

State of California – Opportunity Zones 2.0 Public Comment Period

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The following questions are regarding the State of California's Opportunity Zones 2.0 Public Comment Period. The first version of this document was posted on 07/24/2026 to the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) Opportunity Zones 2.0 web page (<https://business.ca.gov/resources/infrastructure-development/opportunity-zones-in-california/>).

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New content will be added to the end of this document and will be indicated by the date posted. Previously answered questions may have updated answers, which will be indicated in red.

Please visit the GO-Biz Opportunity Zones 2.0 web page for the latest version of this document.

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1. When will the State of California's Opportunity Zones 2.0 Public Comment Period take place?

The State's OZ 2.0 Public Comment Period will be from August 3, 2026, to August 28, 2026. The deadline for submitting comments is August 28, 2026, at 11:59 pm. Submissions will not be accepted after the deadline.

2. How does the Public Comment Period work?

Comments may be submitted through the California Department of Finance OZ 2.0 Public Comment Portal (will go live on 08/03/2026). Participants will select a single census tract for comment, provide their contact information, and submit a comment in support or opposition. A map of California will identify all census tracts eligible for an Opportunity Zone designation and the census tracts that are currently recommended for nomination. The census tracts identified as currently recommended are not final and are subject to change.

3. When will the draft list of census tracts for nomination be published?

The draft list of census tracts recommended for nomination will be posted on the Department of Finance website when the public comment period begins on August 3rd (<https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/demographics/california-opportunity-zones/>).

4. IF YES TO Q4: Will comments on ineligible/"off-list" census tracts impact their eligibility?

No. Comments received on ineligible/"off-list" census tracts will not impact their eligibility.

5. Who can submit comments during the Public Comment Period?

Anyone may submit a comment. When commenting on behalf of a government entity, business, or nonprofit, submitters should provide a contact email that reflects the submitting organization.

6. Is there a limit on how many comments one submitter may provide?

No. There is no limit on the number of comments one person may submit.

7. Can a comment supporting more than one census tract be submitted? i.e., may census tracts be grouped together during the Public Comment Period?

No. Public comments must be submitted for one tract at a time. Submissions should support or oppose the designation of one census tract only.

8. Can a submitter provide comments on multiple census tracts?

Yes, as long as they are provided in separate comment submissions.

9. What is the required format of submitted comments?

Comments must be submitted via a text box including any relevant information or local considerations that support your position. Submitters may also upload one PDF document (up to 10 MB in size) per comment. Submission of a PDF is optional. Submitters may provide additional submissions if they would like to upload more than one PDF document.

10. Whom do comments need to be addressed to?

Comments should be addressed to the Governor.

11. What kinds of comments will be accepted?

Any comment in support or opposition, or in favor of substitution, will be accepted.

12. How will comments impact a census tract's status?

All comments (positive or negative) will be reviewed, and the state will consider the information provided together with other factors (major demographic and socioeconomic indicators, local recommendations, etc.) when developing the final nominations.

13. Is there a limit on how many comments one census tract may receive?

No. There is no limit on how many comments one census tract may receive.

14. Will a currently recommended census tract be negatively impacted if no comments in support are received?

A census tract will not be negatively impacted if no comments in support are received.

15. Does a census tract need to receive comments to be nominated? If yes, how many?

No. A census tract does not need to receive comments to be nominated.

16. Is there a way to confirm my comment was received?

Yes. You will receive a confirmation email from OZComments@dof.ca.gov shortly after submission.