EIG Opportunity Zones Coalition Conference Call
Conference Call Agenda
Thursday, October 17, 2019
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
Dial-in: 720-707-2699; Meeting ID: 105 081 015
or https://zoom.us/j/105081015
Coalition Portal: https://eig.org/opportunityzones/coalition; Password: EIGOZcoalition

- Recap of House Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access Hearing
  - “Can Opportunity Zones Address the Concerns of the Small Business Economy?”
  - Thursday, October 17, 10:00 am ET (link to livestream)

- Guest Speaker: Ben Seigel, Opportunity Zones Coordinator, City of Baltimore
  - October 16: Baltimore Homecoming 2019

- Policy Updates
  - HUD Issues Information Collection on Opportunity Zones Grant Certification Form (Deadline for comments: December 9)
  - HUD grants $112 million to expand affordable housing for people with disabilities, with preference points to OZs
  - CA Treasurer Fiona Ma Appoints New Housing, Economic Development, Jobs, and Opportunity Zones Ad Hoc Committee
  - IRS Releases Priority Guidance Plan, Includes OZs
  - Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Announces New Initiative to Support Opening and Expanding Charter Schools in Opportunity Zones
  - IRS publishes draft Form 8997 for QOF statements, issues RFI (Deadline for comments: December 2)
  - Department of Commerce publishes RFI on Opportunity Zones (Deadline for comments: October 18)

- Market Updates and Resources
  - HUD | Opportunity Zones Toolkit: Volume 1
  - New York Fed | Investing in Opportunity Zones: Ensuring the Public Benefit
  - Urban Institute | An Opportunity Zone Guide for Governors and a Case Study of South Carolina
Bloomberg Tax | **INSIGHT: Navigating Opportunity Zones—Making the Myriad of Legal Requirements Work in Practice**

South Florida Business Journal | **Hollywood attracts new Opportunity Zone investments with 3 major projects in the planning stages**

Telegraph Herald | **Company plans 180-unit, $20 million retail/apartment complex in Port of Dubuque**

TribLive | **Vertical farming company Fifth Season moves to Braddock**

MaineBiz | **Inside the new Waterville Opportunity Zone ’megafund’**

Lawrence Journal World | **City seeking feedback on desired developments in low-income ‘opportunity zones’**

Houston Chronicle | **Origin Investments and Marquette Cos. break ground on Second Ward apartment midrise**

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- **Open Discussion**

- **Next Steps**
  - Next Coalition Call: Thursday, October 31, 2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT

*Do you have an upcoming OZ project or announcement? Let us know: catherine@eig.org*
General Updates and Resources

Upcoming Opportunity Zones Events

- October 21: Mastercard Inclusive Growth Summit, Washington, DC
- October 22-25: SOCAP 2019, San Francisco, CA
- October 22: CDFA Catalyzing Opportunity Zone Investments in New England, Boston, MA
- October 22: Opportunity Virginia Launch & Summit, Charlottesville, VA
- October 23: Columbus Chamber of Commerce Government Day, Columbus, OH
- October 24-25: Novogradac Opportunity Zones Fall Conference, Chicago, IL
- October 29: EIG Webinar on Anchor Institutions in OZs (national)
- October 30: Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development’s Opportunity Zones - Choose Connecticut, New Haven, CT
- October 30: Accelerator for America Investor Summit, Dayton, OH
- November 12: IMN Opportunity Zones Forum West, Los Angeles, CA
- February 5-7: Sorenson Impact 2020 Winter Innovation Summit, Salt Lake City, UT

Past Opportunity Zones Events

- October 4: QOZ State Tax Landscape: California Case Study and Path Ahead (webinar)
- October 10: South Carolina Opportunity Zone Summit, Greenville, SC
- October 10: CDFA Georgia Opportunity Zones: Driving Peach State Investment, Atlanta, GA
- October 16: Baltimore Homecoming 2019, Baltimore, MD
- October 17: Brownfield Listing’s Opportunity Zones Bootcamp and Pitch Competition, Newark, NJ

Key Opportunity Zones Clips

- Oregon Business | Opinion: Opportunity Zones Offer Potential for Positive Change
- Daily Local News | Coatesville primed for extensive economic revitalization
- Puget Sound Business Journal | Five misconceptions about opportunity zones
- Wall Street Journal | Erie Hit ‘Rock Bottom.’ The Former Factory Hub Thinks It Has a Way Out
- ColoradoBiz | Colorado Brings The Outdoor Industry to Unexpected Places
- MaineBiz | Inside the new Waterville Opportunity Zone ‘megafund’
- GeekWire | Seattle tech execs fund ‘Opportunity Zone’ housing, harnessing new tax breaks
- WSPA | Opportunity Zone summit comes to Greenville
- Forbes | The Revitalization of Opportunity Zones