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## **Economic Development In Oakland: Potentials and Issues**

Linda Hausrath
July 23, 2015 SPUR Forum



#### **Economic Development In Oakland**

- Defined as Growth of Business Activity and Employment
- Important in Supporting:
  - Availability of goods and services
  - Job opportunities
  - Growing tax base

## **Economic Sectors of Importance** and Their Locations in Oakland

#### Greater Downtown Area

- 95,500 jobs, 44% of city employment
- Downtown Office Sector
  - About **69,000 jobs** in office sector DT (32 percent of citywide)
  - Professional, scientific, and technical services
  - Administrative and support services
  - Public administration/government
  - Management of companies
  - Finance, insurance, and real estate
  - Information and digital media
  - Non-profits

## **Economic Sectors of Importance** and Their Locations in Oakland (cont'd)

#### Business/Light Industrial and General Industrial/Transportation/Warehouse Uses

- Mix of industries
  - Manufacturing: smaller, specialized companies, artisans/makers
  - Construction and related
  - Wholesale trade
  - Transportation and Warehouse
  - Repair & maintenance services
- 45,800 jobs; 21% of city employment
  - Approx. 48 mil. sq. ft. industrial space; some office
  - Most in East Oakland, I-880 Corridor; also West Oakland
  - Port and Airport Areas

## **Economic Sectors of Importance** and Their Locations in Oakland (cont'd)

#### Health Care and Social Assistance

- 4 major hospital medical centers
- Offices and facilities throughout the city
- 32,800 jobs, 15% of city employment

#### Educational Services

- Public, private, and religious schools
- Community colleges
- Job training and skills centers
- 27,800 jobs, 13% of city employment

## **Economic Sectors of Importance** and Their Locations in Oakland (cont'd)

- Retail, Dining, Arts and Entertainment, and Lodging
  - Local and region serving
  - Located throughout the City
    - Downtown
    - Neighborhood Commercial Districts (NCDs)
    - Commercial corridors
    - Near airport
  - 31,900 jobs, 14.5% of city employment

## **Economic Development Potentials and Issues for Oakland**

- Oakland's economy is growing
- Aspects of regional growth in technology industries not being captured in Oakland
- Land use issues due to competition for sites
  - Residential development often outbids non-residential land uses
- Economic Development efforts could be important for:
  - Setting priorities for economic development and job growth
  - Attracting tenants downtown and facilitating new office development
  - Retaining locations for industrial businesses and jobs
  - Facilitating lower density/mid-rise development in West Oakland and Coliseum Plan Area

#### Potentials/Issues: Downtown Office Sector

- Growth in office activities but new office development not yet feasible
- Fundamentals are there
  - BART stations
  - Access to East Bay workforce
  - Urban Vibe

- Growing dining and entertainment
- Lower cost than West Bay
- Need stronger agglomeration of offices and tech tenants
- Seek catalyst tenants
- Retain office sites in City Center and Lake Merritt areas and along Broadway
  - Near BART

Large development sites

Parking in place

Local services nearby

Office tenants nearby

## Potentials/Issues: Retaining locations for Industrial Businesses and Jobs

#### Demand exists; vacancies very low

- Space in existing buildings
- Opportunities for new development

#### These lower density uses need:

- Affordable space
- Locations without nearby land use conflicts

#### Land use policies are very important

- West Oakland
- Airport Business Park/Coliseum Plan Area
- San Leandro Street industrial areas
- Areas along I-880
- Economic development focus on businesses serving local/regional demand

### Potentials/Issues: Technology and Related Businesses in New Development Outside Downtown

#### Focus on potentials and strategies for new development in West Oakland and Coliseum Plan Areas

- Clean/green economy and clean technology
- Life sciences and biotechnology
- Digital media
- Advanced technology manufacturing

#### Building types not available in Oakland

- Mid-rise and lower-rise
- Some larger floor plates
- Business park setting and amenities
- Scale and critical mass

#### **Broader Issue: Advocacy for Economic Development**

- Regional and local policies focus more on housing development
- Also a role for economic development strategies and advocacy in Oakland
- Market pressures for Oakland to become a bedroom community for economy in San Francisco
- Conscious efforts needed to retain Oakland's role as a center city with
  - Diversity of industries and businesses
  - Diversity of job opportunities
  - Strong tax base



