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Citizens Group in Final 7-Day Push for Data Center Referendum; 7,000 Signatures Still Needed to Secure Public Vote

JOPLIN, MO – The Joplin Sustainable Technology Alliance (JSTA) is entering the final week of its petition drive to bring the annexation and rezoning of the Wildwood Ranch data center development to a public vote. With the legal deadline of March 7th approaching, the group has collected 1,000 signatures but requires a total of 5,032 to trigger a municipal referendum. JSTA hopes to submit 8,000 signatures in order to account for signatures that may not be valid.

Volunteers will be stationed across the city this week in a final sprint to ensure that Joplin residents, not just out-of-state developers, have the final word on the city's industrial expansion.

- **WHAT:** A 7-day citywide signature drive.
- **WHEN:** Monday, March 2nd – Sunday, March 8th.
- **WHERE:** Ozark Family Dental (M-Th, 8 AM – 3:30 PM), Wildwood Senior Living (M-F, 9:30 AM – 4 PM), Blackthorn Pizza & Pub (M-F, 6-7 PM), Chaos Brewing (Sat & Sun, 12-4 PM)
- **WHY:** To secure the 8,000 signatures required by the Joplin City Charter to place the Wildwood Ranch annexation and rezoning ordinances on the August 2026 ballot.

Visuals & Interview Opportunities:

- Live signature gathering at Chaos Brewing.
- Interviews with Rebecca Collins (JSTA), KJ McDonald, and Amanda Calderone (JCAW).
- Quotes from Joplin residents who believe the decision should be settled at the ballot box.

About JSTA: The Joplin Sustainable Technology Alliance is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting government accountability and sustainable development in the Joplin area.

