

MOTION

The passage of H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, included within it Sec. 13823. This provision allows Governors to designate up to 25 percent of the total number of low-income census tracts in a state as Opportunity Zones. These Opportunity Zones would be eligible to receive Opportunity Funds, which are private sector investments of which at least 90 percent of capital is invested in Opportunity Zones.

Governor Brown has until March 22, 2018 to submit nominations to the Department of the Treasury to designate areas in the State of California that qualify as Opportunity Zones. The Department of the Treasury will then have 30 days from the date of nomination to certify and designate the area as an Opportunity Zone.

The City should identify areas in Los Angeles that qualify for this benefit, and take advantage of other zones, such as Promise Zones, Clean Up Green Zones, and Transformative Climate Communities. These zone designations give the City a unique opportunity to leverage economic development in areas where such assistance is most needed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to evaluate the new Federal Opportunity Zones and report to Council with recommendations on how to establish zones in the City, with consideration of the Promise Zones, the Clean Up Green Zones, and the Transformative Climate Communities where possible.

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