# Economic Development in Oakland: Turning "Potential" into Reality

SPUR Forum July 23, 2015

Mark Sawicki
Economic & Workforce
Development
City of Oakland

#### Oakland is "Poised" (the other P word)

- City Hall new leadership
- Downtown blooming
- Market demand rapidly accelerating
- Unemployment now below 5%
- Major projects inching forward
- Specific plans setting the table
- ED Strategy soliciting stakeholder input
  - addressing the challenges

#### Oakland - Ripened and Ready

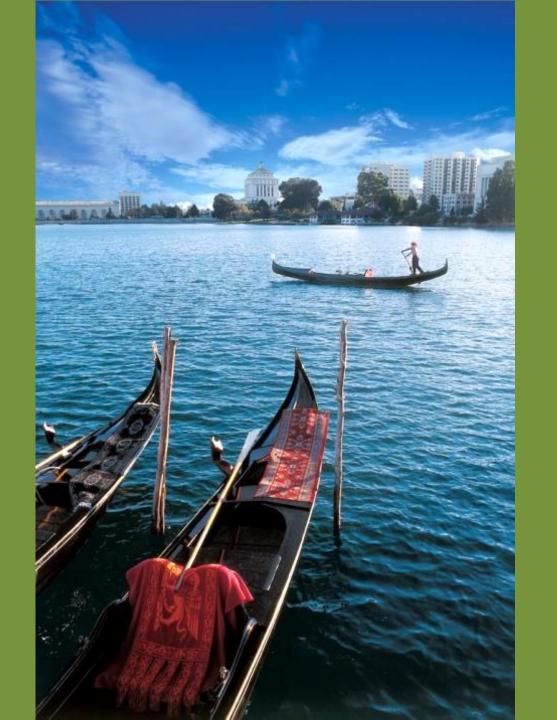
- Affordability
- Building stock
- Land availability
- Transit access

#### Oakland - So Much To Offer

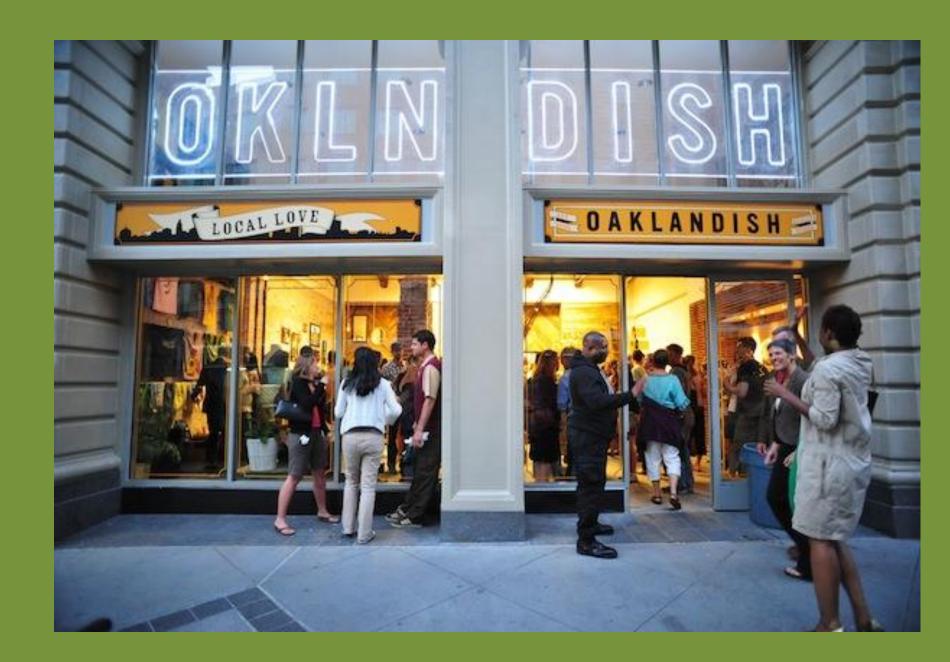
- Sense of place
- Diverse, beautiful, memorable, urban
- Range of experiences: artists, makers, culture, film, music, food, open space
- Sense of discovery
- Creativity across sectors

























Uptown's entertainment and food scene













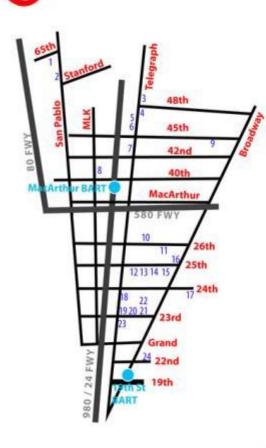






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Style Section

#### Oakland: Brooklyn by the Bay

By MATT HABER May 2, 2014

OAKLAND, Calif. — On a recent Tuesday afternoon, a group of welldressed and soon-to-be wellgroomed men sat patiently in the sun outside Temescal Alley Barbershop...

















