

Veto

I am vetoing RS 26-019 A Resolution Supporting A Joint Marketing Effort Between The Borough And Terra Energy Center Corporation For The Promotion And Development Of Designated Borough Lands To Solicit Expressions Of Interest From Large Power Consumers For Data Center, Energy Infrastructure, Advanced Manufacturing, And Industrial Development Opportunities.

My reasoning for this veto is the risk that Mat-Su Borough has placed themselves in with doing a joint marketing effort between a private corporation and every resident in our Borough. Stated within the Resolution that on page 5 of 6 is a list of priorities for this joint marketing effort. The first item listed is Attraction of data center and advanced computing facilities.

Location of data centers within our borough has not been vented by our assembly and the recent testimony at our public meetings is that some of our citizens have concerns regarding data centers. We as elected officials owe it to our citizens to continue our reputation regarding providing transversaria within our borough.

Second reason is giving a private company to 'represent' us (the borough) on a stage that we have not discussed with our citizens or at assembly meetings.

Third reason - Due to their high energy usage, low employment density, noise, and need for security, they often require conditional use permits – a subject that the assembly has not discussed.



Edna DeVries, Mayor Mat-Su Borough – March 5, 2026