# Opportunity Zones and Low Income Housing Tax Credits



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### Commonalities

Holding period:

Opportunity Zone Exemption 10 Years

(fits within the LIHTC holding period)

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) 15 years

### Purpose:

Opportunity Zones encourage investment in low income census tracts



LIHTC encourages affordable housing for low income families

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### Differences

Investments:

Opportunity Zone investments will come from investors

LIHTC investments come largely from commercial banks Rehabilitation:

Opportunity Zones do not require acquisitions

LIHTC requires acquisition



### Opportunity Zones and Potential LIHTC Investors

Financial Institution Outlook:

Transfer older LIHTC investments to

Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOF)

Potential LIHTC Financial Institution Investors Large Banking Operations

Large Investment Banks

Insurance Companies

