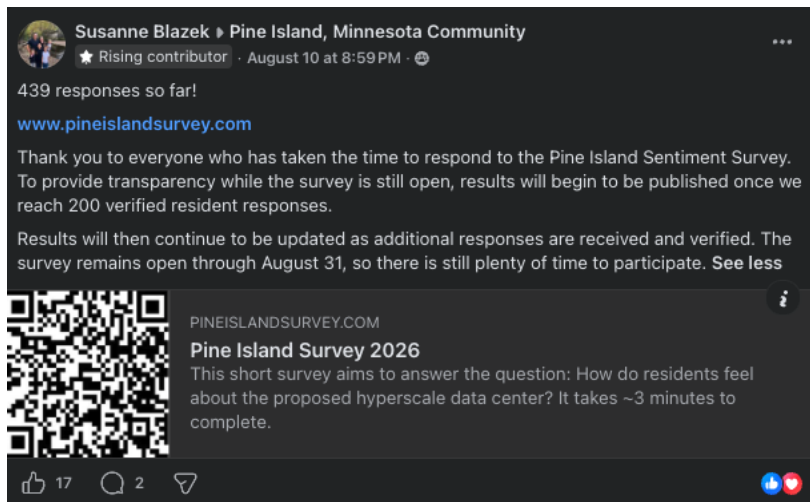
Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 4*



My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- [NAME], I have hung up fliers on the bulletin boards at City Hall, USPS, Kwik Trip, and the Pine Island Market (more places coming soon). Let me know if all of those are taken too, and I will replenish them.
 - Yes! Thanks for letting me know. I will replenish tomorrow morning, Thursday.
 - [NAME], I have added more survey fliers to the City Hall board. Thanks again for letting me know 😊
- [NAME], I have hung up fliers on the bulletin boards at City Hall, USPS, Kwik Trip, and the Pine Island Market (more places coming soon). Let me know if all of those are taken too, and I will replenish them.
- [NAME], it might still be on the way (hopefully). If not, I have hung up flyers on the bulletin boards at City Hall, USPS, Kwik Trip, and the Pine Island Market (more places coming soon). The flyer includes the link to the Pine Island Sentiment Survey, and also a mail-in portion in case you prefer paper.

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 10*



My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- I have hung up additional flyers at the Pine Island Sports Bar and at the American Legion.
- In the online survey, there is an option to leave feedback for me. Some have asked there whether I have your names. I can only see who responded to the survey if you provide your name in the survey. If you provide your name and address, then I can verify your response against public records. This is the only reason I ask for your name.

Letter to the Editor sent to the Zumbrota News Record on August 10

Dear Editor,

The Pine Island Community Sentiment Survey is underway, and I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to participate. As of today, 438 completed responses have been received from people sharing their perspectives on the proposed hyperscale data center.

Response verification is now underway. Because the goal of the survey is to provide an accurate picture of sentiment among residents of Pine Island City and Pine Island Township, only responses from verified residents will be included in the reported results.

To provide transparency while the survey is still open, results will begin to be published once we reach 200 verified resident responses. Results will continue to be updated as additional responses are received and verified.

The survey remains open through August 31, so there is still plenty of time to participate. Whether you support the proposed data center, oppose it, or are unsure, your perspective is important. If you are a resident of Pine Island City or Pine Island Township and have not yet participated, I encourage you to take a few minutes to do so. Please go to www.pineislandsurvey.com.

This is an independent community sentiment survey and is not an official vote or referendum. It is not sponsored by the City of Pine Island, any political party, business, or advocacy organization. Final verified results will be shared publicly and submitted to the Pine Island City Council.

Thank you to the 438 people who have already participated and to everyone helping ensure that our community's perspectives are heard.

Eva Susanne Blazek, PhD
Pine Island resident

Email sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on August 12

Subject line: Reminder: Pine Island Sentiment Survey

Hello Brandi,

I'm reaching out to remind you about the Pine Island Sentiment survey.

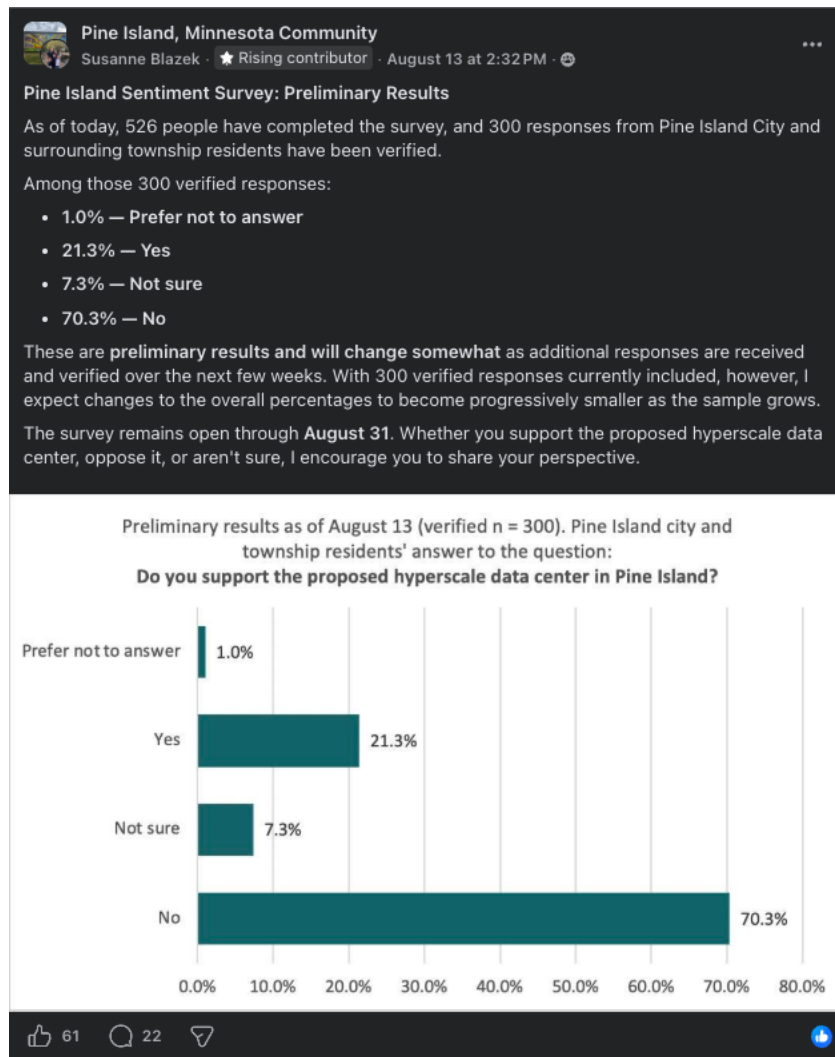
www.tinyurl.com/pineislandsurvey for a direct link to the survey

www.pineislandsurvey.com for everything else (but also has a link to the survey)

Best,

E. Susanne Blazek

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 13*



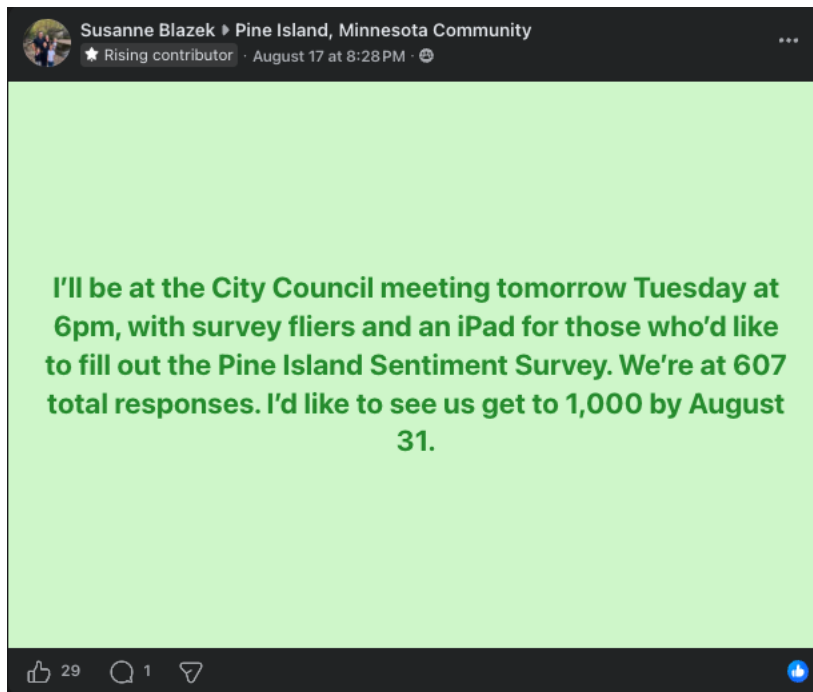
My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- The survey link is at www.pineislandsurvey.com. Huge thanks to everyone who has already taken the time to fill it out!
- Hi [NAME], yes, the mailed in surveys were or will be counted too! I am still in the process of verifying responses.
- [NAME], you have a lot of questions and I will do my best to answer them here. If you have additional questions I will be at the City Council meeting on Tuesday and I'd be happy to answer them. 1. What is the quality control points used in verification? Answer: In verification, I use publicly available data from Goodhue and Olmsted counties. I verify that the name and address match county data. All of these publicly available data can be found online. 2. How many of the 526 were excluded due to the verification process? Answer: I have verified 300 responses. Another 68 cannot be verified because they do not have a full name and address. 32 are excluded because they are a non-55963 address

or a duplicate. As of today 08/14 at 4pm we have 579 completed responses. That leaves another 179 to verify. 3. Are you counting how many are excluded for what metric disqualified it? Answer: Yes. I am recording whether they are excluded for lack of name and address, for having a non-55963 address, for being a duplicate, or for something else. This will be included in the final survey report. 4. Do you have separate verification metrics for the digital vs mailer survey? Answer: No, I use the same method to verify name and address for the digital vs mailer survey. 5. What is the % returned vs census data? Answer: We have 579 responses so far. The best census-based figure I find is approximately 4,224 adults (age 18+) living in zip code 55963. That means we have responses from roughly 13.7% of adult residents, halfway through the survey period. 6. Did you collect a sample size from the target pool that can actually present meaningful numbers? Answer: That's a difficult question to answer until I know what the final sample size will be. My efforts have been to make sure all residents are aware of the survey and know how to complete it. I sent out survey fliers to all households in zip code 55963. I sent a letter to the editor of the Zumbrota News Record. I sent press releases about the survey to the Zumbrota News Record, the Post Bulletin, and Rochester's News-Talk KROC. I posted to Facebook and LinkedIn. I have hung up fliers at City Hall, USPS, Hardware Hank, the Van Horn Public Library, Frandsen Bank, the Pine Island Market, Kwik Trip, the American Legion, and the Pine Island Sports Bar. And I rely on word of mouth. Please remind those you know of the survey so that their voices can be heard. 7. I did receive the mailer - I believe there was a question on it asking for a comment to include in presentation to Council- and if you wanted your name attached. That was a red flag for me on the ability to collect raw data from the target pool, unbiased. Answer: Correct, I ask in the survey if respondents would like to leave a message for our City Council. This message could either be named or be anonymous. When the survey is closed, I will share all those messages with our City Council. What about the question raised a flag for you? The question itself is optional. You do not need to answer it.

- [NAME], thanks for sharing. I did offer to run this survey with or on behalf of the City Council. That would have been ideal - to have both sides come together and run a survey like this. There are a number of responses that have come in that have neither name nor address. Your friend could do that, and at least have their voice represented. I will aggregate and report on the verified responses, and I will also aggregate and report on the non-verified responses.
- [NAME], I really hope not. I understand it takes a lot of trust to complete the survey. The only reason I ask for name and address (I don't ask for email) is so that I can verify that the response is from a resident of Pine Island or a surrounding township. The way I verify the response is using publicly available data from Goodhue and Olmsted county.
- [NAME], if your address is in zip code 55963 then you are welcome to participate. You should have received a flier in the mail.

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 17*



My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- www.pineislandsurvey.com for information and a survey link 😊

Public input speech as presented to City Council on August 18

The recording of the meeting held on this date is available [here](#).

Good evening,

We are just over halfway through the survey period for the Pine Island Sentiment Survey on the proposed hyperscale data center. The survey opened on August 1st and will close on August 31st.

As of this morning, we have received 630 survey responses.

Of these 630 survey responses, I have verified 404 using publicly available data from Goodhue and Olmsted Counties. I want to make it very clear that these are preliminary results. The final results will very likely be a little different from what I share today.

Of the 404 verified responses, in order of majority, here are the answers to the question, Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island?

- 72.5% - NO
- 20.5% - YES
- 6.2% - NOT SURE
- 0.7% - PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

These preliminary results are posted online at www.pineislandsurvey.com

When we get to the end of the survey period I will prepare a full report. I will report on the verified responses, and those I was unable to verify. I will report on responses from outside of 55963. I will report on digital vs. mailer responses.

But most importantly, I will summarize respondents' answer to the question, Please say more about why you feel that way? I will categorize the open-ended responses, so that we can have a better understanding of the reason behind respondents' answers.

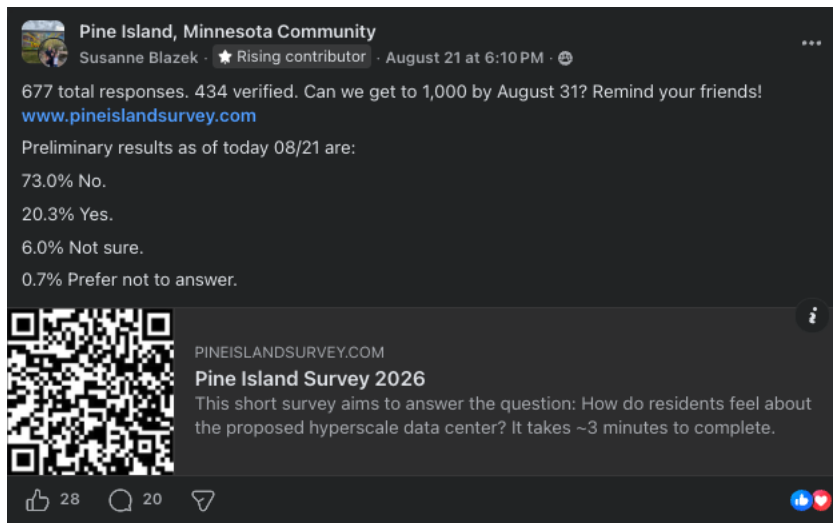
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And -- I rely on word of mouth. Please remind those you know of the survey so that their voices can also be heard.

Thank you.

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 21*



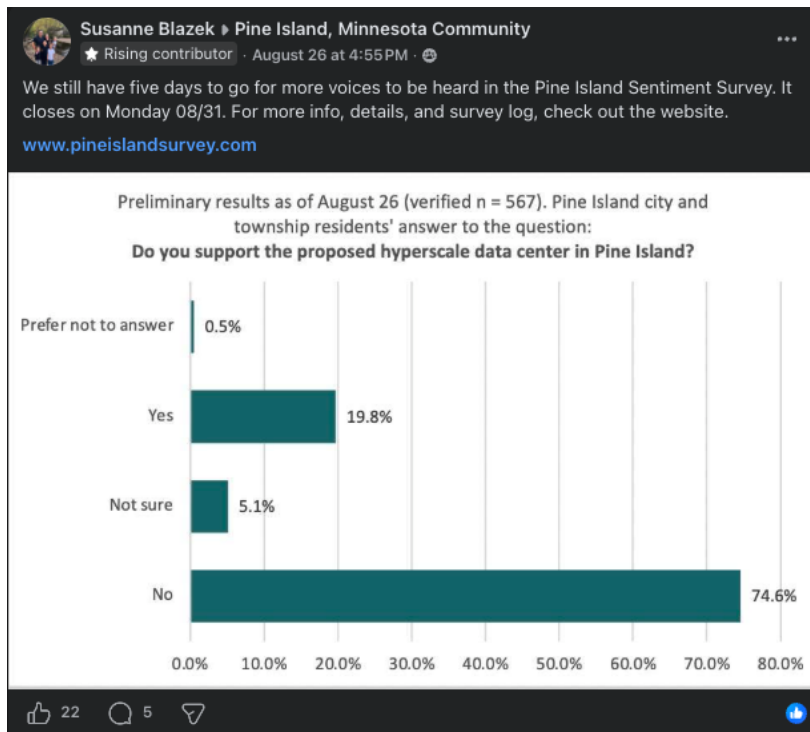
My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- In their survey response, someone asked why No is the first option, then Unsure, then Yes, then Prefer not to answer. The answer options ascend from left to right. This is the order in which we read. It is the order in which we visualize things from negative to positive. This is the most common order in survey research: from No to Yes, from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, from 1-10, and so on. Based on the comment, my understanding is that this individual worries that primacy bias would influence responses. We could also worry about recency bias. Or the availability heuristic. Or the representativeness heuristic. What I'm getting at is, there are many cognitive heuristics and biases at play, always. The best way to protect against them is to follow survey best practices.
- Hi [NAME], you are right that the survey link is open to multiple responses. I chose to do it this way so that multiple adults in the same household on the same wifi could participate. I remove any duplicates. So far, there are 5 duplicate responses. These were excluded from the results I shared. I also want to clarify that the survey is open to Pine Island residents and nearby township residents. I sent out survey fliers with USPS to all those who live along Pine Island urban and rural postal routes (~2,200 households). So far, there are 39 responses from outside zip code 55963 (responses from Rochester, Oronoco, Mazeppa, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota). These were also excluded from the results I shared.
- Hi [NAME], thanks for asking! Statistically speaking, no, we do not really need 1k responses. At 473 verified responses, we can have a high degree of confidence that the results will hold. With the current sample size, our 95% margin of sampling error is ± 3.8 percentage points. That would put the approximate full population estimate at 69.1%-76.7% No. We can also use power analysis to estimate the likelihood that the remaining population would have the opposite view. If we've heard from 473, what is the likelihood that the remaining population of ~3,675 is largely supportive (let's say 70% Yes and 30%

No)? The answer is essentially zero. But larger samples carry more face validity, and 1,000 is a nice and round number 😊 I'd love to see us get there!

