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Hi Dean,

On behalf of the City Manager, here's an update on the City's activities related to Opportunity Zones, in advance of your event tomorrow.

- **In June 2019, City Council referred to the City Manager and the Planning Commission to create zoning overlays or other mechanisms to protect Berkeley residents living in Berkeley's Opportunity Zones (OZs) from gentrification and displacement, and to leverage the OZs to confer community benefits such as affordable housing, supportive social services, green features, open space, transportation demand management features, job training, or employment opportunities. That item is on the Planning Commission's work plan. I believe they intend to take it up concurrently with review of the Adeline Corridor Plan development controls and community benefits overlay.**
- **In July 2019, City Council referred to the City Manager a list of priorities for development within the OZs. Council asked the City Manager to incorporate the priorities into a 'prospectus' to market development opportunities within OZs that are aligned with the City's priorities, and to use the priorities to inform any communications with investors. Those priorities are:**
 - o **Construction of new Affordable Housing units or acquisition and preservation of affordable housing**
 - o **Preservation of historic buildings**
 - o **Cultural Institutions and Performing Arts Venues**
 - o **Civic Uses (Government Offices, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety)**
 - o **Public Open Space and Recreation Facilities**
 - o **Health Care Services**
 - o **Transportation Demand Management features**
 - o **Job training or employment opportunities**

The Office of Economic Development plans to release that prospectus by November.

- **My staff and I have engaged in some preliminary conversations with East Bay Community Foundation about the creation of an Opportunity Fund for the East Bay that is focused on equitable development goals. At this point, we're waiting for EBCF to let us know what their next steps are.**

I'm sorry that I'm not able to attend your meeting tomorrow to deliver this information in person. I hope it goes well.

Regards,
Jordan