HAWAII’S OPPORTUNITY ZONES
HONOLULU AREA
ALOHA STADIUM NEIGHBORHOOD

An overview of the potential opportunities for industrial, commercial, and residential investment.
What is an Opportunity Zone?

INTRODUCTION TO HAWAI’I’S OPPORTUNITY ZONES
These overviews are designed to give investors a high-level overview of the potential opportunities in each of these zones in terms of industrial, commercial, and residential investment possibilities.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES
Hawaii designated 25 census tracts as opportunity zones as part of the new federal community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. Its stated purpose is to encourage entrepreneurship and expansion capital for economically distressed areas of the country.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES
Almost all the opportunity zones in Hawaii overlay with other economic development initiatives such as New Market Tax Credits, Enterprise Zones and Transit Orient Development (TOD) Zones. There are also many other non-census tract-based programs that can be applied such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Additionally, there may be synergies between investors and their missions and the major property holders and businesses in an opportunity zone.

OPPORTUNITY FUNDS
The opportunity zones program provides a federal tax incentive for investors to re-invest their realized capital gains into opportunity funds that are dedicated to investing in opportunity zones. Opportunity funds are the private sector investment vehicles that invest in opportunity zones. The fund model will enable a broad array of investors to pool their resources in opportunity zones, increasing the scale of investments going to underserved areas.

BENEFITS TO INVESTORS
A temporary tax deferral for capital gains reinvested in an opportunity fund. The deferred gain must be recognized on the earlier of the date on which the opportunity zone investment is sold or December 31, 2026.

A step-up in basis for capital gains reinvested in an opportunity fund. The basis of the original investment is increased by 10% if the investment in the qualified opportunity zone fund is held by the taxpayer for at least 5 years, and by an additional 5% if held for at least 7 years, excluding up to 15% of the original gain from taxation.

A permanent exclusion from taxable income of capital gains from the sale or exchange of an investment in a qualified opportunity zone fund, if the investment is held for at least 10 years. (Note: this exclusion applies to the gains accrued from an investment in an opportunity fund, not the original gains).

NEXT STEPS
More information can be found at: https://invest.hawaii.gov/hawaii-opportunity-zones/ including detailed GIS maps of Hawaii’s opportunity zones.

As a next step, potential investors should consult and work with their tax attorneys, real estate agents and business advisors to explore investment possibilities in opportunity zones in Hawaii.
MARKET HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2018 for the Island of Oahu

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 5.26%
RETAIL NET ABSORPTION 358,054 SF
RETAIL AVG. ASKING BASE RENT $4.14 psf/mo

OFFICE VACANCY RATE 12.79%
OFFICE NET ABSORPTION (1,863) SF
OFFICE AVG. ASKING BASE RENT $3.13 psf/mo

INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATE 2.03%
INDUSTRIAL NET ABSORPTION (25,997) SF
INDUSTRIAL AVG. ASKING BASE RENT $1.21 psf/mp

INVESTMENT SALES VOLUME (STATEWIDE) $5.15 Billion
INVESTMENT SALES COUNTS (STATEWIDE) 290

Investment Drivers in Honolulu
• $5.2B, 20 miles rail transit under construction
• Neighborhood TOD Plans and Zoning
• Walkable, connected, complete streets
• Islandwide housing strategy
• Financial toolkit of incentives and funding
• TOD Subcabinet coordination of City Infrastructure, permits, funding, projects
• Identified catalytic projects and growing market interest

Source: Colliers International Hawaii Research & Forecast Report, Oahu Market Year-End 2018
HALAWA AREA

The Halawa Area Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan focuses planning on the neighborhood surrounding the planned rail transit station at Aloha Stadium. The planning area encompasses historic landmarks and tourist attractions around Pearl Harbor, military uses, Aloha Stadium, single- and multi-family residential neighborhoods, commercial uses, as well as parks and community facilities. Due to its central location and convenient highway access, the Aloha Stadium rail station area has great potential for new land uses and community amenities that better connect the community and create a more dynamic experience for residents, visitors, and area employees.