- Hi [NAME], you are right that the survey is not a random sample, because everyone in the target population was invited to participate. Meaning, I didn't have to rely on random sampling as a method. I think what you are asking instead, and what we care more about in the social sciences, is: Are the responses representative of the full population? Based on the response distribution (which closely resembles national data) and the sample size, I am very confident that the responses are representative. I appreciate your POV and agree that we should have these discussions. I enjoy talking statistics, as I'm sure you do too 😊
- Hi [NAME], thank you for filling out the survey. Many people have had reservations about providing their name and address in the survey. I chose not to ask about demographics because asking about gender, age, race, and education (to adjust results to match census data) would have likely resulted in far fewer survey completions. The lack of demographic data does make it harder to confirm representativeness, but like I said to [NAME], we have reason to be confident in the survey results.
- Hello again [NAME], if you responded to the survey honestly then you would fail verification and your response would not be reported on. Most people are honest.
- [NAME] and [NAME], I have many controls in place to prevent those kinds of behavior. I won't share those here so as not to advertise how to circumvent the control measures. I will report on them in the final results after the survey closes.

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 26*



I had no responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post.

Email sent to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator of Pine Island on August 28

Subject line: 3 more days! Pine Island Sentiment Survey

Hello Brandi,

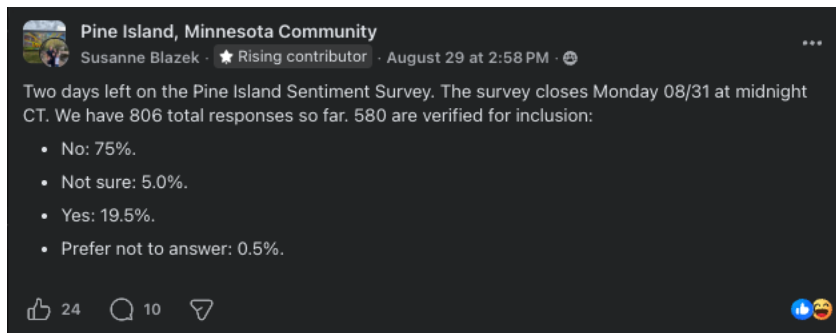
I'm reaching out to everyone I know this weekend to remind them about the Pine Island Sentiment survey.

For preliminary results, details, and the survey log - in addition to the survey link - head to

www.pineislandsurvey.com

Best,
E. Susanne Blazek

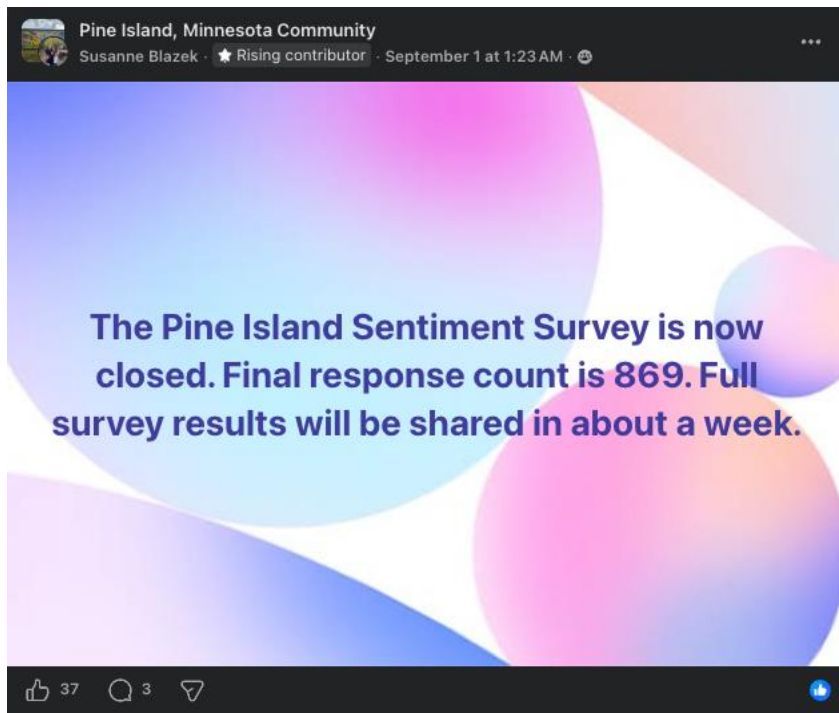
Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on August 29*



My responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post:

- www.pineislandsurvey.com
- I have verified 152 responses for exclusion. The two main reasons for exclusion is missing name/address (66% of excluded) and coming from outside of zip code 55963 (30% of excluded). I will summarize the excluded responses in detail in the final survey report. I am working on verifying the last 74 responses.
- I will include mailed in survey responses after 08/31 so long as they were stamped no later than 08/31.
- [NAME], that's a good idea. I Miss Betty Sue's Better Brews and wish we had a breakfast/coffee/diner place too.
- Thank you so much! Raising awareness is most important. Everyone is invited to share their voice. Each household received one flier but all adults 18+ are invited to respond. I still have some fliers left over. Let me know if you need some.

Facebook post to the Pine Island, Minnesota Community Facebook group *on September 1*



I had no responses to comments and questions on the Facebook post.

Survey log maintained during the month of August and made available at www.pineislandsurvey.com

08/01

Two individuals noted that Pine Island township is too narrow. New Haven and Roscoe townships should also be included in the survey. This was already the plan, but not apparent from the survey materials. I will make the change to be more inclusive and note “Pine Island residents and residents along the Pine Island USPS rural route.” These are the residents who will receive the survey mailer.

08/03

I put up fliers at City Hall, USPS, Kwik Trip, and the Pine Island Market. I sent survey fliers to all residents along Pine Island USPS' city and rural routes. They are expected to go out the following day. One individual wished to have their data deleted from the survey. I deleted the data and shared screenshots with the individual.

08/04

People are responding that they are receiving my survey flier.

08/05

Ryan Co. | Google sent mailers to many residents. I did not receive one. Why does this fact make it into the survey log? Because it might impact survey responses going forward. I will look at proportions of responses before and after August 4 to explore whether sentiment shifted as a result of the Ryan Co. | Google mailers.

08/06

I put up fliers at Frandsen Bank and Hardware Hank. I put up more fliers at City Hall and the Pine Island Market. Respondent verification has begun. I am verifying names and addresses against the Goodhue County Parcel Viewer and Olmsted County Property Records. As of 08/06, there are 29 responses without a name and address to verify.

08/07

I added into the survey, via www.pineislandsurvey.com, three mail-in responses. I noted the date added on the mailed in survey flyers.

08/08

I put up fliers at The Pine Island Sports Bar and at the American Legion. I added into the survey, via www.pineislandsurvey.com, seven mail-in responses. I noted the date added on the mailed in survey flyers.

08/10

I added into the survey, via www.pineislandsurvey.com, sixteen mail-in responses. I noted the date added on the mailed in survey flyers. I continue verifying responses. As of 08/10 I have verified 166 resident responses. Someone asked me today whether I use AI to verify records. I do not. I will not upload responses, names, or addresses anywhere. I verify responses against public records by hand.

08/11

I continue verifying responses. As of 08/11 I have verified 200 resident responses.

08/13

I added into the survey, via www.pineislandsurvey.com, eight mail-in responses. I continue verifying responses. As of 08/13 I have verified 300 resident responses. I have visualized the proportion of responses to the question: Do you support the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island? and added to the front page of this website.

I had to create another Qualtrics account since my free trial ends in 2 days and I was unable to extend another Strategic Research account trial. The links have all been updated, but the QR code will now go to a survey that is no longer live. I have added an end-of-survey message to that old survey link with a redirect to www.pineislandsurvey.com.

From front page (as the front page text will be updated) **Total survey responses: 526.** THE RESULTS ABOVE WILL LIKELY CHANGE SOMEWHAT. As we get more responses in over the next two weeks, we will see the results shift somewhat. With a current verified response sample of 300, the shifts to the results are expected to be small. Response verification continues. A large number of responses (n = 64) are missing name/address and therefore cannot be verified.

An individual on Facebook asked a lot of questions. I answered them there. Here are the answers:

1. What is the quality control points used in verification? **Answer:** In verification, I use publicly available data from Goodhue and Olmsted counties. I verify that the name and address match county data. All of these publicly available data can be found online.
2. How many of the 526 were excluded due to the verification process? **Answer:** I have verified 300 responses. Another 68 cannot be verified because they do not have a full name and address. 32 are excluded because they are a non-55963 address or a duplicate. As of today 08/14 at 4pm we have 579 completed responses. That leaves another 179 to verify.
3. Are you counting how many are excluded for what metric disqualified it? **Answer:** Yes. I am recording whether they are excluded for lack of name and address, for having a non-55963 address, for being a duplicate, or for something else. This will be included in the final survey report.
4. Do you have separate verification metrics for the digital vs mailer survey? **Answer:** No, I use the same method to verify name and address for the digital vs mailer survey.
5. What is the % returned vs census data? **Answer:** We have 579 responses so far. The best census-based figure I find is approximately 4,224 adults (age 18+) living in zip code 55963. That means we have responses from roughly 13.7% of adult residents, halfway through the survey period.
6. Did you collect a sample size from the target pool that can actually present meaningful numbers? **Answer:** That's a difficult question to answer until I know what the final sample size will be. My efforts have been to make sure all residents are aware of the survey and know how to complete it. I sent out survey fliers to all households in zip code 55963. I sent a letter to the editor of the Zumbrota News Record. I sent press releases

about the survey to the Zumbrota News Record, the Post Bulletin, and Rochester's News-Talk KROC. I posted to Facebook and LinkedIn. I have hung up fliers at City Hall, USPS, Hardware Hank, the Van Horn Public Library, Frandsen Bank, the Pine Island Market, Kwik Trip, the American Legion, and the Pine Island Sports Bar. And I rely on word of mouth. Please remind those you know of the survey so that their voices can be heard.

7. I did receive the mailer - I believe there was a question on it asking for a comment to include in presentation to Council- and if you wanted your name attached. That was a red flag for me on the ability to collect raw data from the target pool, unbiased. **Answer:** Correct, I ask in the survey if respondents would like to leave a message for our City Council. This message could either be named or be anonymous. When the survey is closed, I will share all those messages with our City Council. What about the question raised a flag for you? The question itself is optional. You do not need to answer it.

08/15

Ryan Co. | Google sent mailers to many residents inviting to a Pine Island Community Celebration on 08/19. I did not receive one. Why does this fact make it into the survey log? Because it might impact survey responses going forward. I will look at proportions of responses before and after August 19 to explore whether sentiment shifted as a result of the Ryan Co. | Google mailers and the celebratory event.

08/16

I added into the survey, via www.pineislandsurvey.com, eight mail-in responses.

08/17

I put up survey fliers at Ag Partners. I posted to Facebook that I will be at the City Council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 6pm, with survey fliers and an iPad for those who would like to submit a survey. An individual on Facebook said they thought this would skew the results because most people who attend City Council meetings are opposed to the Data Center.

08/18

I continue verifying responses. As of 08/18 I have verified 404 resident responses. I have updated the results on the main page.

I attended the monthly City Council meeting with two iPads and survey fliers and invited people to complete the survey. I received no survey responses before, during, or after the Council meeting. I was asked by an individual whether I had shared any of the results with my husband Joe. This question was likely in response to Joe's comment in his own speech to the City Council on questions "the majority of residents have about the data center." No, I have not shared any of the survey results with Joe. He sees what everyone else in the community sees: the updates on the Pine Island Facebook page and the updates on the website.

08/19

I attended the Ryan Co | Google Celebratory event in Pine Island. I asked people, "Hi! Have you heard about the Pine Island Sentiment Survey?" and handed them fliers. I talked about the survey

with ABC6 KAAL, KTTC, Post Bulletin, and MPR radio. The Post Bulletin published an article with a link to this website.

I spoke with Peter Fitzgerald of Ryan Co and asked him what his thoughts were on the preliminary results. Peter asked whether I would submit the survey to a “forensic analysis,” which means an exploration into whether survey responses were fake, duplicated, or bots. I said yes, but that I will not share the data he asked for. I will share my methods in detail, every step of the validation process I have taken, and the aggregated results. I will not share survey data.

08/20

I added into the survey 16 mail-in responses. I continue verifying responses. A number of responses come in from Milton Township in Dodge County. I will explore publicly available Dodge County records to verify these responses.

08/22

I added into the survey one mail-in response. I continue verifying responses.

An individual asked on Facebook today: “So my husband filled this out three times.... Once again the validity is in question with multiple same-person replies and only Pine Island residents. Please share the stats on multiple replies you have gotten and non resident contributors.”

My response: “Hi [...] you are right that the survey link is open to multiple responses. I chose to do it this way so that multiple adults in the same household on the same wifi could participate. I remove any duplicates. So far, there are 5 duplicate responses. These were excluded from the results I shared. I also want to clarify that the survey is open to Pine Island residents and nearby township residents. I sent out survey fliers with USPS to all those who live along Pine Island urban and rural postal routes (~2,200 households). So far, there are 39 responses from outside zip code 55963 (responses from Rochester, Oronoco, Mazeppa, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota). These were also excluded from the results I shared.”

Another individual asked: “I’ve heard some people say that your survey is inherently wrong because it is such a small sample size. Statistically speaking, do we really need 1k responses for the outcome to be a good indicator of the population? Aren’t we way past a statistically significant threshold?”

My response: “Hi [...], thanks for asking! Statistically speaking, no, we do not really need 1k responses. At 473 verified responses, we can have a high degree of confidence that the results will hold. With the current sample size, our 95% margin of sampling error is ± 3.8 percentage points. That would put the approximate full population estimate at 69.1%-76.7% No.

We can also use power analysis to estimate the likelihood that the remaining population would have the opposite view. If we’ve heard from 473, what is the likelihood that the remaining population of ~3,675 is largely supportive (let’s say 70% Yes and 30% No)? The answer is essentially zero. But larger samples carry more face validity, and 1,000 is a nice and round number 😊 I’d love to see us get there!”

From front page (as the front page text will be updated): **Total survey responses: 627.** THE RESULTS ABOVE WILL LIKELY CHANGE SOMEWHAT. As we get more responses in over the next two weeks, we will see the results shift somewhat. With a current verified response sample of 404, the shifts to the results are expected to be small. Response verification continues. A large number of responses (n = 75) are missing name/address and therefore cannot be verified.

08/26

I added into the survey five mail-in responses. I continue verifying responses. In addition to Goodhue and Olmsted counties, I am also checking Dodge County publicly available data.

From front page (as the front page text will be updated): **Total survey responses: 707.** THE RESULTS ABOVE WILL LIKELY CHANGE SOMEWHAT. As we get more responses in over the next two weeks, we will see the results shift somewhat. With a current verified response sample of 473, the shifts to the results are expected to be small. Response verification continues. A large number of responses (n = 88) are missing name/address and therefore cannot be verified.

08/30

I reach through all the open-ended comments and coded them by hand into 17 negative and 7 positive categories. I used grounded research to determine the number of size of the categories.

09/04

I wrote most of this report. I have a few more mail-in responses to add in, and a few more responses to verify. Once those two tasks as done I will populate this report with the latest numbers.

09/05

I finished verifying all those responses I could. I reached out to people for the remaining responses.

09/06

I continued writing this report.

09/07

I finished writing this report.

09/13

I make some changes to this report after having met with Mayor Staloch and City Administrator Howard on Thursday 09/10.

Open letter to the City Council.

ANONYMOUS MESSAGE IN ORDER: NO, UNSURE, YES, PREFER NOT TO SAY

City Council, we do not want this data center development. I have been at many meeting this past year and know that you don't care about the community of Pine Island. If you did, you would stop the pillage and plunder going on in our town by greedy big companies who do not care about us, either. Any amount of money these companies promise our town is NOT WORTH A DATA CENTER. WE DO NOT WANT IT. You are being taken advantage of and you don't care to understand this about yourselves. But we can see it. You have the power to stop this disaster. I also know that some of you (and the planning/zoning board) can't see through the dump of info that the city admin and lawyer and engineer firehouse at you. It's not your fault; they do that on purpose - but it is your fault for not stopping them. NDAs should be illegal in this context.

We are disappointed in the covert way this was handled and we directly oppose the data center.

This entire process has been very frustrating since first learning about it in September. The lack of transparency regarding this and lack of environmental concerns for residents is against all values listed in the Pine Island paths and responsibilities. As residents we deserve answers from our city council members and not pre written information from the developer. Concerns include noise pollution, air pollution, water consumption and treatment, as well as construction issues with noise and air pollution and the route in which construction vehicles have traveled. The mitigations listed in the development plan are laughable. The noise levels discussed in the development plans do not encompass all sound levels that a hyperscale data center will produce. The council appears to have done everything to appease the developer and Google and nothing to stand by its residents for protection. Instead the main concern of the city is money. There is nothing in the plans to help residents in the form of property value loss, issues with wells from waste water contamination, or protections for our health with well researched issues regarding cardiopulmonary issues, forms of cancer, and mental health disturbances. We no longer feel Pine Island is a safe place to raise our family.

A data center should require the majority vote of the community. Our trust in our city leadership is low.

As a resident, as well as someone who spent majority of their life in and out of pine island, the proposed data center is harmful. No matter how you try to spin it-Google knows what they are doing. Council has made comments about "not looking at other areas" because we are not them&but we will become them if we go forward with this. Tell us we do not understand when we have spent hundreds of hours researching to understand because nothing has been made clear and has been done in the dark-saying it's what's best for the community has been something this community has been hit with for years and wouldn't you know it, it hasn't helped& it hurts& as someone who lives in the middle of town, I can hear everything at night from the semis on 52, to the cows at the round about on county road 3,Äiyou can't tell me the noise alone won't be enough to mess with peoples health, let alone the waste of water, waste of land, and hurting wildlife-hurting peoples lives-this is not what's best for the people of Pine Island at all.