#### **Innovation Hub**











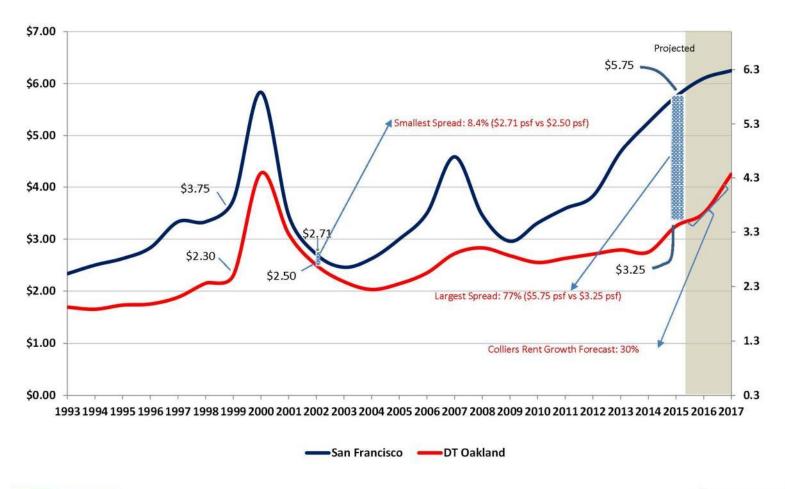




#### Oakland's economy is healthy again

- Unemployment rate is now below 5%, down from 11.3% in 2013
   and 16.9% in 2010
- Sales tax revenue up 6% over last year
- Class A office vacancy rate below 6%, down from 15.6% in 2010
- Industrial vacancy rate at its lowest ever, at 4.6%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest growing apartment rents in the country
- Hotel occupancy rates up 6.5% and daily rates up 12.8% over 2013

#### Oakland Metropolitan Class A vs San Francisco Class A Rents





Colliers International 1999 Harrison St, Suite 1750 Oakland, CA 94612 Phone: 510-986-6770 www.colliers.com

#### **Economic Implications**

- The narrative is changing around Oakland
- Ripe for new job growth in innovation sectors
- Jobs following workers
- Workers are increasingly urbanists
- "Market making" or "placemaking" becomes a key ED strategy
- Leads to market "taking" opportunities

# Major Projects and Initiatives

#### **Central Core**



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- Sears Building
- City Center
- Jack London Square
- The Hive
- Co-working spaces Impact Hub,
   The Port Workspaces
- Gensler, VSCO, Sfuncube,
   Rockbot, Parsons Brinckerhoff





