

Merced County Opportunity Zones



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Take advantage of opportunities throughout Merced County with 11 designated Opportunity Zone census tracts. Our zones include industrial and commercial buildings and land opportunities that offer significant growth potential. The Merced County Community and Economic Development Department works closely with financing partners, builders and local stakeholders to help projects take advantage of Opportunity Zones.

Portions of the Cities of Atwater, Merced and Los Banos are in an Opportunity Zone.

The Qualified Opportunity Zones Program (QOZ) is a new benefit created with new tax reform legislation and is one of the largest incentives to taxpayers that we have seen in a long time. Although very complex in terms of timing, they are simple to set up and easy to maintain—absolutely worth the effort in terms of tax savings.

The opportunity zone program has the potential to be the largest community investment program in the country, by tapping into trillions of dollars in capital gains held by private investors to create a new source of economic growth for hundreds of lower-income communities around the country. Under this first round, opportunity zones have been designated in 18 states, including California. The list of designations includes 57 counties in California and 3 cities or CDPs in Merced County.

Merced County Designated Opportunity Zones					
GEOID	County	Census Tract	Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	Communities Located in Census Tract
06047000503	Merced	Census Tract 5.03	23.0	61,250	Atwater
06047000602	Merced	Census Tract 6.02	37.8	36,611	Atwater
06047000603	Merced	Census Tract 6.03	36.3	36,310	Atwater
06047001301	Merced	Census Tract 13.01	34.8	35,000	Merced
06047001302	Merced	Census Tract 13.02	47.1	26,957	Merced
06047001401	Merced	Census Tract 14.01	35.4	30,467	Merced
06047001501	Merced	Census Tract 15.01	36.7	45,978	Merced
06047001601	Merced	Census Tract 16.01	64.5	21,350	Merced
06047001602	Merced	Census Tract 16.02	35.0	32,091	Merced
06047001700	Merced	Census Tract 17	40.2	29,392	Merced
06047002201	Merced	Census Tract 22.01	42.3	27,228	Los Banos

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