I am disappointed in the way this has been handled. Pine Island can do better.

I am not sure if all the information was given to our city council before they made this decision, but this should've been put in front of the city Pine Island for a vote.

Shame on all of you. Data centers are targeting small communities because we dont have the resources to fight them off. This Data center brings nothing to the table. Look at Teddy Kimble's numbers he ran. The bad outweighs the good. This Data center will kill our town. I hope all of you that voted for it are forced to stay in the soon to be dying town
You have a responsibility to residents first, not big tech and you've forgotten that. We won't forget this.
Why are you trying so hard to be a big city when people move here to get away from the big cities??
How do I keep my future kids safe when the air we breathe, water we drink, and ground we stand on are all contaminated with chemicals/pollution from this data center.
I feel betrayed. We rented in pine island for 7 years. We purchased a house in pine island 2 months before the plan for the data center was made public. Only to find the city knew about it for years. I would never have invested in a city that lies to its people like that! You didn't even give us a chance to voice our concerns. You didn't let us have a seat at the table and be a part of the conversation. You are supposed to represent us! I want a healthy future for my children. I don't want my town's resources powering AI! This is shameful.
I'm so disgusted and disheartened by the behavior of city council, the city administrator (Elizabeth Howard), and the city attorney. They should be ashamed of the abhorrent behavior.
It saddens me that you allowed yourselves to be convinced of only the “positive” outcomes of this development, and did not understand that a community is about more than tax revenue. It's about trust, respect, and communication&none of which you displayed throughout this process. The power you think you hold was given because you were entrusted to put us, your community, first. No matter your intentions, you failed in your role as council as you did not make a good faith effort to listen to and or consider the community at large. You allowed yourselves to be deceived and in return, passed the burden of this community's education on the detriments of hyper scale data centers on to the shoulders of the very people you were supposed to be working for towards the maintenance and improvement of their lives in and around this city. You should have understood that this decision was far beyond what you were capable of making on your own, and you should have made an HONEST effort to seek the input of community members. You failed horrifically, and we will all pay the price for your lack of effort.
Thought you represented the people of the town and it does seem like that.
Shame on the city council for lying to the people they claim to represent. Everything about this entire deal (including then current mayor being appointed) is shady as hell and not how any city should be run. They were elected to represent their community and they've done nothing but go against the community they claim to love time and time again. No wonder there are currently 8 homes in my neighborhood for sale. They're going to find many people choosing to move out of town.
Inform the community before making huge decisions and signing NDA's
Why is there a rush? There seems to be a speedy incomplete process to move this as fast as possible. However as ironic as it maybe if you google AI datacenters there is very little to almost no positive aspects being reported but there are issues with water, power, noise, deep ground chemicals being found in ground water. There are concerns from places in Virginia and Texas where they have already been built. What are we headed to? Is there a long term commitment from Google and the builder a pre-funded bond perhaps if they leave or the

datacenter is no longer needed to fund the expected tax revenue or clean up environmental damage? What are you doing to look out for the future of Pine Island?
Please don't destroy our beloved Town
In a world so focused on advancement and “progress”, we as people seem dead set on ruining the planet that that advancement will happen on. Instead of focusing on efforts to expedite that process, our tiny but mighty town could be a pioneer in preventing this. Our little town could be the catalyst to other communities taking a stand and preventing this detrimental environmental impact. If our “advancement” is linked solely on using and wasting earth's valuable resources, then we shouldn't be trying to advance.
It's going to siphon water away from a number of communities nearby, including the major city of Rochester. It's still in Olmsted County and will share resources. It also is going to drive up our electricity costs and our water bills. And where is the benefit? The federal government gives all kinds of subsidies to Google to encourage its buildout, but they do not take care of the local communities that suffer in the wake of data centers. If we polled the entire city of Rochester, I doubt you would find 10% of residents who support the data center.
Your actions have been shameful. Listen to your constituents. Listen to your neighbors. Stop trying to prevent people from speaking about the dangers of data centers - try LISTENING to them for a change.
Please answer the questions with concrete data.
Please hold off letting the Data Center come to Pine Island until we see how they affect other communities who have them.
Please take the time to actually look at the poll results. Our community overall doesn't support the plan for a data center!
How much did council members receive?
For City Council members, please listen to the concerns of the constituents. Their engagement should be viewed as an opportunity to restore an essential relationship and not as an inconvenience to ignore. These decisions were made in secrecy, without the consent or input of those most intimately impacted. There is time to rectify.
I would like to know why information was kept from us. I would like to know why this was not put to a referendum. This has caused so much disinformation in our community and we still don't have answers because no one will talk to us.
This is one of the most cowardly group I have met. The people that I thought actually cared about this community as a solid place to raise a family have turned out to be money hungry without looking at facts. Economic growth is important but not at the cost of ruining the health and financial well-being of the citizens. You offered NO PROOF of actual job gain, hide facts about power and water usage and have no regard for the environmental integrity of the homes close to the proposed site. PLEASE make sure that if this goes through that you all buy homes closest to the plant for you and all your children and grandchildren to prove your claims. I have researched this types of centers and they are cause great harm both to the people and the eco-system. You have done nothing but disappoint me because I used to respect you as a person but no longer care for you as such. Greed and lack of intelligent investigation will be your epitaph as a Pine Island Council.
Please do not go forward with this it would be a waste of space an can do so much more with the financial aide
No comment

When this project was still in the thinking process, why were the city residents NOT included in this? We are the ones that have to live with the noise, health effects and higher cost of living (gas, electric, water, etc.). You can live with Google and Ryan's BS responses and bad information, but we put you into office hoping you would have the best interest for the citizens of this community and NOT your own personal agendas. 5 people made this decision, we can take you out of office also.
The way the council has behaved in regards to this project is disappointing. As representatives of the community, we deserve transparency and for the council to act on the behalf of residents, not themselves or big tech.
Take your time. Don't be rushed. Make sure the City doesn't buy into promises that can't be fulfilled.
Please consider the long term effects, not just the immediate results. Money cannot buy everything.
This will be the worst thing that has ever happened to PI. You will regret forcing this on us. And I don't want any of you in leadership roles anymore. - anonymous
A strong NO to this data center. The negative impacts cannot be ignored. There is a reason they tried to get this done without input. This is horrible.
This doesn't just affect PI
was there a non-disclosure agreement? If so WHY
I do not want a data center! They use up so much water for this ai garbage, all this money and all these resources could be provided to third world countries but instead yall wanna use it for data centers and ai, ridiculous!
We need transparency and to know the counsel is working for best for all citizen taxpayers of Pine Island, not big companies who aren't already invested in our community. LOCALS FIRST!
Try a bit harder. Also, stop trying to take our community's well water away, you bastards.
Listen to what the people are saying. NO DATA CENTER.
Please stop this. Any benefits are greatly overshadowed by the negative impacts something like this will have on our community.
Please put a stop to this data center. I don't want our beautiful small town to be tarnished by a resource draining data center.
The city needs to explore other options to grow the city and improve the environment and economy. This can be done without destroying natural resources and quality of life for residents.
I hope this survey helps you focus on representing the people who elected you.
My family of 5 categorically opposes this development in our community. This will drain our resources which are already stretched thin at times of peak usage.
The details of these dealings should have been made public immediately. This is a massive project that affects everyone in our community and we should have been made aware of this at the first hint.
Nobody wants a data center. It will do way more harm than good. It will cause noise that will drive people crazy. The water around us will be poison. The energy problem will only get worse. I don't care what they promised it would do, it's the wrong move.
You had a chance to make a much better deal on behalf of the people you were chosen to serve but you we're complacent and let yourself be bullied.

Repairing the long term damage that will be inflicted on the community will cost far more than any potential short term gain.
Needs everything to be transparent which it has not been. They should not be getting a tax break.
In my research of data centers I cannot uncover any perceived benefits to our community. The false belief that they will bring tax revenue will only bring anger and disappointment as massive companies like these find ways to circumvent the rules and standards us commoners are held to. Environmental and water concerns are very real. The noise will most certainly disrupt the peace of this beautiful area.
Let the people of the city vote if they want the data center.
It's a bad idea. It was shady in that it was presented, why would the city council be so secretive about it if it's supposed to be a good thing.
Why was this plan not disclosed to the public until it was already in action?
The city council is supposed to support the residents wants and look out for what is best for us.
The majority of people in pine island do not want the data center to move forward. The lack of public representation is appalling.
You better find a way to reverse it, I won't do anything but there are many very angry people.
I understand change is inevitable, but this is not the change we need. My family has grown up for many generations in this town. A lot has already changed in the past 20 yrs. This change however is going to make this town a ghost town. Nobody will want to live near by. Look at how many houses have gone up for sale in the last year alone. The town is speaking and in volumes here! 2-3yrs ago you could barely find a place in this town. Now there is a house on every street nearly for sale. There is not enough research on the long term possible effects of this data center. Are we really willing to risk our health for this without more in depth, long term possibilities?
Public feedback BEFORE starting this or any other large scale project should be done. It's clear that the city feels due notice was given to residents but as a resident who follows Facebook pretty closely, but does not get the paper, I never saw any posting requesting residents come for public discussion prior to the project getting started. I think the name given to the project was purposefully misleading so that people wouldn't look too closely.
The best interest of the community is NOT monetary gain. Community comes together when we need each other, and that is clearing happening now. Do not allow this build and listen to your constituents!!
I feel extremely frustrated with our city council and former mayor. You have had every opportunity to share these plans with the community over the past two years. Instead, we heard about the secretive Project skyway, a supposed business development. Never mention of a Google data center which will be a very negative financial and environmental impact on our town. Tax abatement for Google? They should be flooding the community with money rather than receiving a tax break. Shame on you for keeping the community in the dark. It shows how little you care about the people who call Pine Island home. From depletion of natural resources to added tax burden and declining property values, you should be ashamed of yourselves. My only guess is that council pockets are being lined somehow.
This is not ethical

You were elected to your position to be a voice for your fellow citizens, not because your decision making skills were thought to be superior to those you will be speaking on behalf of. As a community, we would rather deal with the impact of a decision the community at large agreed upon, than one that was forced upon us against the majority's wishes.
I ask the City Council to please listen to the community and the various opinions that are offered. Please put away the dollar signs that seem to be dancing in your mind and put yourself in our position. Especially, put yourself in the position of those that live within a mile of the proposed Data Center. Are you one of those? I doubt it and if you were, I have a feeling you would have a different opinion. This is tearing our wonderful community apart. Please reconsider and don't be a "yes" stamp for the billionaire company Google.
Listen to your residents
It's most unfortunate that we have a city council who signed NDAs, kept this from the public for a long time, and are marching this through process despite city council meetings with so much opposition for this project that they see fit to walk out of them. This does not seem to be a city council that truly keeps their citizens interests a priority.
Your lack of transparency to your community is upsetting. The signing of NDAs proves in my mind that you're serving the interests of a massive tech company instead of Pine Island. It seems that the communities views have largely been ignored, exemplified in the walking out of town meetings regarding this project.
Please reconsider why you've entered into the local government space and put the interests of this town above financial gains from Google.
Please listen to your constituents. This is our home and we should have a say in what is happening to it.
This has been a very frustrating process and not something that we expected living in a small tight knit community
Please care about the community you represent.
I believe that as residents of the community we should get more of a say in these events that are going to have this large of an impact on the area. I think that it should have not been something that was pushed through and so secretive. I think the city council has lost a lot of respect and have shown a lack of integrity in this whole process. As someone who doesn't usually get involved in politics and all of that it is hard not to with the events that have taken place in the last year.
The people should be allowed to vote on whether they want it or not
Please don't do this to us and our little town!
The city, county and state should not pay and suffer the cost of our communities financial, environmental and health for a giant corporation that is just looking for an undeserved tax break, land and water/electrical resources basically taken from each community they build in. There is no benefit to anyone besides the corporation, especially in the long term. Taxes should be exponentially high on anyone wanting to create a living, loud toxic waste area in our community. The property values will suffer, which means we lose tax base. Resources suffer, which drives families out of the community which means we lose tax base. The amount of land needed could house many businesses/homes, which also means a loss of tax base. This is a losing proposition no matter how you look at it from a community perspective.
While I understand there are possible benefits as well as my previously noted concerns, I feel this was a decision that should have been put out to the town as a whole with a vote. There

should have been transparency in providing information and letting us collectively make the decision. The way this went down quite honestly felt a little shady. It's disappointing.
Data Centers do not belong in rural areas. Put them in large metro so we are not affected by their impacts on our way of living. We have no benefit from Data Centers.
Trust and respect are a lot like air. You don't notice them until they are gone, and then it's all you notice. Collectively your actions related to this topic have been atrocious.
Not only was this data center approved by the council without city consensus, it was also planned under NDAs. No public figure should sign an NDA and then go forward on major plans that will drastic results on the community they serve. That is a nefarious action.
Are you sure you are getting all the information needed to move ahead. Do you feel the company proposal is leaving anything out.
No.
Those of you who thought this was acceptable should not be council members any longer. You've lost my trust in your abilities to "manage" the city. As a result, my family and I are planning to remove ourselves from this community entirely. Pine Island will suffer if this moves forward and I refuse to be a part of it. If it wasn't already clear, your ability to make decisions to better the community is laughably out of touch. Disappointing.
Listen to what the people want! Not the \$\$ signs.
This hyperscale project is not the way we want to see economic growth in our SMALL town.
People of Pine Island had no say in this, they were not informed, there is no good side to this for the community.
I believe pine island has gone about the proposed data center all wrong and have been very secretive about everything and not open and honest no studies have been ran by pine island and highly consider pine island do a lot more studies and truly understand the effects of the data center I do not believe it will be good for our city and in the long run will cause people to move and for our city to not grow
Please consider the environmental and health consequences this data center will have. Please do not turn a blind eye to how this will negatively affect the community mentally, physically, and environmentally. Most data centers that are built have been shut down due to a multitude of concerning reasons. Everyone sees the money aspect and think it'll bring so much to our small town when in fact money is just a big cover up to build this when actually it is damaging. Please review ALL DATA available about how data centers affect the community and resources around them.
Why do cities always sing nda s and hide information from citizens
Please do not let this come to Pine Island.
I am concerned about the lack of transparency of this project. Such a large scale operation should have had community input from the beginning. I am also concerned about the changing story regarding the impact of the data center on the community, there is no reason that such a high profile company can not provide substantial verified data (credible numbers, not suggested similarity ie comparison to the golf course) regarding actual water and electricity usage, environmental impact, and ongoing employment opportunities after the construction is completed. In addition I think the council owes the community a detailed explanation on why tax abatement was applied when it does not seem applicable in this circumstance. It seems only fitting that this is disclosed in its entirety to tax paying citizens. The council continues to act as if the community is misinformed, so please inform us so that we can better understand

your reasoning. It is the lack of transparency that has born distrust. If this is such a worthy project that will bring so many benefits to the community, why not disclose this up front? I understand you may be feeling a lot of heat from the community right now but that is what you signed up for. We the people put you in office to represent us and that includes those who may disagree with your views. Your job is to ensure all citizens are heard and given credible answers. This isn't a simple decision to put a stop light on main street. It has the potential to harm the people you were elected to protect. All we ask is that you do your due diligence to ensure that all potential impacts of this project are addressed with scientific evidence and disclosed to the community as a whole, then listen to your constituents before making decisions that impact their homes, community, and lives.
For the sake of the residents in Pine Island, please do not build a data center in this community
Why not include us in the decision?
I have two children with asthma who have inhalers. With the amount of pollutants the data center will emit into our air, this will sadly drive us out of town. Think about everyone in our community, especially our children! We do NOT need a data center!
There is absolutely no benefit to having that data center brought into this town!! People move here because it's a small quiet suburb of Rochester! With that data center it will deter people to move here and also the HUGE concern with our water supply and power issues!! Also this is going to affect our home values as well!! NO DATA CENTER!
You are the voice of the city. It is your responsibility to represent the views of the citizens in making decisions. If the majority of people in town support the data center and there are numbers to show, then proceed. Otherwise, you should do everything in your power to stop the data center.
We do not want a data center here in our city or anywhere near.
You should be ashamed to call yourselves members of the community for allowing yourselves to be bought out.
It's a terrible idea for the community
I wish this would have been brought for us to be voted on before a decision was made
Thank you for selling out the community you "serve" for your own personal interests. It seems pretty evident for how strongly you support the data center and overlook all of the negative impacts to our community that you are receiving something under the table from Google and/or Ryan companies. And the disrespect you show the residents of PI at the City Council meetings is absurd. Each of you is a disgrace to the city of Pine Island.
Not sure what to say than what has already been said. I do not support the data center and wish we were being heard.
The answer to question 2 can be my comment.
no Data center
No
It will be an eyesore and take up agricultural land and use too much electricity.
You were elected and voted in by the voters of this town. You all are to be putting the communities best interests first as city council members and not what you believe for yourselves. This decision was made by the council and not for the best interest of our community. Our community didn't have a say on it until you the council had already decided and approved it, this is not how our city council should be ran at all.
Try getting public input before acting on your own.