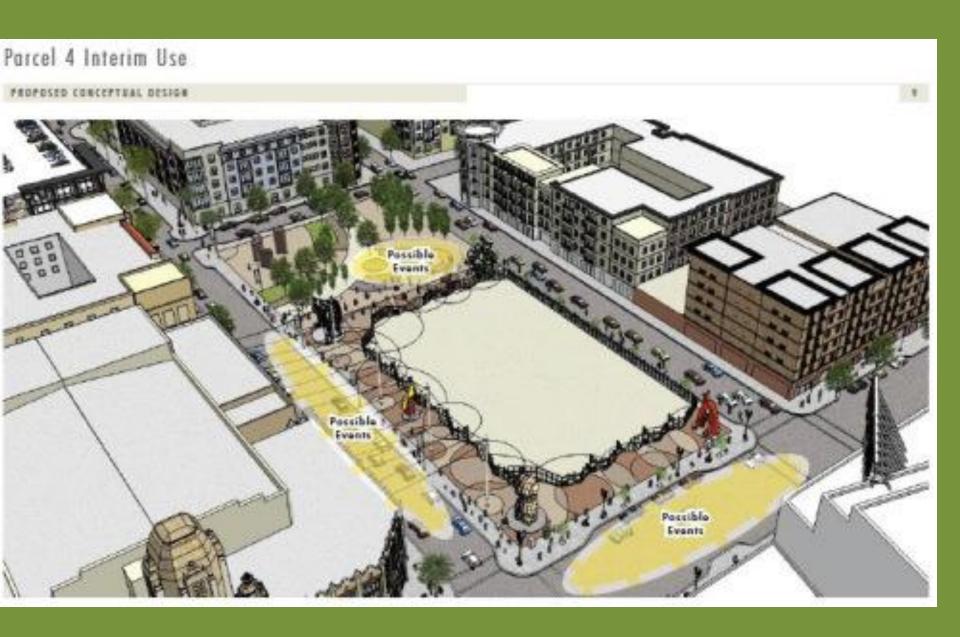


Sears "Uptown Station" – Broadway and 20th





The Hive



1100 Telegraph and 19<sup>th</sup> (RFP yielded 8 development teams)

# **Brooklyn Basin**

- 64 acres
- 200k commercial
- 30 acres parks
- 10,000 jobs
- Vertical construction starts in 2015



# Brooklyn Basin (coming soon)



#### **Army Base**

- State of the art logistics and global trade hub
- **2,500** jobs
- Supports the Port
  - 5<sup>th</sup> busiest in US





#### **BART Station Transit Villages - TODs**

- Macarthur: 624 units; 42,000 sf retail
- Coliseum, Phase I: 100 units; 4,000 sf retail
- Fruitvale, Phase II: 275 units
- BART RFPs coming:
  - West OaklandStation
  - Lake MerrittStation



#### **Retail Developments**

- Foothill Square: 157,000 sf , Foods Co, Ross, Anna's Linens
- The Hive: 104,000 sf
- Safeway + shops, Claremont & College: 55,000 sf
- Sprouts + shops, 30<sup>th</sup> & Broadway: 35,000 sf
- Safeway + shops, Broadway & Pleasant Valley: 303,700 sf
- Seminary Point, drug store + shops, Foothill & Seminary:
   27,000sf

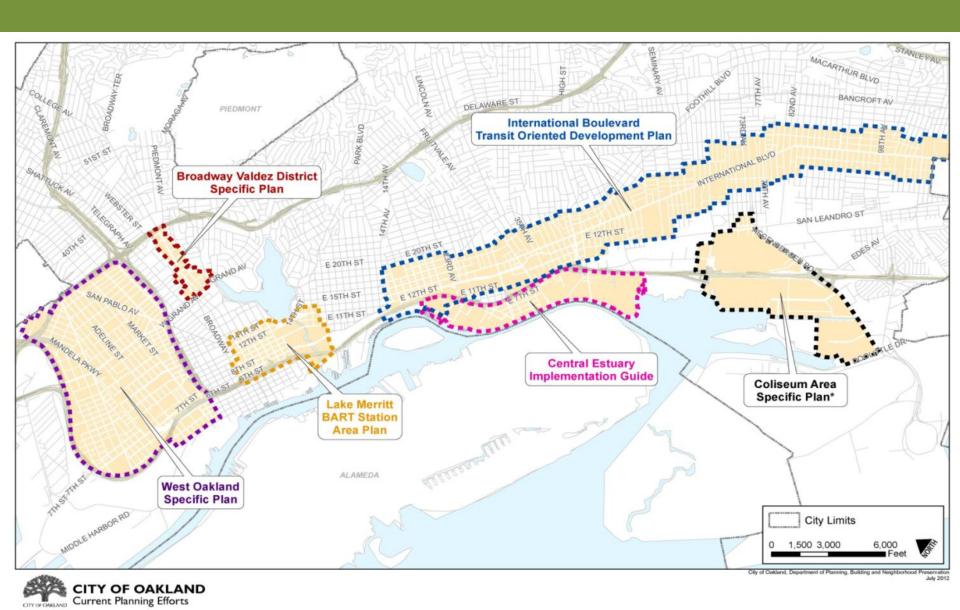




#### **Specific Plans**

- Long-range regulatory and vision setting documents
- Total development program that could be approved under these Plans over the next 25 years includes:
  - Retail Development −3.6 m square feet
  - Residential Development 20,000 units
  - Office Development 3.4m square feet
  - Campus Development uses − 5m square feet
- Projects consistent with Plans benefit from streamlined entitlement process

