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Greetings Planning Clerk:

Good evening Members of the commission. My name is Elizabeth Webster and I am a resident of Eureka. I am writing to comment during the general public comment period regarding the future of our local infrastructure and its relationship with Artificial Intelligence.

Arcata and Eureka are now global hubs for sub sea data cables, yet decisions about the massive data centers required to support them are often made through 'administrative exemptions' without a true town hall vote. These land based facilities use millions of gallons of our local freshwater and create industrial noise and heat that we, as a community, did not explicitly agree to.

The Solution (The charter):

I am introducing a concept from a new Charter of Digital Collaboration. We are calling for local liberty. This means:

1. Water-positive mandates: We must prioritize the health of our local aquifers. Data centers should be moved underwater - where they can use natural seawater cooling without consuming a single drop of our drinking water. The Echo Subsea cable is here in our ocean travelling all the way to Singapore. Our community should be utilizing this unique situation to lead the Nation and create new employment opportunities.
2. Bio-Symbiotic Design: Future projects should follow a 'living reef' model which can plug directly into the Echo Subsea cable, that supports our marine life rather than just sitting in a beige building on land like that of the EdgeConneX data center at the old Nilsen Feed site.
3. Community Sovereignty: No more secret NDAs. If a project uses our natural resources, the people deserve a vote, not just a permit check.

Conclusion:

We have a unique opportunity here to lead the world in Scuba-tech and sustainable A.I. Let's protect our land, our water, and our future by bringing these conversations into the light.
Thank you.