I disagree with the approval if this project. I also find any signing of NDAs when it comes to community decisions highly suspicious and dishonest.
The data center does not benefit the community. No information has been provided in support of a data center.
The people have spoken! Stop the data center
It would have been nice to include the community before deals were made behind closed doors years in advance. This small community will still exist long after this temporary phase of data centers will. Please reflect on the damage that will be caused by this long after you are out of office.
Sure
The way that the City Council is handling this is just ridiculous. They all seem to be cowards who do not care for the community they are supposed to serve.
This choice has repercussions far beyond the scope of this city council. If a data center is allowed to come here, you will not be able to do anything to stop them from taking our infrastructure, contaminating our drinking water, driving up prices for residents' utilities, exposing the town to environmental toxins, and driving away any opportunity for future community growth. People will leave Pine Island. Those that are left won't be able to sell their houses. You will be subjected to air, noise and water pollution with unknown consequences. And there will be nothing you can do. Please don't do this to Pine Island and Rochester residents. You were elected to represent our interests- not do shady business deals. The data centers are bad news.
A decision that would greatly impact the residents of this community was never brought to our attention until the "deal" was done. It gives little trust in the people making decisions for the people of this community. We own homes, work, own businesses, etc here. We should have been included in such a vastly large decision that would negatively impact us. At least a survey such as this to see how the community truly felt about it but they probably would lie about the results anyway. So disappointing!
A data center is a great risk to our health and economy. The jobs created will be very few and since technology changes so fast the data center will be outdated in a short time frame. AI in general is unsafe as the recent security breaches have shown. The financial gain for the city government and the kickbacks to the city board will pale in comparison to the financial loss to the citizens. NDAs would not be necessary if there wasn't something shady or dangerous about the facility.
Stop your selfishness, you are there to make a difference for better for the people of the town, instead you are putting power and money over people and the environment.
No. I think they already know how the majority of people feel about how they dealt with this process.
I have heard NOTHING good about it. Please.
I cannot believe the council failed to include the community in the decisions before agreements were signed. An informed voting process should've taken place to ensure the majority of community supported this. I feel that the council poorly represented the people of this town.
Please share our concerns about lack of rules/regulations in place to ensure soil, water, safety, negative impacts on human health, and impacts to our power grid
I feel like this data center has divided our once wonderful town. I moved here for the small town feel but the close proximity to Rochester. I planned to build here in the next 5 years

along with my brother and now we have put our plans on hold due to our land being so close to the data center site. If it does get built, we will no longer build and my family will eventually move away from Pine Island because we want to settle somewhere quiet, with water resources for our massive garden, great hunting opportunities, and a little hobby farm. That is what our property was supposed to be. The reality of that happening based on testimony from people who do live close to other data centers is that will not happen. I am sad for PI

Please openly listen to your taxpayer and be transparent

Dear Mayor and Members of the Pine Island City Council, I am writing to formally log my deep opposition to your previous decision to approve Project Skyway. While the ongoing legal injunction by the courts has temporarily protected our town, it should never have required a lawsuit to force the comprehensive environmental and community review that Pine Island deserves. I urge you to use this courtroom pause to reconsider the devastating, long-term costs of this data center. This massive facility threatens to place an unsustainable burden on our local resources, risking our municipal water supply and driving up electricity costs for everyday residents. Our community value relies on open green spaces and a high quality of life—not the 24/7 industrial hum of cooling systems, backup diesel pollution, and a sprawling corporate footprint. Tech giants may promise financial windfalls, but local taxpayers are the ones left to fund the surrounding infrastructure upgrades for a facility that provides almost no permanent, long-term jobs for our citizens once construction finishes. You were elected to protect the people and future of Pine Island, not the financial interests of outside developers. I plea with you to respect the community's vocal concerns, stand with your constituents, and permanently rescind your support for this project.

Please stop this data center. You have been misled by these companies. This is the same playbook they have used on every other city. Open your eyes to what has happened in other places. Listen to the science, explore the research. There are multiple examples and plenty of facts about what a terrible idea this is for our city.

Resign now!! How much did you get under the table?? How do you profit from all of this? where do you live relative to the data center??

None

STOP the lies & STOP this project before it's too late! You all need common sense to realize what you have got sucked into all because of your greed\$\$\$\$. Life's matter more than money!!!!

It's not a great way to start a project to go sign NDAs instead of provide the information to the people you represent. Automatic distrust.

I am disappointed in how the City Council has approached this decision. They have lacked transparency, adequate change management, community engagement and awareness, and did not advocate for the health of our residents. This data center can have significant health impacts and allowing the proximity to our homes and businesses was a complete disregard for our safety. It does feel like this is all about money.

Please think of the negative consequences and efforts this could have on our community and its people.

I feel that our town cannot support the electrical and water systems for the data center while also supporting the community. I think that our water will greatly be affected and will end up a huge problem for the community. It's also known to be loud and I care for the peace and quiet of those who would live near the cite. I don't support the data center.

This seems like a topic that should be voted on directly as a referendum. I do not feel that my view and the view of many of my peers is being represented.
Please think of the safety of the community instead of money.
It would overwhelm the peaceful town and disrupt lives by dominating utility demands, overly commercializing the town and making ingoing demands to the local leadership to place the data center as a priority over the established residents. I wholeheartedly oppose a dar center in Pine Island.
I don't care how much you councilors are making under the table! Just don't do it! It (in the long term) doesn't create enough jobs or economic boost to be worth destroying our water & electrical supply, the demand on those systems is to high for us to keep the level of life where it currently is and it won't be cheep/quick to upgrade the systems.
I would only support the data center if my cost of living, including power and water do not increase
Please don't destroy Pine Island. Keep it a great place to raise a family, were we can call home. Say no to the data center.
Please defer this It's Just not good for Us!
Admit your error and start listening to the citizens. Add the above comment.
No
I think that this sounds like now it is another Elk Run - bridge to nowhere that were not thought out or investigated first.
If this mega data center is such a fantastic opportunity why isn't there a very long list of other town wanting one rather that law suits to keep them out ???
It's sad that you (the council members) feel that a decision this important to the future of our community is something that the few of you can make alone without getting factual information to all community members and allowing us an individual say (vote) to share our perspective.
Pine Island
We are very disappointed in you. What gives you the right to make this big of a decision for 3000 people and then keeping it a secret. This is just another elk run. How did that turn out for you? These data centers prey on small towns like ours with the promise of \$\$\$\$. You were fools to fall for it. This will be the ruin of this small town. You failed your job and we will all pay for it.
It was discomfoting to find this was a "done deal" before I even knew anything about it.
I believe their minds are made up so not sure that any message from me will make a difference.
Listen to the residents.
Please listen to the people of Pine Island
Think of P.I. people - not your pockets. Work with P.I. people. Others have been smart & turned it down.
There needs to be a referendum on the ballot at election time voting yes or no for all P.I. citizens.
Erin Brokovich finds are bad for Data Centers

Taking too much land. Farming built this community.
Please vote this down. This will not grow our town in a positive way.
Please, stop this data center from being build
You can include the above but do not name My name
Pine Island
I think we have a lot of other things to consider and focus on. This would increase traffic through our community school safe route, which is already not safe. Noise volume is already high from the gun range, plus the trees that were cut down at the bottom of pine crest (which I shared a project the city could have applied to participate in but the mayor wasn't interested). Worries about house values dropping.
You council members are not for the citizens of this town.
Pine Island is a farm town, not an industrial town. It can't support a decent restaurant for more than a year. This facility would be run & likely operated by outsiders and the majority of any profits produced would leave the area right away. Growth for the city would be minimal, and the proposed 100M infrastructure invested would build what? Half a mile of new road?
This should have been presented to residents long before now. If it's such a good thing, every city would want one - not the case.
While I trust that the decision was made with good intentions, I believe that for an issue of such significant and "political" nature, this matter should have been presented to the community for their input. Susan has made considerable efforts to gather diverse opinions, yet our own council, which possesses greater resources, was unable to do the same.
Listen to the citizens instead of trying to keep them quiet.
Brandi Veith Staloch, Vernon Pahl, Colton Wright, Delana Weis
Why aren't you listening?
You should refuse to approve this data center. We need more information before we move forward.
I grew up here and I have been a resident here for over 30 years and I do not want to see this in my town. I support all the hard efforts of my peers trying to get this thing to stop because the city council does not seem to listen to the countless cries to stop this. It is very selfish of you to put your thoughts and needs ahead of the town's peoples who elected you and had faith in you to hear them out and make them feel seen and heard. Going to the city council meetings and watching back the city council meetings and being an active speaker at the council meetings, there's not a single person on that board who is willing to have a conversation or even make eye contact with you when you're speaking and make you feel like you are being heard in any way. It's absolutely devastating that we, the townspeople have to fight for what we believe is the town's best interest and that is to not have this data center here.
Transparency, there was none. NDA, hiding behind them instead of telling us what you are doing. Elizabeth Howard is no good for this city and must have her own agenda in mind for the things she does. If she gets "let go" the city has to pay her for a year. She made this clause and got it approved by council. Transparency did or do the towns people know that she changed this so she can still get paid when not working for the city??
Please apply greater scrutiny to these types of developments, it's not the same as approving a new restaurant or car repair shop. This is huge, no existing mechanism you have was designed to properly evaluate such a development. Please understand the scale of what you are doing.

I believe the second the city council signed NDA's regarding the data center they no longer had the communities best interest in mind. Instead they have continued to belittle and put community members down for their disapproval of the project. Clearly the city council was bought over by Ryan company's corrupt tactics of money. It's disgusting the council would allow a trillion dollar company to not paying taxes for decades and instead impose that financial burden on community members. The same community members who do not want the data center. Our taxes are already ridiculously high and there are other communities needs the taxes should be going towards.
Do not allow the proposed data center to come through. Look at what they have done to other communities as far as water and electricity prices. Rochester is already talking about water shortages, do we really want to add to the issue in such a massive and pointless manner? There will be no product produced that would benefit residents here.
No
Yes. My question is who do they work for and why was it not posted and let our community know.
The Pine Island city administrator and city council are NOT QUALIFIED to determine if this issue is appropriate for Pine Island.
You should have done your homework on the destruction the noise will do to our community instead of buying everything the developer told you. The information is all out there. Do your job!
The fact we have NDAs in question tells me enough about how untrustworthy Ryan company and our current council have been.
Do everything you can to stop this data center
I am extremely disappointed in the poor leadership of the Council in cramming through this project without full disclosure, using code names and inadequate testing.
Get out of your little bubble and hear the people; not just your supporters & friends who have the same ideology as you. I've lived in this town for 52 years, my family started roots here and rode to town via horse and buggy! and to hear a transplant say we are a suburb is blasphemy. My family lives here because it is a small town with basic needs. Be the voice of the people, all people!
Think about your townspeople not the pocketbook
This is overwhelmingly unpopular with the public.
PLEASE don't let a data center ruin the dream of quiet country living for those living in and outside of pine islands. Protect small towns. Do the right thing.
This data center plan is of major concern to all of us, and we would like it halted. Permanently.
We don't need anyone with blue hair on the city council
Think of the family and kids health before money
The lack of transparency is appalling. I am very disappointed in the respect that they have for the people of this town. We moved here for the small town and after 19 years we are hearing people and the city that they want this to be a big town.
You only thought about the money not what the people you are supposed to be standing up for. Our health is at risk. Our community is at risk all because you kept secrets and didn't ask us what we wanted from the get go. Be ashamed of yourself.
None

Please have a community vote the next time you want to bring in a big project or plan that is going to affect the community members before you make something permanent. This is a big development that the community members should have had a say in.
You have said this will be good for Pine Island, but have considered what our community will look like if you are wrong?
There are significant environmental, infrastructural, financial, and personal privacy concerns with this data center development. The proposed data center will not provide a net benefit to the quality of life of the residents of Pine Island.
The number one thing that supports a community of people is not money or AI technology; it is the basic necessities of quality water, air and food. These appear to be in jeopardy from a review of other similar projects. The burden of proof to protect these for the community is the main issue. What are the specific assurances and how have you built trust within the community to address them?
Just think about our future, does it benefit us?
Everything about this has been shady. Shame on all of you for letting it get this out of hand!
Even if we end up needing to pay out for backing out of the deal, I hope we do so we can stop the mistake in our town
I am writing to express my opposition to the data center project in our community. I am very concerned about the long-term impacts on my town as well as the financial impacts as utility costs are already out of control. I am also troubled about the lack of transparency from the city surrounding its approval process and with them putting money ahead of what the residents of the town actually want. I would urge you to do the right thing and stop the building of the data center and come back to the table to do what should have done in the first place which is provide full disclosure and put it to a vote to the people who actually live in the community.
Please listen to your own citizens. The vast majority of people do not want this project in their backyard. Remember who elected you.
I'm disappointed in the lack of transparency. Trying to sneak this through the back door and not taking the community into account.
We do NOT want the data center here in our town. Do NOT vote for it.
Noise pollution, water consumption to fill the closed system, very few long term jobs generated, tax abatement.
The city council needs to pull their head out of their butts and listen to the people who voted them in, or get out of their seats.
Please reverse course and stop allowing the building of this hyperscale data center until full environmental review has been completed - proper scoping, specific potential impact and mitigation promises, AND restart by presenting it to all affected residents so they can have a proper opportunity to review all the proposed benefits and drawbacks and decide as a community. Restart this with full Transparency and due diligence. If it's going to be great for Pine Island, take the time to let that come through. If it's not right for Pine Island, then let that become apparent. Choose relationship in community over money. That's the only way this community grows stronger. Money doesn't make community, but allowing money to come first will destroy it. If you continue as this project started- without transparency and full community involvement- you risk irreparable harm to the relationships that make up this community. Please reconsider this project with community in mind.

Allowing a data center to be built in Pine Island will have negative effects on both our community and environment. I hope that the city council is able to recognize this and use their position to help support the community rather than hurt it.
No thanks
Do proper tests and look into all areas of your communities concern instead of ignoring your neighbors.
You are an awful collection of vile human beings. If it was such a great idea, why all the secrets and underhanded dealings? Why did we learn about this through the media and not you&.if it's so wonderful? You all should be ashamed and run out of town. You are all horrible people who don't deserve our forgiveness. Well at least you're getting rich&.right? That's all that matters to you. That's exactly how this appears to your “ neighbors”!
Signing a NDA and withholding known information that impacts (good or bad) the community that you were elected to represent should be illegal and every one of you should be ashamed. We have voting opportunities and pathways to communicate with the community for items such as this.
I don't think it's too late to put a pause on it for a while.
Following Googles playbook on keeping citizens in the dark and minimizing our voices is a stain on the council record
This project is a net negative for the community
I would just like to remind them why they hold the position they do, to uphold the wants and needs of the community. The majority is against this, it's failed in other communities, and they need to remember that and take it into consideration. Also, NDAs are BS and city officials shouldn't be allowed to enter into such agreements. If everything is on the up and up there would be no need for an NDA. What is it that you all feel needs to be kept from the public?
No
Our family loves Pine Island but is now actively looking to move out of the city that we had hoped would be our forever home where we raised our family. We are do sad but can't live by the noise, with poison in the air/water. We are fearful that the sale price of our home is already far less than it may have been prior to this project.because we live near the 52 roundabout the construction and traffic will impact us highly and indefinitely. Has anyone considered the safety of kids getting to from school? Many cross the 52 round about and construction traffic will be heavy and non stop. I've heard no plan for this at all.
Think of the people of this community, what they want and why they live here. It's not about the almighty dollar.
It's horrible that you sold out the town that elected you behind our backs, and for what? Money. You should all live in homes next to it, if it actually succeeds in being built.
Please DO NOT approve - consider the environmental impact.
You are elected officials that were voted in by Pine Island residents to represent us, not Google!
Let the people vote on this in Nov.
Please stop being secretive and get the citizens in this town involved as I feel you don't involve us in anything.
No
There should have been a moratorium first
Please choose No to data center

The city likes to say they act in the interests of the people, but their actions and how they treat us are the exact opposite. They have repeatedly shown this now and how they've gone about previous situations from my experience. It's very unfortunate and frustrating. Also feel like if we try to voice anything- they will shut it down if it doesn't agree with them. Something definitely needs to change, but adding a data center is not the change this town needs. How this entire thing has been handled by the city has been frustrating
Data centers are known to cause an increase in electricity bills for people who live near the facility. Data centers are cause micro-climates, resulting in significantly warmer air near Pine Island. They heavy equipment used to build the facility will destroy our local roads. The data center will not employ or produce sufficient income to Pine Island area to justify the massive damage the will be caused.
Come to reality& forget the stories that the data center will help our community. We have survived for years without it. We can continue to survive.
Never do nda and leave out the community
No
Have any of you looked into the lives of the people in communities with data centers? Why would you think it would be different for us? As representatives of this community, you have a ethical and moral responsibility to make sure you are looking at this from a viewpoint with some skepticism and address important concerns, rather than just looking at money being offered and being enamored with bright shiny image they portray for their "project" and the money they will give you without looking at the data and trying to fill in the blanks that are being left out. They are exploiting this community, and so are you if you aren't willing to address the true concerns that members are bringing forward. It is also incredibly disgusting that they are getting this tax abatement given the company can afford to pay the taxes.
Pine Island City Council needs to vote this down.
Wake up Council; you are being bribed with windfall of money for Pine Island. Know the concerns of water pollution and shortages. Noise pollution and light pollution. Detrimental to wildlife, livestock and HUMANS. Good farmland should not be used to pollute our lives.
This should have been put to a community vote on the upcoming elections. Before pulling quick one and trying to get kick backs from Google. This would be a larger strain on our community than it would benefit. I gor one only live five hundred yards from the proposed site and do not want to hear the constant noise from this proposed massive facility. The jobs that it produce are minimal and and short term. This does not validate the the health risks to the community or residents living within a mile of it.
Please listen to ALL in the community & gather information from both sides. Pine Island deserves to know that you fully evaluated both sides before making a decision.
Cotninue to force conversation in our community
Yes we feel a vote should be taken & the people should decide on this issue
See last 2 statements above. The way this was handled from the get go is suspect they had something to hide from constituents. Elizabeth Howard appears to have too much power & influence on council members.
They have demonstrated that they don't care what residents think.
No data center
You are voted into office by our residents to represent our values not to act like you do not care.

