



STAFF REPORT	
SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of a Joint Letter Advocating for Opportunity Zones Selection	MEETING DATE: March 19, 2026
SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to approve a joint letter with the County and City of Lakeport regarding updated Opportunity Zone designations.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In the first Trump administration Opportunity Zones were established to help encourage investment in disadvantaged communities. Three census tracts in the City of Clearlake were included in this designation. The current administration is working to update the program (Opportunity Zones 2.0) and is allowing additional census tracts to be included. There are a total of nine eligible tracts in Lake County, with five of them at least partially in the City boundary. The Governor is allowed to recommend a certain number of census tracts for inclusion. In discussions with the County they recommended a joint letter from all jurisdictions to the Governor with a prioritized list.

A map of the eligible zones can be found [here](#).

Additional information about Opportunity Zones “2.0” can be found [here](#).

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Joint Letter and Authorize the Mayor to Sign.
2. Provide Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None \$ Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other: Projects

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- Goal #1: Economic Development
- Goal #2: Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Goal #3: Celebrate Clearlake
- Goal #4: Clean
- Goal #5: Fiscal Sustainability
- Goal #6: Safe

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I move to approve the Joint Letter and Authorize the Mayor to Sign.

Attachments:

1. Draft Joint Letter Regarding Opportunity Zones
2. County Presentation regarding Opportunity Zones