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### Building a Stronger Union City—As ONE

#### **Creating Opportunity**

Data centers are more than facilities—they're catalysts for economic mobility.

**Connecting Union City to An Innovation Network** These facilities connect Union City into a global innovation network while strengthening local infrastructure.

**Empowering the Community and Our People** With responsible growth comes reinvestment in what matters most.



## Our Shared Vision Starts Here



#### Quality of Life

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#### Safety & Stability

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#### A Future-Ready Union City

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### **Of CONNECTY** Understanding Data Centers



### **Dife** UNION CITY Data Centers 101



A data center is a specialized facility that stores, processes, and distributes large amounts of digital information.

Think of it as the "brain" of the internet—powering everything from websites and emails to cloud apps and streaming services.

These centers house powerful servers, storage systems, and networking equipment, all kept in a secure, climate-controlled environment.

Georgia is increasingly home to state-of-the-art data centers, helping fuel our digital economy.

# Data Centers and Our Daily Lives

You Likely Use a Data Center Every Day—Even If You Don't Know It

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Every time you send a text, stream a movie, shop online, or use GPS, you're relying on a data center.

Businesses depend on them to manage customer info, inventory, financial data, and remote operations.

Healthcare, education, entertainment, and even farming in Georgia are powered by data stored in these digital hubs.

As our lives become more connected, the need for fast, reliable, and secure data access is growing—and Georgia is rising to meet the demand.

Data centers support a wide-range of industries: advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, e-commerce, education, financial services, government services, healthcare, public safety, remote work and more



#### **Resource Management: Data Centers and Efficiency**



ENERGY

# Recalibrating global data center energy-use estimates

Growth in energy use has slowed owing to efficiency gains that smart policies can help maintain in the near term

- "In 2010, the researchers estimated that 79 percent of data center computing was done in smaller traditional computer centers, largely owned and run by non-tech companies."
- "By 2018, 89 percent of data center computing took place in larger, utility-style cloud data centers."
- A 2020 study of data centers globally found that while their computing output jumped 550% from 2010 to 2018, their energy consumption rose only 6 percent.

Source: Science, Recalibrating global data center energy-use estimates, Feb 28, 2020. https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aba3758 and https://datacenters.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/Masanet\_et\_al\_Science\_2020.full\_.pdf



#### **Inside a Data Center: Building Shell**





#### **Inside a Data Center: Security**





#### **Inside a Data Center: Interior Space**





#### **Inside a Data Center: Servers**





### **Inside a Data Center: Cooling**





#### **Inside a Data Center: Fiber/Networking**





#### **Inside a Data Center: Reliable Power**





### Number of People/Devices Drives Data Center Demand

"The data center industry has experienced explosive growth over the past decade, driven by ever-increasing demand for cloud services and the expanding use of web-enabled devices globally. [...] In the next five years, consumers and businesses will generate twice as much data as all the data created over the past 10 years."

-JLL, Data Centers 2024 Global Outlook

Sources: JLL, Data Centers 2024 Global Outlook, <u>https://www.us.jll.com/content/dam/jll-</u> com/documents/pdf/research/global/jll-data-center-outlook-global-2024.pdf

International Telecommunication Union, https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx

Deloitte "Shiny new devices may be bringing joy, but who's protecting consumer data?", January 23, 2023 https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/insights/industry/technology/consumer-data-privacy.html

### More People Are Getting Online

Approximately 5.4 billion people or 67% of the global population are online today. This represents an increase of 45% since 2018. 2.6 billion people are not yet connected to the internet.

On average, U.S. households have a total of 21 connected devices.



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## Georgia's Growing Data Center Industry

By The Numbers

30,070 direct jobs in the Georgia data center market

**176,790** total employment contribution (including direct, indirect, and induced effects)

**\$14.1** billion total contribution to labor income (including direct, indirect, and induced effects)

Including direct, indirect, and induced effects, the data center industry contributed **\$25.7** billion to Georgia GDP and **\$1.8** billion in state and local tax revenues

U.S. Data Center Industry create **603,900** direct jobs and **\$404** billion in total labor income across the nation.



## Data Centers and Quality Community Growth

**Union City Virtual Townhall Meeting** 



**Sarah-Elizabeth Langford** *Executive Director, Develop Fulton* 





### Why Have Some Communities Welcomed Data Centers?

- Major investment in the local economy- when commercial business taxes increase, this reduces the burden on individual residents
- New education and job opportunities
- Support for neighborhood improvements
- Focus on sustainability and green practices



Command Prompt :

ChatGPT



- A leading Tech company invested \$700 million in Fulton County
- The company partnered with Fulton County Schools to create AI Technology curriculum, internships and opportunities for local students
- Extremely important that our students learn skills of the future, prepared for highpaying tech jobs
- Zero taxes collected at the time of the investment; \$16 million projected to be collected over incentive period





### **Empowering Women & Minorities and Building Stronger Neighborhoods**

- A data center invested 1.5 Billion and also created a Women in STEM program to inspire young women to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math careers.
- They built their own power substation to avoid draining the neighborhood grid.
- They added thousands of feet of sidewalks to improve walkability and safety in the neighborhood as the residents requested.
- Plus, they designed their data center to be waterless, protecting the community's valuable water supply.
- Zero taxes collected prior to the development; \$68 million projected to be collected over incentive period





### What This Means for Union City

- Identified community needs addressed by data centers such as new jobs and career pathways for residents
- Stronger infrastructure for the community
- Educational programs that prepare our children for the future
- Environmentally responsible development
- Increase the tax base
- Community contribution





### Data Centers: A Gateway of Opportunities For Fulton County





## **Hear From The Experts**



### **Today's Panelists**



Josh Levi Data Center Coalition

Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Develop Fulton Dr. Tobe Agoucha EdgeConnex **Tad Hardy** Kimley-Horn Scott Gammill Georgia Power

**Chris Trotman** *TA Realty* 





### Develop Fulton At-A-Glance: Fulton County Data Centers

### **OUR GOAL**



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