Get rid of the data center. There is no upside to having it.
Consult with the people of the town, those few people shouldn't get the final say for thousands of people
Please oppose the proposed hyperscale data center. The potential strain on our water, power, roads, and other infrastructure is too significant, and the long-term impacts on our community and quality of life deserve serious consideration. I ask the City Council to put residents' interests first and reject the project. Please put the peoples best interest first, don't let money persuade.
Do better.
I'm so disappointed in you deciding what's best for the community but never gathering the community's opinion. Something this large of size should have been considered by more then just a few people. We are planning on moving out of pine island as soon as possible if the data center goes through. We will not risk our safety and finances.
The city counsel has shown that they do not care about our community because they have gone against the best interest of the people of Pine Island. The city counsel is designed to represent and SERVE the residents. They work for the people not their own interests. They have failed to protect and serve our community. They are refusing to listen to the wisdom of the majority of people in this community. This decision they have made is illogical and has put thousand of people who live here in harms way. Other cities that have competent and caring city council members are not allowing data centers in their communities because they know they are harmful and destructive to their small towns. Our city council members have no discernment regarding the real effects and the evil that these data centers will bring to our town that we love. I am highly disappointed that the city council members are trying to sell Pine Island to big tech for money. 1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
The majority is residents DO NOT want the data center, for very sound reasons. As representatives of the residents of the city of Pine Island, you should be voting to stop the data center, immediately. We, the majority of the residents, are willing to accept the responsibility/consequences of letting THIS opportunity pass us by. Better/ more suitable opportunities for the city will come along.
Don't make the decision before asking the town ans try to hide it like before. Be honest people.
I really wish the City Council we elected would really step back and look at the voice of the majority of our small town and vote for what we truly want for our town
If you go through with allowing the data center you all will personally be responsible for everything that happens to Pine Island going forward. The damage to the land and the people. All for misguided half truths you tell others and maybe believe yourselves
Were there incentives for the concept members why was this not voted on by the residents?
Do better! You serve a community, start with the community!
Please conduct some research about the long term effects of Data Centers on rural communities from non-biased sources. You will see that they ruin towns and their environments.
I feel like the City is only looking at the monetary aspect and not the needs of the community. Now they are all excited about money for the school but yet not his it will affect the community.

A project of this magnitude with so many potential negative externalities should not be pursued simply because Ryan Companies and Google have deep pockets.
Panther Pal contributions and data center celebrations will be long forgotten if utilities such as electricity and water become scarce and or extremely more expensive for the average Pine Island area resident.
If I had known this was coming to Pine Island when I purchased my home 5 years ago, I would have chosen a different place to raise my family and that's a hard thing for me to say because I really do love the community here but I can't stand for what this data center will do to the environment.
You shouldn't make decisions without the vote of the people of the city.
Please put a moratorium on this data center before we hear about other communities who have lived safely with one.
The people of Pine Island are not idiots. Listen to us. Stop ignoring what we are saying.
I didn't appreciate the deception.
To the Pine Island City Council, I am not supportive of the proposed Google data center in Pine Island because the long-term impacts to our community, infrastructure, and natural resources are far more significant than the limited benefits being presented. A hyperscale data center is not a neutral development-it is an industrial facility with substantial demands and risks that Pine Island is not positioned to absorb without major consequences. Water Usage: Large data centers consume millions of gallons of water per day for cooling. Public reporting on similar Google facilities shows usage ranging from 1,Ä5 million gallons daily, depending on climate and cooling design. For a small city like Pine Island, this level of consumption could strain municipal water supplies, increase competition during drought periods, and force costly upgrades to wells, treatment systems, and distribution infrastructure. Residents should not bear the risk of water scarcity or higher utility rates to support a single corporation's industrial needs. Energy Demand: Hyperscale data centers require enormous electrical capacity-often hundreds of megawatts, equivalent to powering tens of thousands of homes. This level of demand can trigger grid upgrades, transmission line expansion, and higher long-term energy costs for local ratepayers. It also increases the city's vulnerability to outages or load-shedding events. Pine Island should not become dependent on an energy-intensive facility that offers minimal economic return. Minimal Job Creation: Despite their size, data centers create very few permanent jobs-often 30 to 50 positions, many of which require specialized technical skills. That means most roles will be filled by outside hires, not local residents. Pine Island would absorb the environmental and infrastructure burden while receiving little meaningful employment benefit. Traffic, Noise, and Construction Impact: Construction of a hyperscale facility can last multiple years, bringing heavy truck traffic,

noise, dust, and road wear. Once operational, data centers require continuous equipment deliveries, generator testing, and maintenance activity. This changes the character of a small community and places stress on roads and emergency services.

Long-Term Environmental and Land-Use Consequences:

Once a data center is built, the city loses control over future expansion, additional water or energy requests, and the cumulative environmental footprint. These facilities often expand in phases, meaning today's proposal could be only the beginning. Pine Island risks becoming an industrial hub rather than a residential, agricultural, and small-business-focused community.

Economic Risk to Residents:

Infrastructure upgrades for water, sewer, roads, and electrical capacity often fall partially on taxpayers. If costs exceed projections-as they frequently do with large industrial projects-residents may face higher taxes or utility rates. The economic upside is limited, while the downside is substantial and long-lasting.

Community Identity and Land Stewardship:

Pine Island has a strong small-town identity, agricultural heritage, and natural landscape that residents value. A massive corporate data center does not align with the community's long-term vision or the type of development that strengthens local businesses, supports families, and preserves the environment.

For these reasons, I do not believe Pine Island is an appropriate location for a hyperscale Google data center. The risks to our water, energy grid, infrastructure, and quality of life outweigh the limited benefits. I urge the City Council to prioritize development that supports residents, protects natural resources, and maintains the character of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

We deserved to know more. We deserved a voice. There is more to life than money, Pine Island is a great town as is.

X5 council members shouldn't be able to make a decision like this without the communities input.obviously they didn't do enough research.

I selected "No" primarily because I have lost confidence in the process and communication surrounding Project Skyway.

I understand that Minnesota land-use law can constrain a city's ability to deny an application that satisfies applicable standards. I also understand the argument that Planning & Zoning may sometimes have little choice but to recommend approval when a proposal complies with existing ordinances, because an arbitrary denial could expose the City to legal action. If those constraints significantly limited the City's options with Project Skyway, however, I would like the Council to say so clearly and explain what discretion it did and did not have. Despite attending Council meetings and other public events, I have not heard that explanation offered in response to residents' concerns.

More importantly, I would like to understand what persuaded every member of the City Council that approval was the appropriate decision, particularly in light of the concerns

residents were raising. I am not asking council members to agree with every objection. I am asking them to explain their reasoning. What concerns did they find credible? Which did they find unpersuasive, and why? What benefits outweighed the risks in their judgment? Were there concerns that resulted in changes or additional conditions? Those answers would do far more to give me confidence in the process than simply being told that opportunities for public comment were provided.

An opportunity to comment is not the same as a response to the comment. I appreciate that the City has held public hearings, comment periods, meetings, and other opportunities for residents to speak. However, my experience attending these events has been that residents can raise substantive questions and concerns without receiving substantive responses from their elected representatives. Public participation becomes much less meaningful when communication largely travels in one direction.

I also recognize that Project Skyway is complicated and that information can legitimately change as a project develops. I do not claim to know that the data center will ultimately be harmful to Pine Island. In fact, my inability to confidently make that determination is part of why the City's communication matters so much to me. When important information changes or new information becomes available, I expect the City to clearly explain what changed, why it changed, and whether it affects the Council's assessment of the project.

Finally, I am concerned by what appears to be an unwillingness to meaningfully engage with viewpoints that challenge the City's position on this project. I cannot know the motivations of individual council members, and I don't expect them to debate every speaker during public comment. But I do expect elected officials, at some point, to publicly address recurring substantive concerns and explain their reasoning. When reasonable questions are repeatedly raised without meaningful answers, it creates the impression that the decision has already been made and that contrary information is unlikely to affect it.

I want Pine Island to pursue economic development, and I am open to being persuaded that Project Skyway could benefit our community. But that requires more than opportunities to speak. It requires transparency, responsiveness, and a willingness by our elected representatives to explain and defend their decisions. Until I see that level of engagement regarding a project of this magnitude, I cannot support it.

Do not be fooled and sucked into this idea given by Google that the data center is a good idea and benefits Pine Island. It only benefits billionaires and Google.

The damage to the city, Pine Island's people and children, and the environment is not worth it

I think the biggest mistake the council made about this project was not involving the community from the beginning. You pulled the wool over everyone's eyes because if this is a great opportunity for our city you wouldn't need to hide information about the project and pass a proposal that needs multiple variances issued to meet what Google is asking for if it was anywhere close to the original plan first shown to the people of this town.

Why is there such a big push to start up so many data center in the area - country?

Get expert advice on issues and get state involved which have more resources.

How can a data center be a good move for this community? With the number of people who are against these in their communities, who is going to choose to move to this area.

Businesses will fail, and new businesses will not even consider it! This is not in the best interest of the residents of this community!
Similar to the unsuccessful Elk Run project, this Skyway Project got started with only a handful of people who may not have been aware of the negative impacts.
It appears that Pine Island was sold on questionable promises with strings attached such as donations to the school and tax abatements (which ultimately are passed on to the local tax payers). Why did Cannon Falls and Zumbrota turn down this opportunity?
Please, protect our natural resources, our sense of small community, our local children's environment, without AI. Right now, info needed!
Why do they mostly go to small towns?
Veto it
We moved to Pine Island from Rochester 13 years ago, we did the city life and found our dream spot in the country not only did we fall in love with his spot, but we fell in love with the town and the community. Our town is small, but vibrant and close knit, we do not need some large conglomerate coming in here and disrupting our livelihood. I can't imagine what this will do to our environment our electricity our water, our resources the data center is not for this community or for the town area of Pine Island.
Being pro data center is being bought out by google without consideration of the health or quality of life of the residents.
No. They don't care
Buy my property for \$250,000 and you can build what you want. No Checks
It will be in my town, it would be fine if it was in the middle of nowhere but it's not, it's right by highway 52 and a mile away from pine island, it's just not needed for pine island, choose somewhere else at least 10 miles away from any town and i think more people would be okay will it
Please do your best to be open and honest with the residents as this project moves forward. Things are tense and heated, but honest, kind leadership will get you farther in a small community. As a person of faith, we need to be good neighbors which includes stewarding our land and resources. Please do your best to consider not only the current economics but future generations and current residents' health.
No Data Center!
No
What is your plan to protect wildlife and humans from 24/7 NOISE POLLUTION? What is your plan to protect wildlife and humans from 24/7 LIGHT POLLUTION? What is your plan to protect wildlife and humans from AIR POLLUTION? What is your plan to protect wildlife and humans from UNSAFE WATER QUALITY or WATER SHORTAGE? What is your plan for when the aquifer runs DRY? What is your plan to clean up a TOXIC DISASTER? What are you going to do to protect the environment? Who is responsible for cleaning up the damage a data center leaves behind when they move on because the data center is obsolete? Who is responsible and capable of containing MEGA BATTERY FIRES? Who is going to monitor and enforce broken agreements during and after construction? Why is a multi billion dollar corporation getting tax breaks?

Why should our taxes and utilities increase because of a multi billion dollar corporation data center? Why should residents face declining home and property values all because of a data center owned by a multi billion dollar corporation? Can anyone explain how, for the past several years, every vote recorded at council meetings has been UNANIMOUS after little or no discussion? It is very unusual that 4 or 5 people would always agree on every agenda item.
How dare the city council, city administrator and mayor decide that this is a great thing for the city of Pine Island without letting the citizens vote on it themselves.
What do we want are community to be known for-industry or community? There are other businesses that could contribute to the overall economic growth of Pine Island and still keep our community strong plus allow for long-term local jobs.
Please reconsider approval until a complete environmental study is completed and verification of water system actual needs. TIF timeline needs to be shortened.
It feels like you have already decided your going to don't and you dont care what the community wants. I just wonder what you guys get in return while using the education system as your shield for kick backs.
Remember who you work for
The fact that this project has gotten as far as it has shows, in my opinion, that the Pine Island City Council does not have the interest of Pine Island residents at heart. Either that, or the Pine Island City Council does not do it's due diligence as far as research goes, because even a quick Internet search shows an ocean of reasons as to why this is an absolutely terrible idea.
Please think about the health of the people that live here... no ONE wants to have the have a higher risk of getting CANCER ..
If the rest of the world is pausing and putting a moratorium on data centers and there are experts saying it,Ãs bad for our health and environment (water, noise, electricity/grid pull) why do you think it,Ãs a good idea to put our community at risk?
Please look past the money being offered and gather info for the other nearby places in Minnesota who have gotten a data center who's enjoyment of the use of their property has declined. Look at what negative impact there can be.
Disappointed this was passed without full disclosure
Consult with your constituents before making major decisions.
My comments here will not focus on Project Skyway directly. I do not expect these messages to be read by any member of City Council. Even if presented to the council members, it pains me to say they are under no obligation to read them or take their constituents' feedback into account. The current council members and other city officials have repeatedly demonstrated their character through their words and actions, and based on these well-established patterns, I (and I suspect most of the citizens of Pine Island) assume they will not bother to read what community members have to say. People are frustrated about specific topics like Project Skyway, but they're even more frustrated by the lack of communication/engagement and the way they've been treated in general. Council members are elected public servants who actively sought out their positions. They're not immune from scrutiny; that actually comes with the territory of being a public official and they should be held to a higher standard than the average citizen. I watch every single council

meeting (live if possible, otherwise have had to view the recorded versions). City representatives are very quick to demand respect and state that they've been the victims of rude comments, etc; aside from a small handful of incidents, I mostly disagree. City officials constantly remind attendees that these meetings are not the time to have questions answered - there are other channels to do so, they say. This is technically correct, but many people have sent emails that are very respectful and well-thought out, only to simply get no response; not even an acknowledgement that their email has been received. Attempts to reach city officials via phone have also generally been fruitless. Repeated attempts of using the right channels, in a respectful manner, have gotten absolutely nowhere; just complete silence, not even a "thanks for your feedback". So frustrated people who have tried playing by the rules use the public comment portion of the meetings as a way to know that they're being heard when other attempts aren't even acknowledged. Community members who are not comfortable with public speaking stand in front of a room of full of people and on-camera, stutter and nervously stumble through a speech they're not sure really gets their point across. But for their efforts, members of the council make it clear by they're not paying attention and can't be bothered to make eye contact with the speaker - at times, council members spend the public input time staring at a laptop and not looking away from the screen, literally not even acknowledging that someone else is speaking. After months of this sort of treatment, yes some people's frustrations have boiled over. But there's a shocking imbalance of council members and other city officials demanding respect while refusing to give any to the rest of the people in the room.

Outside of meetings, council members have hurled insults at community members in person and on social media. I've never heard someone just flat-out call a council member an idiot during a public meeting, but I have seen council members call community members idiots in public Facebook groups (last I checked, some of these comments were still available online for all to see). Public officials are supposed to be held to a higher standard than average citizens - they asked to be involved in local government and should be much more familiar with and accountable for rules of decorum than the rest of the public.

The Non-Disclosure Agreement between the PI City government and the Ryan company and Google has destroyed trust in their integrity and care for our citizens. We have not forgotten the promises made about Elk Run. There are other concerns of our citizens besides the Public Schools. An actual supportive climate for small businesses is needed. I am concerned that none of the candidates for Mayor are willing to explain their position on the Data Center, but only give platitudes about small town community and supporting each other. Our leaders are tone-deaf to an issue of great concern to a large portion of our community.

It is not acceptable for civil servants to sign an NDA. It looks like you sold out the town

Please say NO to the Data center it isn't wanted.. something like this should be up to the residents of Pine Island to vote on it whether they want it or not.

You would vote NO if you care about the people of Pine Island. Think about their health and yours , please say NO to the data center

If you wanna be re-elected VOTE NO on the data center

Do you really want to have a part of placing all of us in a digital prison? Do you value or cherish freedom? We need clean water to drink, not to waste on a data center. The adverse effects of Substations, Transmission Lines and Data Centers far outweigh any benefits. These include electromagnetic radiation, soil and water pollution, noise, fire risk and visual

disturbance to the environment. I have no desire to live by or support anything to do with a Data Center.
We did not vote for this! The pollution and the drawing off our resources will hurt existing residents.
City Council is not God!! They had already decided BEFORE my family knew anything about it!
Just say no!
There are so many red flags regarding this whole process. The NDA's. Essentially allowing Elizabeth to drive the bus. The lack of outreach. The refusal to engage in discussions. I have a very hard job and have to have a lot of uncomfortable conversations. If you are afraid of those things and are going to fuss about people being upset with you, you are not a good fit. Do I agree with personal attacks, etc? No. But man, you guys have really fumbled this.
Why was this unanimously agreed to by the city council? What reassurances do we have that this project won't cause harm to our families sleep and water supply? What about our electricity going out more often or costing alot more after this project? Are there similar sized data centers that we could hear the sound near it and see feedback from its residents?
I trust them to do their job and to make informed decisions about what is best for Pine Island. I'm tired of all the accusations being made against them.
The way the council did this was completely wrong. Makes me want to get rid of everyone on the board.
No
Well, I don't agree that the current council has a whole lot to say with this situation. I do believe that past member such as the mayor who was a real estate agent, probably had some shady dealings to get this all started. I feel terrible for the way that people treated Mayor Friese. I think a lot of choices made by both groups paint both of them and negative light, the anti-data center and the council. But we can't change what happened. We have to focus on what's going on now.
I would like more information on this before any further decisions are mafe
It seems to me that the most upsetting element of the proposed data center is the perceived intentional lack of transparency of city representatives at the outset of negotiations.
No
I dont feel we have enough honest unbiased information with proper pros and cons to know if a data center would be a good fit for Pine Island.
This is something that needs to be voted on by the tax payers and with all the facts on the table.
Have a townhall meeting that is well publicized.
Pleas look closer to what the developers claim. More" independent" data gathering is needed. There also needs to be some legal language holding the developers accountable for any environmental issues that turn out to be untrue. such as water usage, electrical use and whatever else might come back to bite us.
Tax breaks should not be given
Don't believe it would do any good
What is in it for the citizens of Pine Island, MN?
I'm for it if it truly benefits the people of Pine Island, the town itself, and the environment. What I'm looking for is a clear and complete list of pros and cons.