#### **Specific Plans**



# Broadway Valdez Approved

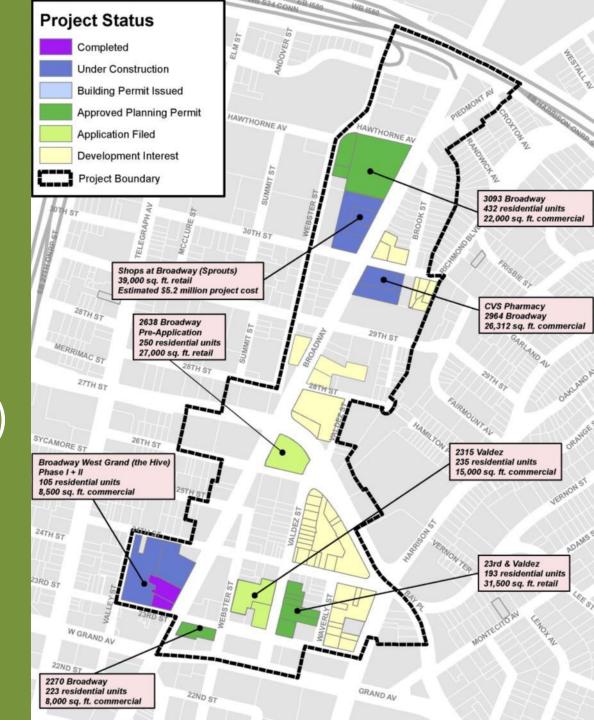
North End
 Mixed-use boulevard

Valdez Triangle
 Shopping district,
 mixed-use, fine
 grained



## Status

- Plan adopted
   June 2014
- 1,400 Housing
   Units in approval process (1,800 proposed in plan)
- 150,000 sq ft of retail/commercia l in approval process



### **BROADWAY & 23RD STREET**



**EXISTING** - Vacant parking lot





PROPOSED

223 Residential units, 8,000 sq ft commercial

#### WEBSTER ST, 23RD ST, & VALDEZ ST



**EXISTING** - Vacant parking lots.





**EXISTING** - Vacant parking lots



PROPOSED — (City owned site)

