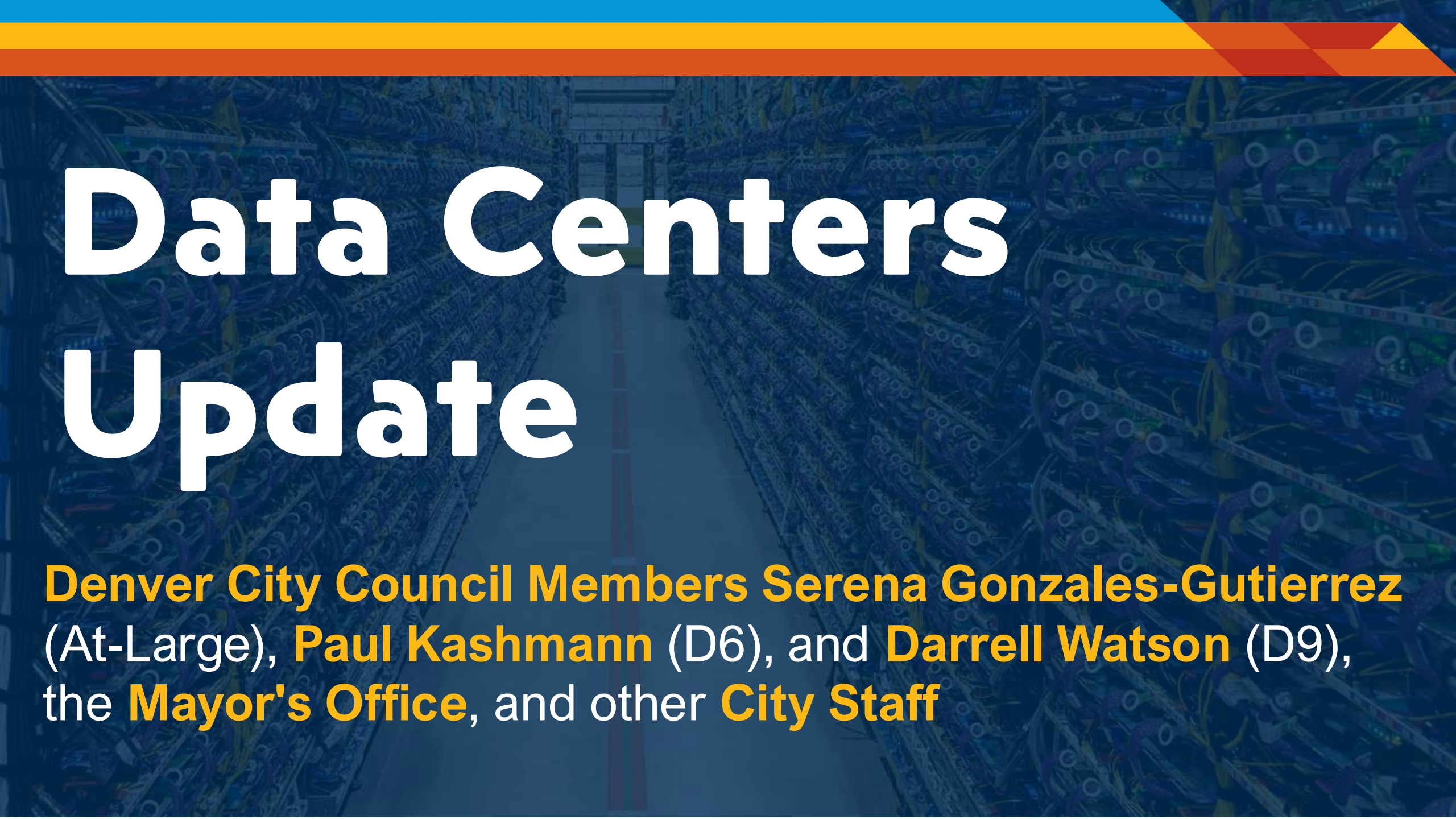




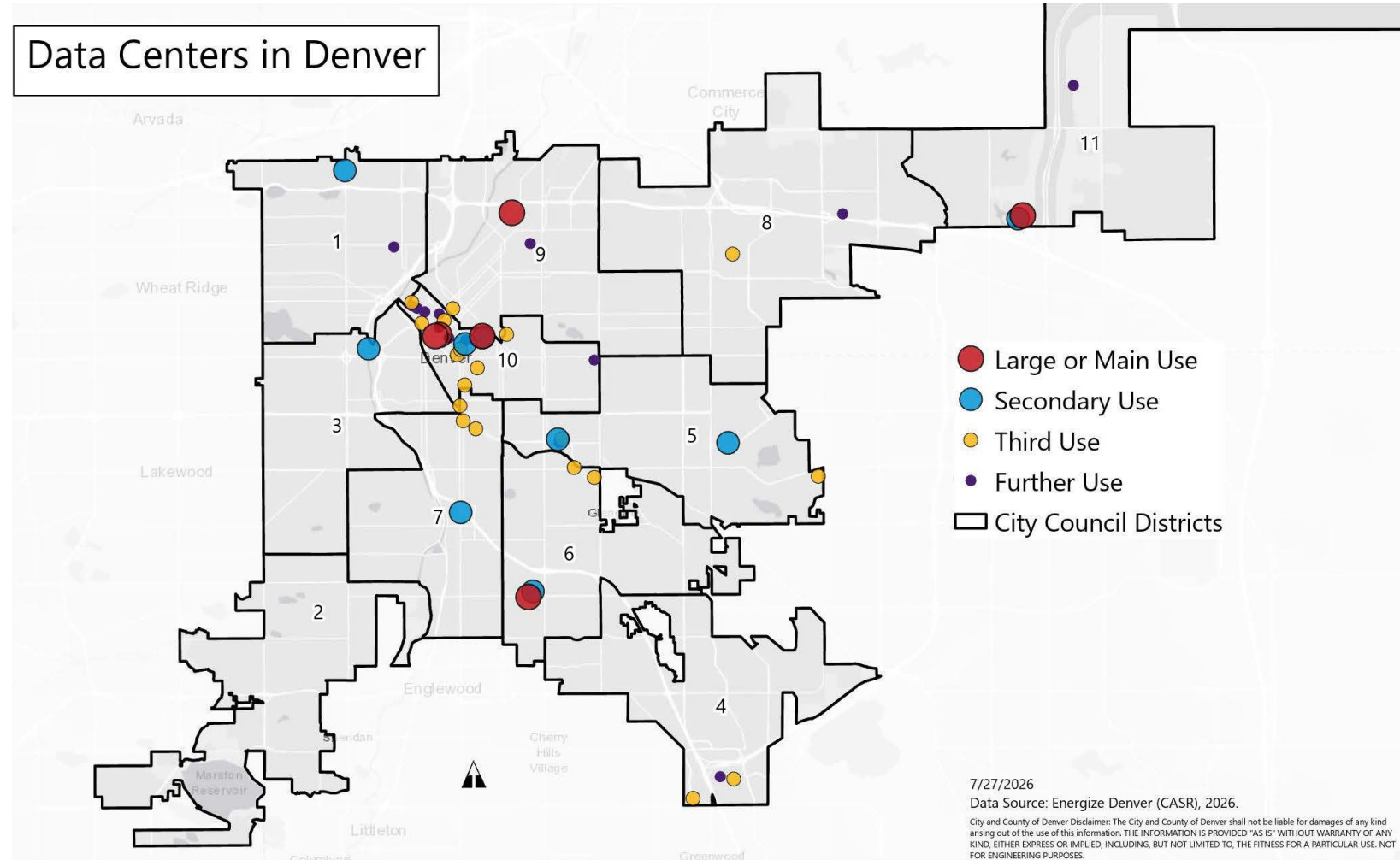
Data Centers Update

Denver City Council Members Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez (At-Large), **Paul Kashmann** (D6), and **Darrell Watson** (D9), the **Mayor's Office**, and other **City Staff**

Data Centers by District

Energize Denver shows
50 data centers in Denver
ranging in size from 200
to 200,000 square feet.