Seems to have been done in secret and got caught! Expected less resistance??? Thought no one would question this?
No comment
NDA's are very unethical to sign as an elected official.
No
I feel very misinformed
Thank you for all your hard work. From reading social media you may believe everyone is against you but that is not true.
Thank you so much for looking out for the community of Pine Island. Thank you for your restless work and leadership you have provided in this project.
I support your decisions and believe you are trying to do what is best for Pine Island.
Please have the best interests of the community in your decisions, not just your friends or the loudest voices.
Keep moving forward. This is a good project that will benefit the community in the long run.
It's going to create jobs. It's the anchor point and starting point to that large commercial development, which will in turn bring other businesses and more jobs that Pine Island has been missing out on. It is not going to effect the water or noise. The water usage will be less than if that development was a residential development. We, Pine Island, continue to lose business and job opportunities to Zumbrota, Oronoco and Rochester. This is a huge opportunity for Pine Island.
Keep up the good work!
I would like to thank the council in its pursuit of trying to find opportunities to help with hold or maybe even lowering tax burdens on the residents.
Kudos to the Mayor and council for the forward thinking. However, interested to hear more detail about what impartial and objective subject matter experts were consulted to assess the legal, financial, and technical ramifications of this project. For example, this is not the first hyperscale project&there are legal teams that have seen, studied, and consulted on this type of activity. Did the city leverage any of those resources to ensure Pine Island doesn't repeat mistakes made by other communities. Is Pine island getting the best possible outcome from this partnership? I'd like to hear this from our own contracted expert, not city officials or community members (from either side), who frankly don't have the experience or expertise to negotiate an agreement of this magnitude.
Thank you for your efforts to improve Pone Island. In sorry for all the harassment you've suffered while giving your time for others.
A business center like that which has been proposed will help our community to grow, pay much needed property taxes, and help our school system in order to give our kids a better education.
I support the work of the city council in bringing the data center development to Pine Island. I am disappointed with some of the citizens who are against the data center who chose to behave in an in an inappropriate way towards the council. It is fine for people to share their opinion but not in a manner that is so disrespectful to others.
Pine Island
No
Thank you for the work and effort that's already been put into this. Especially thank you for withstanding the constant scrutiny for your dedication to PI.

Pine Island
We support the data center. Our community needs more businesses to continue to grow and thrive.
I am very proud of the dedication and care that our city council has displayed towards our community. They do not receive nearly enough praises for what they do and what they sacrifice for the members they serve, and our previous mayor David Friese will be greatly missed. It is unfortunate that people who did not support the recent data center decisions could not express those concerns in a more civilized and polite manner, causing such a divide amongst neighbors and this community. David showed such love and commitment towards making our community a better place to live, it will be impossible to fill his shoes.
We support the council and the decisions you have made and future decisions you will make.
Keep doing what you are doing, when people are acting like children sometimes you have to treat them as such. Even when they are former teachers that should know better. We lost a great mayor and voice of the town because of the way "adults" are acting.
We need data centers to keep up with innovation. Everyone wants to reap the benefits from them but it seems like no one wants it in their backyard. This location is already noisy and polluted from hwy 52 and has an ideal proximity to the large transmission line. I also doubt that anyone will hear the hum of the data center over the noise of the gun range. This spot is not environmentally vulnerable as it is a monoculture ag operation, producing large amounts of runoff from chemicals and erosion of bare soil, not to mention the co2 put into the atmosphere whenever the ground is tilled. Would I be upset if this data center didn't go here? No. But it seems as good of spot as any to have one (but luckily I won't have to see it out my window).
Thank you for all your work on this data center project and appreciate you working with all the "noise" from the people that don't support it. They tend to be loud and disrespectful, but understand not everyone feels that way.
I'm sorry you've been harassed and treated so poorly during this entire process. We appreciate you continuing to do what you feel is best for the community.
I feel the city council is acting in a manner in which they feel is best for Pine Island. They were elected to do so and not everyone may agree with their decisions but that is how our representative democracy works.
No
I fully support the development of a data center in Pine Island. There is often a degree of apprehension associated with novel initiatives, particularly those critical to telecommunications, internet infrastructure, and contemporary automotive technologies. It is noteworthy that similar discussions are not typically observed for other types of developments, such as a racetrack, for instance.
I support you for the tough position you are in. There is no reason any council member or city employee be treated the way people have been treating you.
It seems like the main reason project skyward is getting so much negative attention is because it was kept a secret for so long. I'd venture to guess that you lost some support for that reason alone.
Thanks for your time and effort for our community and sorry for the harassment they have had to deal with.
I encourage the council to fight for the community and for what is right for the success of the community.

The “no data center people” are loud and annoying but lots of people are fine with it.
I have followed this project for years. There has been lot of public notices if people would read council minutes.
I am afraid to go to a meeting literally. Pine Island has some mean residents. They hold grudges. If you don't agree with the old generation you're ousted. It's a good Ole boys club. I feel bad for David the last Mayor, glad he made the decision to resign.
I would like to apologize to mayor and council for the actions and words by the opponents
I would like to say a very sincere THANK YOU for continuously doing a thankless job! My heart hurts so badly for each of you and the way you have been treated.i am so sorry for the immature behavior you have had to endure. I thank you for doing what you feel is for the betterment of our community!
Keep moving forward. It is obvious that you are doing what is best for the community despite what the vocal minority says.
Keep your heads high and don't let the torch and pitch fork mentality of opposition to the Data Center get to you.
I trust our council will make the right decision whether I agree with their decision or not.
Keep doing what you're doing!
Thank you for your service during this difficult time.
Please know that not everyone in this community is against the data center. Residents that are not in favor are just the loudest. Unfortunately, for those who have spoken out against them, have been: badgered, verbally attacked, and disrespected. It is difficult to stand up to an angry mob. My understanding is that Google & Ryan Co has offered to come and meet with the loudest opponents in person to answer questions and dispel incorrect information. This group of people have either ignored or declined. As adults, should we not want ALL of the information before spewing hatred in our community? Do better Pine Island residents. It's embarrassing.
Thank you for being patient and resilient on this matter. I appreciate your leadership.
Thank you for your courage and dedication in pursuing what you feel is best for our community.
We have no objection with the data center being a Pine Island business even though it is close to our property. The noise won't be any louder than what we hear from Highway 52 traffic. We need more businesses in Pine Island so that they can help contribute to our taxes in the future and have more to offer our residents. Pine Island needs to grow. We can't stay a small community and still expect to thrive and compete with the other small towns in our area. It's unfortunate that misleading thoughts and ideas have been presented without detailed investigations happening.
Thank you for doing your best to evaluate facts and data while keeping the public informed. It isn't an easy decision either way and I don't envy your position.
Don't listen to the agitators against it.there are many more of us that are for it. Especially since we all depend on data and computing for our lives and businesses. Keep pursuing growth and development and bring in economic growth for our communities and do not impede land owners rights to do with their property what they want.
Thank you so much for all of your hard work regarding all of this. Your sacrifices are truly appreciated.

Push for environmental friendly practices and ensure it won't affect the quality of life here, but I think it should be built.
It is amazing that all those complaints you receive are coming from people who have gobbled up farmland for a home who use a phone or a computer to make their lives more complete and efficient or even store the precious photos of family. These people are caught so blindly by what is rhetoric and not truth that they have lost sight of what really matters. They are fed information from a media that completely ignores the mandate that these systems be closed loop systems and that they must supply and pay for all their own power. There is a need for research, and maybe those who oppose the possibilities of AI forget that some disease they come down with in the future may be cured by a machine. Yes, I believe in an all-powerful God. And in that power, He has given us great abilities to create, unlike other any other life form in this world. But then he calls us to subdue the world. God bless America!
I believe the City Council had the best interest of Pine Island in mind when they were presented with this opportunity.
I also know that each person is entitled to their own opinion on the subject. However, I personally can not believe the abuse they have gone through in trying to serve the public.
Can we get a signed contract addressing concerns on the opposition? Major penalties if violations are made, etc
Thank you for serving our community.
Thanks
Work the facts - hear concerns - address each one - lower our taxes
City council you are doing an amazing job looking out for our city and doing what is best. You have done all the correct research and have the knowledge. You are all human and I hope people start treating you better and more kindness.
Thanks for leading when times are tough
This survey is not accurate summary of the Pine Island community. I would assume most of responses that aren't "verified" are "for" the project and that's 240 surveys that aren't being counted.
Keep up the good work.
I applaud the work you have done to research this project and negotiate positive economic gains for the community concerning project Skyway. Thank you!
In order for this to be successful we can't make assumptions and the community can't be reliable for any setbacks or previous assumptions or promises.
Why was there so little information shared initially? It showed we cant trust the council even for those who support the project.
Good job city council. Don't listen to these no data center people you are looking out for our future and anyone that stands in your way should leave
Good job
I could not do your job but support you
Those guys are awesome
Appreciate you. Don't want your job.
No thank you
This survey is missing 200 inputs that can't be "verified".

I support the data centers as they're necessary for the world we live in. It's your job as the city council to ensure the proper restrictions are in place so that it's done the right way to protect residents and create new jobs.
No comments necessary
I appreciate all you and city staff continue to do for this community, day in and day out.
Pine Island
There may be many residents of Pine Island that have unpleasant memories of other ventures offered in PI that did not go so well, BUT many have. If we had asked more of the right questions early on, there might have been better outcomes. I read an opinion, earlier this year of a long time Pine Island business owner, that if we had behaved with a restraining order and fears of all possible outcomes, we may never have developed many of the current industries in our town that for decades provided jobs for so many in our community as well as support in taxes, school programs and other community involvement.
You are doing a great job, no matter what some people think. The fact that you are doing what you need to do for our town to be able to progress and not just lay dormant. The extra taxes that this project will bring into our town and school are what you are suppose to be doing for our town. Thank you!

MESSAGE WITH RESPONDENT NAME IN ORDER: NO, UNSURE, YES, PREFER NOT TO SAY

The research on data centers in other areas has shown to be an environmental hazard. Initially it will remain unchanged, but the future damage is irreversible. Heather Wilson

Dumbest idea since Abraham Algadi screwed over the city Ashley Rew

You are supposed to represent the people of Pine Island, Not Ryan company or Google. NDA's should be illegal when the project affect so many of us and only a few are allowed to know what is going on. This should have been up to a vote for the community to decide. Valarie Heiling

Please make sure water quality, air quality and mitigating low frequency noise pllution are your top priorities going forward with this project. I would prefer no hyperscale data center but if it is built you recognize that the health and safety of your residents is your top priority. Loren Simpson

I am against this data center as a citizen of Pine Island. I will going forward vote against anyone in our local government that has or continues to support it. The fact that NDAs were signed makes me think you are representing this large corporation and not the interests of our community. The data center will create noise pollution which will have negative health effects on residents, it will use so much water there will likely be impact on our aquifer and nearby wells, it will use so much electricity and will likely increase the risk we will have more outages, utility bills will increase for residents, housing prices will go down, and it be an eyesore for people passing our community. Some of these impacts will not be limited to only our community but to our neighboring communities as well. All of these effects have been documented and have occurred in other communities that have data centers. I am disappointed that the city council did not thoroughly research the impact this center will have on our community and environment nor consider discussing it openly and allowing the community to have input before proceeding with with the project. Samantha McCauley

If you would have done your research on the effects of a DC you would not support it. Evidently you guys just looked at numbers and what you were told. This community seems to get the short end every time. Mark Schreader

As elected officials, you have failed this town and surrounding areas. A project this large, with potential massive changes to our utilities, infrastructure, and way of life should have been an issue the whole town voted on. Not just the council. More information is needed for all residents to review. That information should be fact/scientific based, from an accredited outside source. Ryan Henry

Your shortsightednes has put this community in jeopardy in many different ways.To continue down this path will only reinforce your ineptitude in leading this comunity Mark J Hanson

Again, why are you trying to be so secretive about this? Did any of you pay attention to the failed Elk Run scam that cost the residents and businesses of Pine Island \$\$\$ Mike Krause

I am completely devastated. I respectfully asked the council last fall to really dig deep before making this decision. I pleaded with them to go visit the data center in Rosemount to see if this is really something we want in our backyards and if the temporary benefit to our community would out weigh the terrible noise, potential rolling black outs, neurological diseases and other health risks like cancer. I was so convinced they would see this is a horrible investment for our health and well being. I was so wrong. If we don't have our health we have nothing. I firmly believe nothing is more important than clean air and clean

water and the health and wellness of our community including our children and grandchildren! Maribeth Salfer
Think to the future ... This all sounds impressive now, once Google gets there paws in this, you WILL NOT have any control . They will do what they want and leave behind the mess for our city to clean up.
If this does get built then I hope I'm wrong about my negative opinion on data centers and that you've done your research on how this will impact our community. If we're in need of more funding, I'd rather pay more in property tax than sell out our town to a giant corporation that only cares for us as far as they're able to extract their own gains at our expense. I don't want any company moving into our town that doesn't form a mutually beneficial relationship. I don't believe this data center will be mutually beneficial. Kenneth Hamand
You have let us down so completely. Why do you think an industrial complex will make this a better place to live? Sue Flemke
Why do you not care about the environment, health and well-being of your residents? That should be your number one priority. Why don't you listen to your residents? Rodney Lanners
I understand there are many financial benefits of the data center for Pine Island that would help the city grow and expand. However, growth is not the same as progress. A tumor grows rapidly, and while some tumors are harmless, others become cancerous. The challenge is that you don't always know which one you're dealing with until years later when the damage may already be done and the options are far more limited. That's why it's so important to really slow down and understand all the risks before moving forward, especially with something of this scale. Carrie Schneider
When you are making decisions for the community, you need to think of more than just income and industry. To appropriately lead your community, you must also consider their quality of life and health. Rebecca Eastvold
Whatever these tech companies have told you, it is a LIE. Data centers are a cancer sold as salvation. They are the modern day snake oil. This WILL ruin your community, drive down property values across the area, will NOT produce long-term employment, WILL poison your water supply, and WILL create so much constant noise that nobody will want to live anywhere near it. Say goodbye to new residents ever wanting to move to Pine Island. Haley Anderson
Hello, Please use your better judgement to understand the overall negative impacts of this plan. It is highly opposed by the community. The negative economic and environmental impact on local people long term does NOT put weigh the positives. Please note that your failure to educate, inform and Include the very people from the community that you are selected to represent has been a disappointment.

I attended a council meeting to hear the community and from you about the day center, expecting an education and tone of understanding. Use your platform to educate and inform more effectively the people are sent to represent.

We were met with anger, disrespect and the local law enforcement.

People are power.

AI Data centers are the opposite of that.

They are harmful to people, animals and our self-worth.

I beg you, please understand the people of our community to not want this Data Center.

Don't destroy what little we the people have left.

Regards,
Morgan Blair
She/Her
Small Business Owner
55906 Morgan Blair

Pine Island is beautiful and wonderful. Adding a data center will ruin the area. People will leave, families will move away. Mostly, you'll kill the environment. Data centers are toxic. I'm begging you to please not ruin Pine Island. Rose Mouradian

This development will negatively impact my health (e.g. infrasound pollution) and my wealth (e.g. home value loses). It is not right to cut a deal to enrich outsiders at my cost and the cost of my family plus neighbors. David Derksen

Short-term gain for this project without considering and gathering input from those directly impacted by the approval of this project betrays any commitment you have sworn an oath to in your positions of authority. The voters of the community deserve to have their voices heard and to have input into any such project of this magnitude. The residents deserve representatives that do not deal behind their backs, signing NDA's with the companies who will benefit, while discounting those in their back yard. Jean Clegg

Stop treating those in the community who are opposed to a Project Skyway as backward and not really listening to us. Stop giving us the back of your hand, you were elected to represent all of us whether you agree with us or not. You were not elected to represent Google- they've enough money and resources to do that in their own. Stop shilling for them. Joseph Mish

You won't be well-remembered for allowing this blight into Pine Island. You will be blamed for higher water and electrical costs that may well destroy the community. Joy Robison

There will be limited economic advantages but long-lasting damage to the environment. Beth Heim de Bera

Please stop this project Vanessa Stensgard

Money is not always the answer. Caring for people and providing basic needs is what is required of local governments. Pine Island must care for the people of community. Money can't buy more water and electricity if there's none to be had, Rev. Ana Wilson
We oppose the proposed hyperscale data center because it is fundamentally incompatible with the character and future of our rural community. We chose to live here for its open landscapes, quiet environment, dark skies, agricultural heritage, and close-knit, locally driven way of life-not to become an industrial campus serving the needs of distant corporations. While economic development is important, it should strengthen, not replace, the qualities that make our community unique. We believe growth should be locally focused, sustainable, and consistent with preserving the rural character and quality of life that current residents value and future generations deserve. Jeffrey L Salisbury and Jania Trushina
I would hope the council would listen to the residents and not destroy the peacefulness of Pine Island, its a small town and a great place to live and raise a family, why would you the council want to destroy it with the awful site of a hyperscale data center that would take up so much farm land and create so many problems. Aurora Elias
Please do not let this data center proceed. Our kids future and the future of this town depends on this being opposed. This will only harm Pine Island with water and noise pollution. Not to mention the high draw of electricity to run this complex. This is not why me and my family moved here to our home here in Pine Island. Dennis Kohlhausen
Please do not put our children and families at risk by putting a data on her way too close to our neighborhood!! Lisa Levi
Pine Island Kate Smith
No amount of money from billionaires that could care less about our community is worth selling our hometown for. We the people want nothing to do with this. Jason Ewoldt
It was unfair to force you all into an NDA. If the owners are afraid of the residents' opinions, then they likely have something to hide Sarina Dornink
You all should be ashamed of yourselves for the shady way you have handled this. Should be....but you aren't. Jeremy Ondler
It doesn't appear that the City Council have been listening to the community. For the most part, the community is adamantly against the data center being built here. With two City Council positions and a Mayoral position on the ballot, I just hope people vote wisely. Vanessa King
You guys are absolutely deplorable. Viktoria Feind
At a time when trust in government is at an all time low, the city administrators not allowing any input until the deal was signed did nothing to build trust. We can't expect our city leaders to know everything and GOOGLE took advantage of that. This entire project was built on deceit by a trillion dollar company to save money. Michael Layman
This is an issue that should be put to a public vote in the next election. James Underwood
The citizens of Pine Island should be able to vote on whether or not this should go forward. judy schaefer
I believe that this data center is detrimental to our community Jeanne Truestedt
Please reconsider supporting the data center proposal. The economic and environmental impacts are poorly identified. A major issue like the data center proposal should be put to a community vote. Michael Heiling