235 Residential units - negotiating a % to be affordable 15,000 sq ft commercial

### VALDEZ ST, 23<sup>RD</sup> ST, & WAVERLY ST



**EXISTING -** Vacant parking lots & old storage building





EXISTING







PROPOSED - 193 Residential units, 31,500 sq ft retai

#### 3 PROJECTS TOGETHER IN TRIANGLE





**EXISTING -** Vacant parking lots

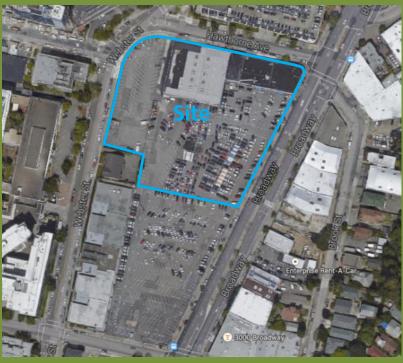






### **BROADWAY & HAWTHORNE AVENUE**







**EXISTING** — Auto showroom & parking lots



PROPOSED (reuse auto showroom)
432 Residential units, 22,000 sq ft commercial

#### BROADWAY & 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET













#### 3 PROJECTS IN NORTH END







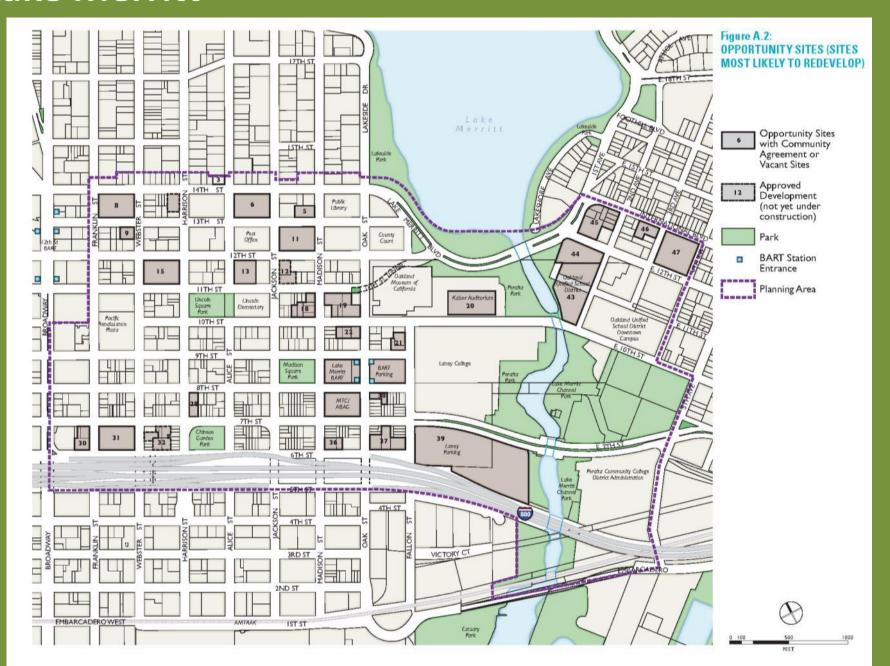
PROPOSED Reuse auto showroom for CVS

#### West Oakland – Approved

- Catalyze commercial development around BART Station
- Grow manufacturing base and industrial arts
- Encourage new technology and R &D space
- Prioritize housing in key areas

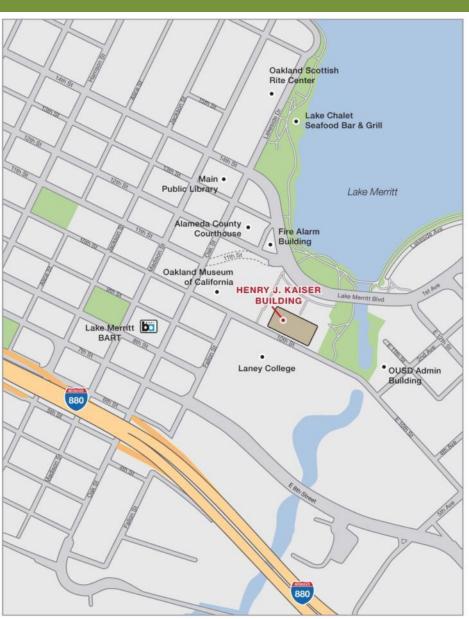


#### **Lake Merritt**



#### Lake Merritt/South of the Lake

- Measure DD Improvements
- Oakland Unified School District
- Oakland Museum of California
- BART RFP for parcels at Lake
   Merritt Station
- 12 Street Remainder parcel
- Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center



Oakland Museum of California, Henry J. Kaiser Auditorium, Lake Merritt and Environs

# Henry J. Kaiser Auditorium

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(Notice of Development Opportunity)





also known as the Oakland Municipal Auditorium

Release Date: September 22, 2014

Deadline for Submissions: November 12, 2014





# **Coliseum City**



#### BRT – International Blvd.

- \$178m investment Downtown Oakland to San Leandro
- 9.5 miles of newly paved streets, traffic signals, streetscape
- 34 BRT Stations (21-median stations & 12 curbside stations)
- Operation Fall 2017





# ED Strategy – Work in Progress

Create a clear statement of the City's priorities

- Communicate externally
- Organize internally

#### Policy Priorities (Draft):

- Expand Oakland's Role as a Hub for Creativity, Social and Technical Innovation
- Focus Resources in Key Places (e.g. Downtown, Transit Stations, and Major Commercial Corridors)
- Build a Resilient and Integrated Economy
- Make Interactions with City Government Fast, Predictable, and Easy

# Strategy Development Process

Public Input Policy Development Draft Plan Council Adoption

# Gathering Stakeholder Input

- Arts
- Clean & Green
- Tech
- Retail
- Manufacturing & Food Production
- Oakland's Role in the Region
- Anchor Institutions
- Small Businesses
- Business Financing & Incentives
- Equality and Equitable Growth
- Real Estate Development

- Staff
- Neighborhood Mtgs
- Online Participation Forum: SpeakUpOakland.org

#### **Economic Development Challenges**

- Loss of RDA still hurts and haunts
- How do we capture the tide
- How do we catch a "whale"
- Getting projects approved and going "where are the cranes?"

- BUT....Need to be mindful of development impacts
  - Protect and nourish what is here
  - Value sense of place, diversity
  - Try to maximize benefit for all

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