5 buildings are used
entirely as data centers
and others are secondary
operations.



Background

Despite being heavy resource users with a large community impact, data centers are not sufficiently regulated in Denver and have **no** specific zoning, and permitting requirements, and lack other community protections.

On May 18, 2026, the City Council unanimously approved a moratorium on data centers which requires a Working Group to recommend policies that protect shared natural resources, Denver neighborhoods, and residents.

The moratorium was led by City Council Members **Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez** (At-Large), **Paul Kashmann** (D6), and **Darrell Watson** (D9)

The Moratorium

The moratorium **halts new data center** development and construction until **May 21, 2027**. Permitted operations prior to May 21, 2026 are not impacted.

City Council Members Gonzales-Gutierrez, Kashmann, and Watson will file a moratorium extension if more time is needed to finish the job.



Source: datacenters.google/discover-more/photo-gallery

The Working Group Facilitators

[Group 14 Engineering](#) and [Civic Consulting Collaborative](#) (CCC) were selected to co-facilitate the Data Center Working Group and public engagement.

Group 14 will lead technical analysis and policy support. CCC will lead stakeholder engagement and equitable public process.

CASR sought proposals through their on-call consultants, with scoring and input from City Council, Mayor's Office, and city departments.

Group 14 has supported past Denver climate work, including the Climate Action Task Force and CASR sustainability and energy services.

The Working Group

The Working Group will include Council Members, utilities, unions, industry reps, advocacy groups, community members, and subject matter experts, with city staff playing a supporting role.

Council Members, Mayor's Office, and city staff initially recommended specific Working Group members, but after discussion with the facilitators, a more open application process was determined to be more equitable.

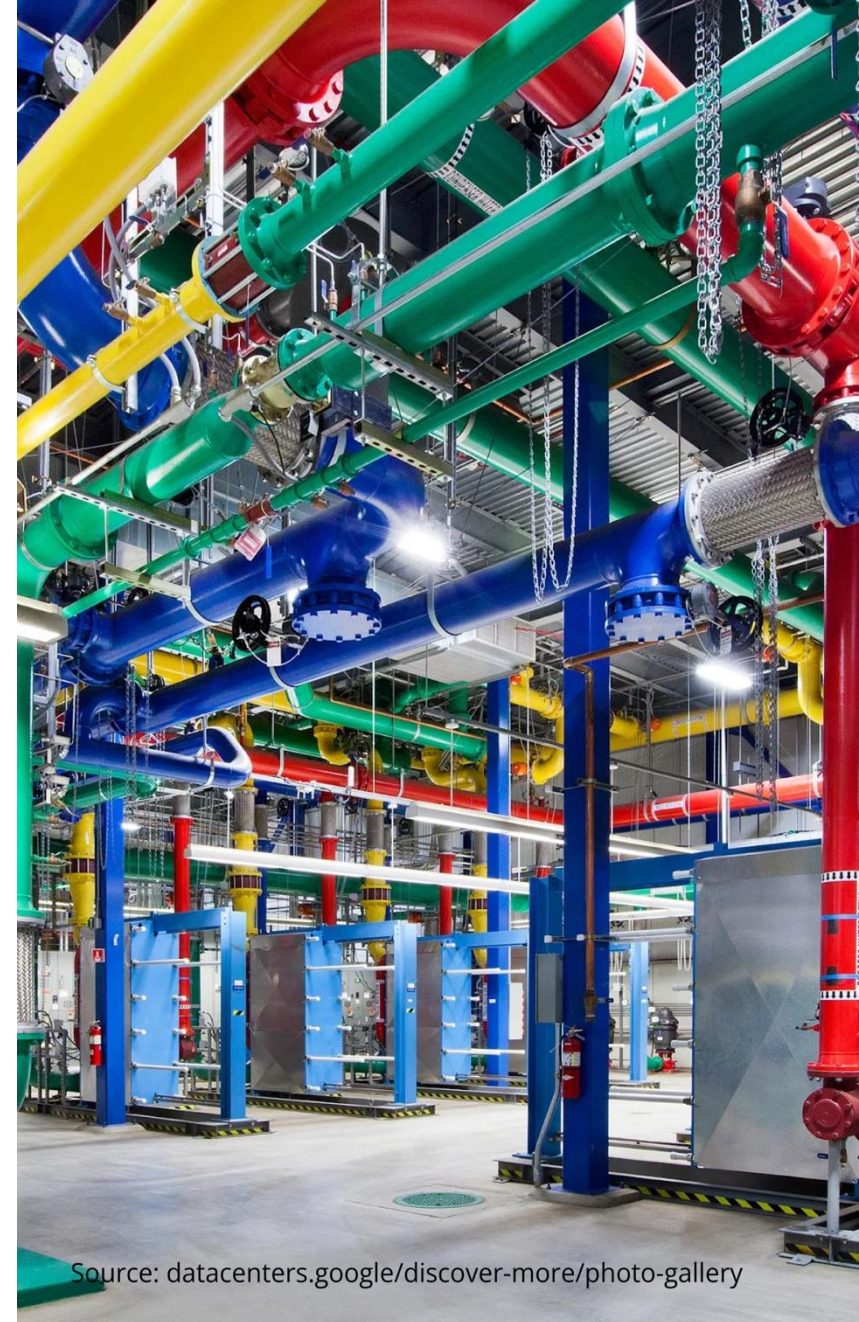
To ensure an equitable process, an open public call for applications to serve on the Data Center Working Group will launch on August 21st, 2026.

