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DEVELOPERS TELL TUCSON COUNCIL MEMBER PROJECT BLUE WILL BE BUILT REGARDLESS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNEXATION APPROVAL

**Beale and Amazon Web Services have announced
Project Blue is a regional watershed-wide fight**

[TUCSON, AZ, 8/5/2025] Announcement

Tucson City Council member for Ward 4, Nikki Lee, announced today that Beale Infrastructure Group informed her that Amazon's controversial data center development, Project Blue, will be built in the region regardless of whether or not the Tucson Mayor and Council approve a proposed annexation necessary for development. Lee stated "The reality is this: Project Blue will be built in the Tucson metropolitan area, regardless of what the City of Tucson decides."

Lee states that Beale representatives told her directly that this project will be built within the Tucson metropolitan area, within TEP service areas, and within our watershed. Beale Infrastructure is the developer for Project Blue, of which Amazon Web Services will be the end user.

**The No Desert Data Centers Coalition released this statement in
response to the news in Council Member Lee's newsletter:**

These statements, though presented as certainties, reflect only the aspirations of the developer. We urge decision makers not to prioritize short

term economic gain over long term community investments. Our coalition completely rejects this latest corporate intimidation from Beale. It is the same inevitability mindset that led to the scars of Urban Renewal, TCE poisoning, and the death of a free flowing Santa Cruz River. Beale and Amazon will still have to pass regulatory muster for any project proposed in Arizona before it becomes final. And they will always have the community to contend with.

As a coalition we are committed to raising awareness and fighting non-consensual development across Tucson, Pima County and the Santa Cruz River Watershed as a whole. We ask for engaged community members not to be discouraged by false inevitabilities, and to stand firm in their demand for NO DESERT DATA CENTER. We hope that the Tucson Mayor and Council will stand strong and listen to the will of the people by voting against annexation for Project Blue. We will continue to demand just governance, transparency, sustainable jobs, and healthy communities in the Sonoran Desert.

Not one drop.

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Note to the editor:

No Desert Data Center members will pack City Hall chambers on Wednesday, August 6 and call on Mayor Regina Romero and City Council Members not to delay, and to reject Project Blue during their Study Session. A rally against Amazon's Project Blue will be held at 4pm outside City Hall.

About No Desert Data Center Coalition

No Desert Data Center is a leaderful coalition made up of business owners, teachers, medical professionals, students, indigenous land advocates, photographers, researchers, environmentalists, artists, labor and community organizers, and concerned citizens.

We organize to defeat Project Blue as volunteers. We fight at the intersection of many causes, including but not limited to; public health, water security, energy equity, sustainable economic development, tribal consultation and sovereignty, demilitarization, immigrant justice, environmental impacts such

as noise pollution and air quality. We are unified in our vision of the future that is sustainable, healthy, and resilient for children and future desert dwellers. We believe in a Sonoran Desert free from the consequences of short sighted economic extraction.

We organize because we believe in the power of community, and the sacredness of natural resources and the land we call home.