

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE
SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OPPORTUNITY ZONES 2.0 LOCAL
AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATION FORMS**

WHEREAS, the federal Opportunity Zones program encourages long-term private investment in economically distressed communities through federal tax incentives for the reinvestment of capital gains, and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law on July 4, 2025, made the program a permanent part of the federal tax code and authorized a new round of census tract designations, commonly referred to as “Opportunity Zones 2.0,” taking effect January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, governors may nominate up to twenty-five percent (25%) of their state’s eligible census tracts, and the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is coordinating California’s selection process through a Local Authority Recommendation Form, to be submitted by local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, nine census tracts within Lake County appear on the list of eligible census tracts published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, specifically Census Tracts 000402, 000501, 000601, 000702, 000703, 000704, 000801, 000802, and 001000; and

WHEREAS, Lake County experiences some of the most severe economic distress in California, with an unemployment rate of 7.7% that is 40% higher than the statewide rate, a poverty rate of 19.7% that is 67% higher than the statewide rate, and a median family income of \$51,434 that is 49% lower than the statewide rate, and the Opportunity Zones designation represents a powerful tool available to attract private investment to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors discussed Opportunity Zones selection at its regular meetings of January 27, 2026, and March 10, 2026, and reached agreement that the County should advocate for the designation of all nine eligible Lake County census tracts; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2026, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, together with the Mayors of the City of Lakeport and the City of Clearlake, transmitted a joint letter to the Governor’s Office identifying these same nine eligible census tracts, and the three jurisdictions remain in agreement as to which census tracts should be recommended to the State and the order of preference in which they are recommended; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the transmittal of that joint letter, GO-Biz announced the Local Authority Recommendation Form process, establishing the formal mechanism by which local jurisdictions transmit their census tract recommendations to the State; and

WHEREAS, Staff at the County of Lake, the City of Lakeport, and the City of Clearlake collaborated and submitted the nine Local Authority Recommendation Forms, one for each eligible census tract, on July 20, 2026, in conformance with the shortened deadline; and

WHEREAS, designation of these census tracts could support housing, business attraction and expansion, healthcare and workforce facilities, energy and infrastructure investment, and the Board of Supervisors finds it to be in the best interest of the residents of Lake County to support the nine Local Authority Recommendation Forms submitted to GO-Biz.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake that it does hereby find, determine, declare and resolve as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors supports the submitted nine Local Authority Recommendation Forms to GO-Biz, recommending that each such tract be nominated by the Governor for designation as an Opportunity Zone.

Section 3. The Board of Supervisors supports the priority in which the nine eligible census tracts were submitted in order of preference, with the first-listed tract representing the highest preference: 000801, 000402, 000703, 000501, 000802, 000702, 001000, 000704, and 000601.

Section 4. It remains the preference of the Board of Supervisors that all nine eligible census tracts be designated as Opportunity Zones; the order of preference set forth above is provided as guidance to the State should less than full designation be necessary.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Chair, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LLOYD GUINTIVANO
County Counsel

By: _____

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