

Letter to the Editor / Pizen Switch

To the Lyon County Board of Commissioners and the Editor:

On August 6 (this Thursday) the Board will consider the Monarch Data Center. At a recent workshop meeting (August 3rd) the Chair stated, with media present, that if three minutes is not enough the public can email the Board and that those emails are always read. The tone was sincere. Reading, however, is not the same as responding or accounting for what the large majority of *speakers* and *writers* have repeatedly asked for.

The public has been clear: deny the project, or condition any approval on a binding, enforceable Community Benefit Agreement with real penalties, real monitoring, and real local control. A future ordinance does not meet that demand. Ordinances can be amended under pressure. A properly written CBA cannot.

Yesterday's session was labeled a workshop but was not structured as one. Public comment was not taken after each section of the draft ordinance. That matters while the ordinance is still being developed.

This is also a power issue. Approval without hard limits permanently seats a well-funded external company at the local table. Once built, they become one of the largest taxpayers and infrastructure users in the

county, with continuous professional capacity to influence future decisions. Residents retain three minutes and the promise that their emails will be read. That imbalance is permanent.

Please vote on August 6 with the community's stated concerns first. Lyon County residents are also encouraged to take the Vote Now poll on Facebook and on the public anonymous poll provided here so the numbers are visible before the meeting.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccPb5a6L4JFe7EM8TFktt6ceYyInW1QOIX8YKHEZrtXWIUDg/viewform?usp=header)

**1FAIpQLSccPb5a6L4JFe7EM8TFktt6ceYyInW1QOIX8YKHEZrtXWIUDg/
viewform?usp=header**

Respectfully,

Pamela Gurr

**Concerned Yerington-Mason Valley Resident / Business Co-owner and
poll coordinator for the FaceBook Group LyonVoices community polls**