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Secretary Gray Cautions Cheyenne City Council Against Blocking Referendum on Data Centers

CHEYENNE, WY – In response to the Cheyenne City Council's August 10th decision seeking court action regarding the referendum petition filed to stop the Cheyenne City Council's annexation of over 3,400 acres associated with Microsoft's proposed data center expansion, Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray sent a letter to Cheyenne Mayor Patrick Collins, cautioning against anything that would impede the ability of Cheyenne residents to engage in the referendum process.

Secretary Gray wrote in part, "As Wyoming's Chief Election Official tasked with oversight and administration of Wyoming's Election Code, Title 22, I write to caution you against undermining the clear, statutory process laid out in W.S. 22-23-1005, and to let the referendum process proceed. I am deeply disturbed by the actions of the mayor and council. Title 22 is clear: city residents have the right to subject ordinances to a referendum vote if the signature requirements are met. The People of Wyoming remain concerned about data centers. Please don't abuse legal processes and procedures to bog down Cheyenne residents' constitutional rights under the initiative process. I urge you to revisit this issue, let the statutorily authorized process for verifying petition signatures proceed, and let the people of Cheyenne have a voice in this process."

Secretary Gray's full letter can be found [here](#).

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