The Working Group

The Working Group will focus on public health, community impact, climate goals, fair utility costs, technology needs, and development.

The Working Group will pay special attention to vulnerable and adversely impacted communities.

The goal is to review and propose updates to Denver's zoning and municipal codes, building and energy standards, and other city policies.



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Public Participation and Community Input

The City is launching several ways for community members to get involved and make their voices heard throughout the process.

1. Open call and application for Working Group members
2. Public comment and participation at virtual and in-person meetings
3. Website, forms, and a designated email to capture community feedback
4. Language justice and interpretation to ensure all voices are heard
5. Publish draft policy recommendations for public comment

Timeline

- **Oct. '24:** Council Member Watson (D9) holds a data center community meeting at Johnson Rec. Center
- **Feb. '26:** Council Members Gonzales-Gutierrez (At-Large), Kashmann (D6), Watson (D9), and the Administration announce a data center moratorium
- **Feb. '26:** Council Member Watson (D9) hosts a data center community meeting in GeoTech
- **Mar. '26:** Data center moratorium passes Community Planning and Housing committee
- **May '26:** Denver City Council unanimously approves the moratorium after public hearing
- **Mar. - Jul. '26:** 11 meetings with Council Members, city staff, and partners
- **Aug. '26:** 3 meetings with Council Members, city staff, and facilitators | Community Planning and Housing committee | Launch website | Open public applications
- **Oct. - Dec. '26:** Working Group meetings, Small Neighborhood Meetings, and Community Outreach
- **Jan. - Apr. '27:** Working Group meetings | Draft policy recommendations and release them for public feedback
- **May '27:** Propose final recommendations | Moratorium scheduled to end
- **Summer '27:** City Council reviews, discusses, and votes on the policy package

Immediate Next Steps

By the end of **August**, the City will:

1. Launch [Denvergov.org/Datacenters](https://denvergov.org/Datacenters)
2. Issue an open and public call for applications to serve on the Working Group
3. Begin collecting community feedback and questions

By the end of **October**, the City will:

1. Select, finalize, and announce the Working Group members
2. Host a public meeting with Working Group members
3. Launch more resources and ways for public participation



Thank You