Get your heads out of your asses. Don't ruin good farmland and century old farmsteads for more money in your pockets or the cities Joseph Lerum
I feel like we have been so deceived by the ones we voted in to this city council to have our best interest at heart. We were treated like our thoughts and opinions did not matter. I feel like we couldn't be trusted in making decisions on what we truly need or want in our community. My vote was hijacked to imposters and bad actors. This town does not deserve these hyperscale data centers. They belong out in the middle of no where not in small towns with families who want small town living to raise their families or retire. This will kill our community as we know it. Chere Sellers
Why couldn't you bring this proposal up to our community before you made the decision on your own? Sure would have been nice to vote on it. Pepperidge farm remembers when elected officials worked for the people. Ryan Jacobson
Decide against the data center! Jean Brown
Don't sell out our town. We live here because it's quiet and peaceful. Andrew P Tinnin
People of Pine Island would love to know the real reason(s) why NDA's were signed for this project. Would love to see details of what the money would be used towards and how this benefits people in Pine Island compared to Google itself. Kyle Miller
Please stop this! Charyll Scapanski
I would like an explanation on why NDA were signed and why there was such a lack on transparency. Pine Island needs to grow but this was very sneaky and makes it feel like Elk Run all over again. Jennifer Anderson
As a member of the community I do not appreciate the city council's attitude towards the community regarding the data center and other concerns. It seems that the city council does not care about the community truly and only cares about furthering what they think is best even if it affects the community in a negative way. Karlie Sellers
My only message is that if this is so great for this town. Put it to a vote from the citizens of Pine Island not four to five individuals who do not seem to care about the people who elected them to there positions. Steve Sellers
You're selling out for little in return! First, what the city and the schools gain is a pittance to this company. Second, giving them such a lengthy tax break when our taxes are already so high, we wonder if we can afford to live here, is unconscionable. Third, this is not a decision for a few people on the city council. The community should be given the identical information you've been given and a decision made as a result of a vote by the entire community. Sandra Allison
I would like the council to clearly respond to the above concerns. If the council is convinced that this center will have a positive effect on Pine Island, then put it to a vote by the community. What are the benefits beyond finances? Also, the public listening meetings are humiliating. Leaders need to interact with their constituents. The people on the dias look and act nothing like the people who come around seeking my vote. There's got to be a better way. Dr. Lee Allison
Being from this town, born 1967, I have never had a city council not work for the people! The betrayal that is happening on such a high development project is worrisome. GOOGLE is lying! Ryan companies are lying just to make a buck.What happened to the members sitting, minds not working for the people of PI? Kevin Arndt
As leaders for this community I think it's important that you remember that you are working for the people of this community, not for yourself. You were elected because the people of

this community thought that you would look out for this community, protect this community, look out for the well-being of the people of this city. Most of all, make decisions for the city based with all of the above in mind. I don't think that was the case with the data center. I felt like it was pushed through. I think a lot of people feel the same way I do. I feel the city officials did not care to ask the people of this city and made decisions for themselves and for their own financial gains. There was no transparency, no choices for us as a community to decide, it was decided for us. The impact of this will be in my mind terrible. I live near were the proposed data center might be built, so I am very concerned about impacts I will bring. Patrick Polkowske
You are about to make this place a desert, with elderly unable to flee Andrei Efremov
This decision should not have been made by the council alone. This should have been a community decision through a referendum. It is really disappointing to see people in leadership acting so cowardly about their actions and decisions they have made. They are hurting the community they swore to help support and grow. Paul Lynch
Vote No Michael McClure
Don't do it! Paul Heins
We do not want the data center in pine island Carrie Ryan
Yes, I've shared my concerns with all city council members a few times and they've never addressed anything I've asked. Timothy Henderson
What, if anything, is good about building in our community this monstrosity beside money hungry leaders and tech companies? It'll only raise our alley ridiculous property taxes while decreasing property values. Not to mention the havoc it'll create on our resources and environment. Samantha Kunkel
This town is small and I like it small. If the data center comes here it will not be a small community anymore. Michele J Warmuth
PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE DATA CENTER Elizabeth Shore
There should be NO NDAs signed outside of city council as a conflict of interest. No personal benefits. Trump's trickle down values are reaching our small town in a negative way. This is one topic bipartisan agree on. Let us unite as the 99% and finally agree on one topic. I encourage you to read the book titled What Money Can't Buy by Michael J. Sandel. Consider the good of the next 7 generations of residents. Don't sell exactly what makes this Midwest town great for any price. This is the rich against the common folk. I prefer to live in a simpler community. If the data center is built I will seriously consider moving, especially if water and air quality are compromised. I am raising young children here. Kara Henderson
I would have liked to see community input instead of it having been a done thing just dropped on us Ashley Corey
No data center. Any politician voting no will win massively. We are very angry you are ramming this down our throats. Please hold a referendum on the data center. I bet 90% will vote no Keith Cramer
You had no right to make this decision on behalf of our community without being residents input first. It's a shady underhanded decision that you are FORCING us to live with. Micky Petersen
Your lack of transparency in making this behind closed doors meeting with the Ryan group destroyed your credibility as a governing body. Signing NDAs and making decisions on

behalf of your constituents without our knowledge and input has put our community in a clusterf\$ck situation and your greedy, selfish behavior has forever ruined your reputations. Carl Clingman
Hard to trust a council that signed NDAs. Was money involved? Why a tax abatement? Mr James Mack
Once the city council members signed an NDA, they stopped functioning as representatives of the people of Pine Island and became employees of Google. Any decision that was made by these members should be reviewed and be up for a vote by the Pine Island Community, as they were no longer working for the Pine Island people. The Pine Island people should have the final say on if the Google data center is allowed to proceed within our town. I believe that we have elections coming up in November and we should have the ability to vote on the issue at hand. Kurtis Read
There has not been true dialogue with residents. Like many municipalities, we need a year moratorium on data centers to better understand impacts to the community. Jeffrey Winter
It's a shame you have all mislead the People of Pine Island. And for what possible gain? Prom Dances? You've had such an opportunity to make this work for the people who live here. You missed that chance. We expected transparency. Mark Lang
Don't let greed fuel your choices. It is very clear the majority of the town does not want this data center and those that are in favor(the people willing to sell land to Google or take Google's money at any cost to the community) are the only people benefitting from this. Jordan Peterson
City council you are supposed to be for the community. Not take hush money from Ryan Company. Your disgusting. Your decisions will ruin our small town.All of you need to be voted out. Molly Hentz
Please vote NO to the proposed hyperscale data center in Pine Island. Keith Dillon
This money could go to third world countries that NEED the money + water. Brenda Sue Wobig
Why a NDA Daniel S. Anderson
It is time to listen to the population you represent and stop making unilateral (and hidden behind NDA) decisions that impact everyone without a true vote on the matter. Michael Brower
As someone who cares deeply about Pine Island and the kind of community we leave for future generations, I do not support the proposed data center. One of the things that makes Pine Island special is that it is a smaller community where people value our land, our neighbors, and our quality of life. I am concerned that a development of this size will permanently change that character. The enormous demand for electricity, potential noise, increased traffic and construction, environmental concerns, and the amount of land required are difficult for me to overlook, especially when the number of permanent local jobs may be relatively small compared with the size of the project. I am also uncomfortable with the significant financial incentives being offered to a corporation as large as Google. Once a project of this magnitude is built, we cannot simply undo its impact. I believe we need to think beyond the immediate financial benefits and consider what Pine Island will look and feel like 10, 20, or 30 years from now. I want growth for our community, but I want growth that protects what makes Pine Island a place people are proud to call home. Jodie Shanahan
Do Better Christopher M. Hayden Sr.
I think it should be voted on by the residents in this town. William Schaefer

I am totally appalled that anyone entrusted with decisions impacting health could have EVER considered this and its impact on human life. Also, my property value will decrease. Total disregard for community residents!!! Sandra Grenell
Let the people vote Steve archer
Given the divide in the community about this, I would strongly encourage you to bring in people to lead a facilitated conversation to bring people together rather than continue to divide our community. There are organizations who do this for little or no money and it would demonstrate a commitment to civil conversation and how responsible, engaged adults work in a democracy- even when they had different opinions (or many especially when they have different perspectives). Lori Zimmerman
Future tax benefits are not a promise, tax code changes every election, those promises will be lobbied away. We need direct promises and funding for everything the data center puts at risk. Energy grid independence, water treatment. Xcel has no stake to help this community, even if they get fancy upgrades, shareholders reap the benefits. Energy/Water is going to skyrocket, even if MN law is trying to protect us today, next election cycle is subject to change, we will be left holding the bill as all these "community" projects go and corporate shareholders be laughing their way to the bank. Trent Hafterson
This initiative is unlikely to yield sustainable positive outcomes for our community and may instead negatively impact our environment. Robert Murry
With respect to the council. Please listen to the citizens that voted you in. We expect you to function at a higher level by educating yourselves on whatever changes you decide to make for us and our town. You're our voice, please use it wisely for the benefit of all. Jeff Higgins
Anything that involves NDA's being signed should cause concern to its residents! Brian Roeker
Why would a city our size think it has any negotiating power with a multi-billion dollar non-local mega-corporation? Are we going to outsmart their lawyers and cost-prediction models? No. They have the upper hand in all aspects... and why would we (citizens) trust a random mega-corp anyway? I wouldn't. Joshua Perry
I do not support the data center and question why non-disclosure agreements were signed rather than being open with a community. Patrick Johnston
A City Council is there to be the voice of the people. The citizens of Pine Island have overwhelmingly given the message that they are not in support of the data center. It is extremely troubling that you have signed NDA's with Google. This tells us you would rather work in secret with a giant corporation than be open and honest with the people of the Pine Island community. Sarah Perry
The city council has been secretive, dishonest with and hostile towards residents, especially those who want a more thorough investigation of the impacts of a data center before it's built. Roxann voigt
You should be representing the community and convey what the community wants. Ivana Micallef
Don't do it! Brenna San Angelo
Please listen to the people of Pine Island. The large majority of the citizens of this town do not want this. The City Council should listen to the citizens when making decisions and not make decisions based off of their personal gain. Madeline Johnston

As a democracy we should be looking at the views of all individuals in the community this impacts not just those with the power to make decisions.

We are taking away from our small town known for community, farming, and our quiet demeanor. Building this data center won't only lower the want for individuals wanting a quiet town to move into our community but also our schools and jobs due to the increase of noise, pollution, and lack of value in properties especially those within close proximity.

Anastasia Johnston

See above Janet Hanke

There should have been more transparency on such an important issue. Dave Voigt

City Administrator, mayor and council lied to the community. They did not disclose what affects us!!! Did not want to listen but called cops in because they couldn't take the heat which is what THEY caused! Honesty is not on their agenda. City attorney looked over his glasses at everyone like we were nobodies! This is NOT helping our community. You all drank the kool-aid without doing due diligence to those that elected you. You should be ashamed of yourself. Own up to the mess YOU ALL created and do not let the residents suffer because of this. Beautiful farmland will be destroyed with an atrocious eye-sore to be put in place representing our city, who would want to move here? City abatements only work if Googles numbers are met....you were bribed pure and simple. Barb Kruger

Use my response to #2 Pat Friedrich

A major function of the city council is to be open and honest with the people they are representing and your actions over the past year clearly demonstrate you have not interest in doing that. It is not even clear what this data center is there are documents that it will use no water, others that say some water and others that it will be massive amounts. Then there will be backup generators and then it will be a huge battery. If you really think Goggle and Ryan want to be members of the community just dream on because their only motivation is profit and they could care less about any damage they do to the community or the environment. All of the perks promised will come with an escape clause. Russ Lohmann Maj (retired) U.S.

Army

In your heart of hearts, if you have even a single inkling of a doubt about the viability of this hyperscale data center development, I beg of you: slow down. Most of us on the no side are not against progress. We are against the way this decision was made, without our input, and always within just a hair of legislation and requirements. If a hyperscale data center really was this good for our community then you should not have had to sign NDAs and keep things secret for so long. Eva Susanne Blazek

What brought you to Pine Island? What kept you here? And if you previously left, what brought you back?

I believe these are questions we should all be asking ourselves as we grapple with the possibility of a hyperscale data center and the potential impact it could have on our small town.

Yes, we need to continue thinking about how we grow and strengthen our community. We need to welcome new opportunities, support local businesses, invest in our schools and infrastructure, and plan for the future. I am not against technology, progress, or growth. In fact, I believe all of those things are important to Pine Island's future.

What I am opposed to is how this data center situation has come to fruition and what it could mean for the community we have worked so hard to build.

Growth should be intentional. It should be structured. And, most importantly, it should reflect the character and values of the community it is entering.

Pine Island is special because of what it is-not because of what we could potentially turn it into. People choose to live here because they want a small-town community. They want to know their neighbors. They want their children to attend our schools. They want access to parks, trails, local businesses, and the quiet that comes with living in a smaller community while still being close enough to Rochester for work and other necessities.

As we consider a project of this magnitude, I believe we need to ask ourselves whether it fits within that vision.

I am for technology. I am for progress. I am for responsible growth and finding ways to make Pine Island an even better place to live. But progress should not come at the expense of the very qualities that brought people here in the first place.

What concerns me most is that the process surrounding this proposal has damaged the relationship between residents and their local government. Many residents feel that their concerns have not been adequately heard or that decisions have moved forward before the community has had a meaningful opportunity to understand and weigh in on what is being proposed.

Trust is difficult to build and incredibly easy to lose. I believe the city has lost the trust of many of its residents through this process, and I hope our leaders recognize how serious that is.

Before we ask how Pine Island can accommodate a hyperscale data center, I believe we need to step back and ask a much more fundamental question:

What is it about Pine Island that brought us here, kept us here, or brought us back-and are we willing to risk changing those things?*

We can grow. We can progress. We can embrace technology. But we should do so thoughtfully, deliberately, and in a way that fits what Pine Island represents.

Because the goal should not simply be to build a bigger Pine Island.

The goal should be to build a better Pine Island without losing the community that made us want to be here in the first place.**

Melissa Henry

Pine Island Jacob Westergard

I am deeply concerned with the secrecy and the apparent distrust that the council has for the people they work for, the citizenry. I fail to see why this could not have been done with a

more delayed time line to make sure that we make the best permanent decision for our city. Jason Sands
Vote no. Jason Arvidson
It is extremely disappointing that this was all done in secret and was never shared with the community Ginger Sands
The voting public is paying attention. Darrell Huxsol
Listen to your constituents. We are the ones who pay you, not Google. If you don't listen to us, we WILL vote you out. Do not go against your constituents wishes. The entire point of a city council is to REPRESENT CITIZENS. It is honestly heartbreaking to see a city council that cares more about a company than the people who will be affected. It's not just us whose lives will be changed; yours will too. You will not be able to sleep, drink water, or do anything in town like we used to. You will regret allowing those monsters to destroy our beautiful town. Megan Post
I do not feel as though the residents of Pine Island are being accurately represented by your council. This enormous of a project with so many permanent effects should have been a detailed community discussion. I firmly believe you will find that a majority of our community members do not agree with the decision that was made for them without their consideration. It is genuinely so disappointing watching this as someone that grew up in love with our town's feeling of "togetherness" and beautiful countryside farmland. Rachel Kneeland
We need people who are better equipped to manage this. Pine Island city council are not the ones. Julie Koop
They need to represent the actual wishes of their constituents. Mark Ingbretson
The Negative results far outweigh the "so called" financial gains. Marlene Woitas
It took me some time to think before taking this survey. I wanted to be sure that I was responding with more research of my own and not as much emotion, of which I feel plenty of about this data center. I had a view of our city government before finding out about the data center that was mostly positive. Now I'm disheartened. I have personally spoken with people who are for and against the data center. I looked at a hyperscale data center for myself in person. I do want our town to be financially solvent. I do see what benefits there could possibly be. I have someone close to me who doesn't think it will be a bad thing for this town. Still my fears are not alleviated. I don't think this is the way we want to grow as a town. The long term consequences aren't worth the risk. The possible ways it can affect the environment and our water supply is not worth it to me. We're in a drought and to me, climate change is very real. The way in which it can negatively affect many property values including my own, is not worth it to me. The way it can negatively affect the health and wellbeing of surrounding residents is not worth it to me. Why accept a potential evil for a supposed greater good? I couldn't live with it on my conscience if I had been a part of decision making that harms current and future generations. I don't think short term. I think big picture. I don't think this data center is the savior people are thinking it is. Thank you for your time. -Tosca Wohl Tosca Wohl
You need to stop this. The tax payer's don't want this and it's not necessary. Rose Weber
I was disappointed in the process and the lack of transparency about how large the data center will be and the amount of resources it will use in the AUAR. I am concerned about light, noise, and water pollution. I am concerned about power usage. I am concerned that

