## HAWAII'S OPPORTUNITY ZONES

## HONOLULU AREA KALAELOA NEIGHBORHOODS



An overview of the potential opportunities for industrial, commercial, and residential investment.



# What is an Opportunity Zone?

## INTRODUCTION TO HAWAII'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 (STATEWDIE)	\$5.15 Billion
INVESTMENT SALES COUNTS (STATEWIDE)	290

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

#### **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

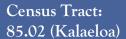






### KALAELOA NEIGHBORHOODS

There is a unique opportunity to redevelop Kalaeloa. Within its approximately 3,700 acres, Kalaeloa — the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Barbers Point, holds the potential to respond to the desires of the community, the aspirations of the City and County of Honolulu (City), the goals of the State of Hawaii (State), as well as the needs of the United States (U.S.). New job opportunities, educational institutions, mass transit, regional connectivity, recreation, affordable housing, resource protection, new industries, economic growth, and national defense can occur in Kalaeloa.



- Resident Population: 3,167
- Median Household Income: \$74,514
- Median Family Income: \$76,544
- Population with a High School Degree or Higher: 83.7%
- Median Value for Owner-Occupied Housing Unit: \$-







