

The Honorable Governor Dannel Malloy:

As the TITLE of the BOROUGH/TOWN/CITY of MUNCIPALITY , I am aware of census tracts in our community that are eligible to be designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones under the current federal tax law. I understand that this program may potentially steer investment opportunities to projects and initiatives our community has already developed for these neighborhoods. **I respectfully request that you give due consideration to using your powers under the current federal tax law to designate the following census tracts as Qualified Opportunity Zones for confirmation by the Secretary of the Treasury:**

- TRACT NUMBERS

I am aware that an application process may be developed by your office for this designation, however I feel strongly that the aforementioned neighborhoods stand out as unique opportunities for strong investment, and I wanted to bring the need and the opportunity for investment in MUNCIPALITY directly to your attention.

[Factors for recommended nomination, including current private development interest in these zones, current local, state or federal investments such as brownfield assessment and cleanup grants, Urban Act and/or EDA investments in infrastructure, existing transit and utility infrastructure, TOD development and planning, approved or planned real estate developments, zoning changes to support sustainable development, the presence of anchor institutions, or any other programs or initiatives that would complement designation.]

Further, our community is willing and able to support this program through advertising towards and working alongside future Opportunity Funds to steer investment towards these neighborhoods, and through making public investments in these neighborhoods to support private investment. *[It may be helpful to include examples of previous activity. Especially important to mention here if you have already been approached by Community Foundations who are working with private investors interested in setting up qualified Opportunity Funds who want to invest in Connecticut communities for the tax benefit.]*

Should you desire to have more detailed conversation about these neighborhoods, our eligibility, or our capacity to support and to advertise new opportunities created by this program, I stand ready to discuss these issues at your convenience.

Sincerely,

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL_____

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