Pine Island isn't getting a good deal here, that the tax money and jobs won't be worth it, that it will completely transform the feel of the town. It feels extractive and so large it is hard to know what the effects will be. Matthew Winkler
You are supposed to work for and listen to the "PEOPLE", respecting and valuing their opinions. Where are your ethics and morals? Kristine R Haseltine
Please expand on the rationale for the data center despite limited shared data on environmental impact Christy Mollert
Shame on the city council for your malfeasance and betrayal. Casey Voigt
You need to ask citizens of Pine Island before you make decisions that will affect all of us Stephanie Prose
The proposed data center will offer no benefit to the community. Takes land, power, and water that will negatively impact the town and the residents near by. Less people will move into Pine Island because they don't want to live near the data center, further hurting the future growth of Pine Island. The negative effects of data centers are well publicized and known, thats the reason why these companies try to offer money to the public school system and city programs. They are simply trying to persuade the public into what is a terrible decision with long term negative effects. Mark Berg
You are elected representatives of the people of Pine Island. Based on the last several city council meetings, it is clear that you are not working for us, which makes me wonder who you are working for. It is clear that the citizens of Pine Island do not want this data center here. Kerry Kaminski
Pine Island and its residents deserve to be fairly represented. You not listening to the majority of us is upsetting. We do not want the data center. It has more negative impacts than positive ones. No more data should be built anywhere, let alone in out town. Plain and simple, the pros (which are fabricated to promote Google in a good light) d DO NOT outweigh the cons of a data center. Every other town that has had one installed has had environmental issues and the promise of jobs were temporary and economic impacts unseen. There is no benefit for this in this area. Google is trying to bribe us with school funding. We should not offer tax breaks to multi billion dollar corporations. Google wanting to offer funding through the Panther Project is ridiculous - where will all that money go when no one wants to send their kids to Pine Island when the Data center is causing noise pollution and disrupting learning. The educational grant does nothing if there are no students enrolled. The promise of millions of dollar towards infrastructure is ridiculous because the money towards roads and water systems will not be needed if there is no data center, and also I would expect them to pay for their own roads and energy for their data center. Google is trying to offer solutions to a problem they are creating and offering money to hush up the residents of the town and county. Lauren Weber
I am going off to college as a freshmen, it makes me incredibly scared to leave my loved ones here knowing that those chosen to represent them have chosen to work for the money and not their community. As a former student body vice president and president of a number of other clubs at Pine Island High School, I am infuriated at how you have chosen to lead. I have spent countless days and months anxious over events happening for my pupils because I want only the best for them, so the conduct you have all shown is deeply disappointing. I understand you cannot make everyone happy, I have experienced it, but not taking in to account public opinion is disheartening when I think about my future and how Pine Island might relate to it as the town my childhood was made of might not be there as it was. I

hoped my small town would be a place I could look back on nostalgically, yet I fear that I will only be able to think of it as a pawn to the claws of a multi billion corporation. Tahnee Tellaeche Ramirez
It's a TROJAN HORSE!!! Other cities and states have proven there are health, medical and environmental issues. Amy Lee Madson
Do what the people want this stuff should have been voted on and you are well aware Ethan Hackman
Same as above. I also don't like all the secrecy behind all of this. If this truly was good for community it would have not needed to be a secret at all. Rachel Pletz
Fuck you Josh Prehn
No amount of money is worth adding this noisy eyesore to Pine Island. Sandra White
Why the initial secrecy about a project of this magnitude to be built in Pine Island? Rudolf Schaefer
Your actions and decisions (votes) affect everyone - Forever! Any monetary "value" is of the lowest weight, or efficacy, in regards to deciding this matter. Abe S. Berg
"Think of the people who mistakenly put you in office!!!!!" Larry Propatnik
As I do not live "in the city" I do not have anything to say other than this seems to have been pretty unpopular. Theron J Kosmicki
Not needed here. Sounds like the perfect pet project for Rochester Tyler Gosse
I wish the council would visit other Google sites without Google oversight. Talk to farmers, property owners who live near the sight, city water management and others. Visit the Google center and see how many people work there and how many are local. Do research on the internet of problems in data centers. WE NEED TO HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SURVEY ROBERT Holets
I am asking the council members, who represent all of Pine Island's citizens, to pursue the Environmental Impact Study. It is important for all of us and the future of our city to know the facts! Please don't go ahead until we have the information from the EIS! Sharon Holets
This project will destroy valuable farm land and impact the local environment. Property values near the data center as well property values adjacent to the power lines proposed to power the data center will fall. Property tax revenue will be impacted as property values plummet. Google is attempting to control Pine Island and this community with money and promises they will not be able to keep. Google should not be using our children as pawns by offering money to build a new school or offer money to school programs. Pine Island is NOT FOR SALE! Edwin (Ted) Galaty
Please take a serious look at the communities concerns and address them in an educated manner. Martha Himlie
I'm greatly disappointed in the actions of this council. You have ignored citizen concerns regarding the data center, refused to answer our questions, and did not do your due diligence to ensure the safety and health of the community you represent. You allowed your city administrator to sign an NDA and then work behind closed doors on the largest project this town will ever know that will have impacts for generations. You have only seen dollar signs and our community deserves more. Darcie Simpson

Many of us feel as though our input is being pushed aside or ignored, as if our opinions mean nothing. We want to feel represented by the City Council more thoroughly on matters as controversial and communally impactful as this. Steven Pass
Should this end up going through, there will be no way to turn back when all the inevitable problems and costs arise. Look to your hearts, you know this is wrong. I don't really blame you, you were mislead as well. Jerry Olson
The people of Pine Island and surrounding communities adamantly DO NOT want a data center. Listen to your constituents. You represent their interests and not Google's interests. Take your time and do the environmental studies. Look at other communities where data centers have been built and look at what's happening to them. You as the city council dictate the timeline of when and how things happen; Google doesn't. What's the rush to let Google start building? Take a year or 2 to actually do your due diligence and collect the data before trying to push a data center through when your constituents don't want one. You have the power to request a moratorium on a new data center build. Request one before you ruin the community forever. Tara Blomster
While the short term revenue benefits of a hyperscale data center are difficult to pass up, it is unreasonable to rush past environmental review for any project consuming entire power plants worth of power. The lack of any kind of "cradle to grave" planning for what will happen when the current AI boom ends should give anyone pause. Short term thinking is what has lead to city councils being so dependent on projects like this in the first place. Brandon Nielsen
Hardly anyone in the area wants this data center. Our views as residents are not being taken into account and the City Council is acting independently and in their own best interest instead of acting as a steward of the public. Residents have had their voices silenced, concerns dismissed and trust eroded by the unilateral actions of the City Council. I'm sure you were all paid off and forced to sign NDA's and it is maddening to see the area we call home being sold out for personal profit. Tom Lovett
The People have spoken, demonstrated, gathered facts, used other locations where data centers already exist, and much more to voice solid & relevant reasons NOT to have data centers. Cloud computing belongs "in the cloud". Google needs to invest resources to implement satellite storage. Our environment, biological & ecological resources cannot withstand data center assault. Corporations need to shift to doing what's right to preserve our planet. Lori Jones
We are getting smokescreens only hearing what they want us to hear. We are not hearing the environmental impact, and other negativities that will come with this huge project. Jobs will disappear when development is done. People will not want to live in this community. Businesses will fail, and new businesses will not come in. Gary Anderson
I don't feel it's beneficial to the citizens to have a data center & do not suport it. Barry Borgschatz, Jr
Their urgency is not your emergency, take the time to actually do the research and consider the long term impacts and opinions of our community before something of this scale is created. Dagney Willey Adamson
No, the city council has already decided. Levi Disrud
People don't live in pine island for an economic boom of growth and development. They want a quiet, safe and traditional small town to quietly raise they're families in peace. Stop

trying to destroy that already dying dream. If you want economic opportunities and big business then move to a city. Mike Solem
Let's not become a pawn of google. There are so many other options we can consider. Daniel J Hudson
This City Council has not represented the interests of the residents in good faith. Shame on all of you. You should all resign. Rebecca Schumann
Please look at what is best for the whole community. Refer to my above comment. I live very close to highway 52 that is already a noise maker. Our water treatment plant will not be able to handle our area when you add the data center. Please look at what is best for the whole community. Refer to my above comment. I live very close to Highway 52, that is already a noise maker. Our water treatment plant will not be able to handle our area when you add the data center. Lora and Michael Kane
I would like to see more open discussion and willingness to work with the rest of the community. I have seen only defensiveness from City Council and would like to see reason and understanding. Mindy Kohlhagen
Stop the Data Center. Too many issues. Water, noise. heat. Too big of an operation, expanding possibilities. Doreen Hagen
As civil servants your duty should be to the people you represent first not big corporations doing deals in the dark. Carly Banks
Conduct EIS Joseph Blazek
Data Centers will be used to store our private information. They will be used to convert us to digital currency. They will be used to track, trace, surveil and anticipate our every move. They will be able to turn off our money if we use too many carbon credits etc. We will lose all of our freedoms. William Walker
Back stabbers - information hiders - fire!!!! Thomas Loe
Pine Island Chad Cocker
Pine Island Mike Oelkers
Please do not pass through big items sick as this without a council vote and proper investigation Polly Ness
Support data center development, only if: 1. it supplies its own electrical power, and sells excess energy to the local grid; 2. it uses internal anti-freeze cooling, rather than public water for cooling; 3. it uses sodium-ion batteries for BESS system to insure it will operate in the widest temperatures ranges throughout the entire year. L. Reed
Are the City Council members in favor of the data center? Why or why not? Dean Schroeder
No Linda McShaw
Thank you for all of your great work supporting the city of Pine Island Kirsten Haugen
The council and city are doing a great job researching the data center. They are following state guide lines. We need businesses in Pine Island. Carol Krueger
Thank you for all your work for making this project happen. Thank you for putting Pine Island first and to help grow the community. I can't image everything you have gone through, throughout your time on this leadership board in the last year. Thank you for everything you have done.

Thank you for all you do. I have been on city council in another community so I know the commitment it requires and appreciate your passion for a stronger community. Matt Schutte
I would like to thank the city council for their efforts to make Pine Island a prospering community. I believe they have been open and honest about this project James Ganz
I wish to thank the city council for their efforts to communicate and listen to all voices concerning this issue. I also wish to convey my regret for the personal and unwarranted attacks they have endured. It is my hope, always, that issues can be addressed with civility and respect. I wish to thank each member, past and present, for their efforts in relating information with integrity and respect. Elizabeth Anthony
Great job city council on looking out for the expansion for this community we are supporting you all the way. I better see this published! James Hitchcock
I will graduate soon with my Master of Science in Information Technology. I have been reading a lot about peoples opinions on data centers and based on my education and research, I have to say the following: Data Centers house cloud storage and technology infrastructure for things we use every day. This includes: 1. Medical Necessities: Medical record storage, patient portals, healthcare visits, and prescriptions sent electronically from your medical facility to the pharmacy. 2. Phone and Internet Usage: Sending/receiving emails, internet searches, photo storage, online shopping, social media/ online videos, most apps (including banking, medical, food delivery, rideshare, maps/navigation and games). 3. Banking: Online banking access, automatic payroll from your employer, online purchases, in-person transactions at any retailer using a debit/credit card, and the online security infrastructure that protects your personal and card information used in both online and in-person transactions from being stolen. 4. Work and education: Remote learning or working, anything requiring saving word documents or files, internet access for work or school, remote training/learning, and online videos. Unfortunately, today, it is nearly impossible not to perform any of the above activities on a regular basis, and as technology expands, the infrastructure that holds all the information and the applications we use daily needs to be increased to keep up with our needs. It is important to acknowledge a datacenter can be a SIGNIFICANT drain on a community in many ways. However, I think there needs to be a conversation shift from pretending we don't need a data center for any of the above things we all use every day to a responsible conversation on appropriate data center location, energy planning, community protection, cost, and overall transparency on the risks and benefits of a data center in our community. A data center does not necessarily need to be labeled "good" or "bad" because it is both. I urge you to do your own research on both the risks and benefits of data centers, but if you happen to use the internet to do your research, you might be contributing to the need for a data center. Morgan Rodriguez
Again I am new to the area. Have a new home and would like to see more commercial development to help with the taxes. If Ryan and Google are on the up and up with the proposed project. Go for it. Data centers have bad publicity so this project needs to be different and address as being different from other with all the factors out front as to why. People don't understand when you say it's going to use as much water as a 18 hole golf course? Is the water being used for what and is there enough for future generations. Is the waste water going to hurt our ground water- sewage system. Is my electric bill going up because of what the

current growth rates are because of the data center. Does the data center hurt me or help me as a Pine Island resident???	Romaine Miller
Thank you for having courage and being decent people.	Valerie Lindahl
Please continue to be good and decent!	
Jason Lindahl	
Having worked on data centers they are more efficient than scattering computer equipment all over, but due diligence has to be done on power, noise, and water consumption.	Horst Truestedt
This project delivers substantial benefits to our community without placing new demands on municipal resources or raising residential taxes. Building this data center means infrastructure investment, responsible grid upgrades, and protecting our town's financial future for decades to come.	Kurtis Amundson
I appreciate all of the work that has been done and the feedback that has been taken. We need to continue to work together to make the best overall decisions for Pine Island.	Doug Sailer
Growth. Prosperity. Lower taxes. All things you (likely) campaigned on and believe in. The biggest company in the WORLD wants to come here. City? Uses Google. School? Uses Google. Mayo Clinic? Uses Google. It's time to put Pine Island on the map for a blue print for community growth, residential and business benefit, and a booming infrastructure rather than the hit pieces those are choosing to push now.	Tyler Rogers
Please vote yes for the data center!	Margaret Miller
Thank you for serving our community and thank you for approving the data center	Jayk Klusmann
Please persist in this great endeavor. Do not let the negative press or comments of a loud minority sway the good work and opportunity here!	Ted Bauer
This sounds like the game of telephone and what I hear there is no fact in any of it.	Rick Eppen
My wife and I will be living within sight of the facility, we are not concerned, we need this to keep P.I. strong.	Robert & Norma Bennerotle
Thank you for all you do. Keep your heads held high.	Donna Schmidt
My message to city council is to not forget your duty for the role. You were voted in by your peers of the community. You work for the citizens of the community. You need to be transparent with your constituents otherwise you're no better than the scum in Washington DC.	Dillon Holtan
Thank you to the council members that have handled the entire situation very well. You have asked the right questions and have done the research, so that you can make an informed decision.	Brian Menk
Is anyone posting the facts about the data center. Bullet points NOT engineering data	Tammie Eppen
We need business development and growth opportunities in this town, It is not just the data center, but also the potential for additional light industrial opportunities. I find it hypocritical that local residents post their complaints on social media, Where do these people feel that data / information is stored ? Google is not the first Hyperscaler to look at Pine Island as a good site for a data center and nor will they be the last.	Pine Island's

proximity to: Rochester; the Excel substation; and the existing fiber routes make it a prime location. Kent Mueller
I appreciate everyone on the city council and what they've done to get this approved. Loren Simpson
Thanks for all you do Rod Lanners
My belief is you have a silent majority in favor of this project. There are a very few people that don't use cloud based storage, including the naysayers. I would rather get the revenue than some other town. This is perfect city planning to put industrial next to major highways. To bad the city didn't have the funds to do this earlier to keep residential away from the highway noise. Wendell Pahl
If you're going to have a poll like this, tell the community before you post a skewed ridiculous number before everyone can be polled. 526 people out of 3200 is ridiculous, who does that? Ryan Marcotte
Keep up the great work ☺ Jordan Thiede
I fully support Project Skyway and feel it is a great economic and developmental opportunity for Pine Island and Pine Island Schools. Google and Ryan Co. have been forthcoming with answers to all questions and with Google's massive resources there is no reason to believe they would not do their best to be a good partner in the project. Joel Swan
Thank you for voting on this and I hope it passes Mike Edstrom
I totally support project Skyway. I feel it would benefit the town and especially the schools. Teresa Swan
Thank you for public service and leadership within our community. Dominick Pahl
Thank you for your hard work and I apologize on behalf of those who have been unpleasant, mean, disrespectful, hurtful and unable to debate a topic in a civilized manner. You have support my support. Casey Pahl
Thanks for doing your job and not listening to the uneducated mob. Miller Ness
Thanks for watching out for my tax dollars. I'm already over taxed in PI, this should help. Mike Bjorkland
Please continue to move forward with Ryan Company and the Project Skyway Development. Jonathan Pahl
Thank you for all that you have sustained through this decision& You are appreciated. Deb Pahl
Great job Margaret Friese
I applaud the council for their work & willingness to remain steadfast in support of this project. Grant Friese
I have been working from the age of 19 in the manufacturing industry to afford the house my disabled, widowed, mother and I live in. I had taken 7 college level classes in highschool yet I have had to give up those dreams so she and I dont end up homeless. I pay for the electricity, the house bill, the cars, the insurance, the grocery, the water, and other utilities. Already I have seen hundreds more dollars being taken from me ONLY in anticipation of this data center. They have silenced the people who are supposed to inform us, they have declared things ok through lack of any proof of harm even though the time taken to monitor its environmental effects is far too short to properly and safely scale. It is like saying unicorns and dragons exist because no one has shown they dont. It seems more like a logical fallacy than a dedicated study. There has been a grand total of 0 people I have Ever met,

who are in favor of this. It is supposed to be a government "For the people" and yet they state that they dont have to listen to us, that we will only speak when they say we can, and that they can, and will, decide when we need to stop speaking. It is not a city council, it is a faux representation of a community leadership covering a fox den of deaf and blind paper mache mephistopheles. This does not add to our community, this doesn't not add to our population, this does not add to our quality of life. This takes from our community. Takes from our population, because im sure that the people who can leave, will leave. Takes from our quality of life, and im sure these are only a small percentage of things it will take from the city of pine island. Aidan Schweisberger