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Jim provided advice to the U.S. Treasury Department and other policy makers in the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis and helped educate these professionals on commercial real estate performance. In the Covid-19 crisis Jim leveraged his experience and long perspective on the market to help industry leaders understand how the downturn and rebound from this shock will vary from others.

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