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2019 Black History Month Bi-Partisan Opportunity Zones Black Capitalism + Red Capitalism + White Capitalism = Red, White, and Blue Capitalism

On February 12, 2019, a diverse group of business people, elected officials, and investors will gather at the United States Chamber of Commerce 1615 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC. With America's many splintered political factions clamoring for compassionate economic change, it was determined that something has to be done. Thus, in the spirit of Congressman Jack Kemp's compassionate capitalism philosophy, a unifying Opportunity Zones Initiative was formed. This initiative is focusing on raising \$5B dollars to invest in distressed areas of Columbia, South Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, Atlantic City, New Jersey and the US Virgin Islands.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ted Moats stated, "We've organized what can become a game changing much needed bi-partisan Opportunity Zones Black Capitalism (OZBC) fund summit, bringing together Black Capitalism + Red Capitalism + White Capitalism, to create RED, WHITE, and BLUE Capitalism."

Summit sponsor and Maryland Veteran Small Business Owner Marty Lewis stated, "Our primary OZBC objective is to bring together investors, entrepreneurs, and political leaders to further explore and actualize the Opportunity Zones Executive Order that President Donald Trump signed into law in December 2018. Opportunity Zones will utilize private and public investments in America's economically distressed communities to provide new infrastructure, jobs, workforce training, affordable housing, quality grocery stores, new hospitals, senior health care facilities, retail, and mixed-use facilities."

After Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett and Congressman James Clyburn supported the U.S. Humanitarian Aid Response Team (US-HART) on August 14, 2018 in the US Virgin Islands Emergency Housing and Safe Waste Solutions Summit, Plaskett and Clyburn began thinking about how to leverage Opportunity Zones. One of the focuses is to cultivate partnerships and help raise private capital in order to help distressed urban and rural communities create new workforce training programs, provide thousands of new local labor jobs, rebuilding outdated infrastructure, restore affordable housing destroyed by devastating hurricanes Irma, Maria, and Michael, in addition to help make America safer by training new RX5 Cybersecurity Warriors. A game changing economic paradigm shift for America's urban and rural communities is under



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way beginning with Columbia, South Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, Atlantic City, New Jersey and the US Virgin Islands. There is enthusiasm to see the manifestations of the OZBC.

OZBC organizer and US-HART President Jimmy Whitehead stated that using bi-partisan Opportunity Zones Black, Red, and White Capitalism, we can do what Carlyle Group Chairman David Rubenstein defines as patriotic philanthropy: giving money to projects that the government would be doing if it had the resources. OZBC will raise \$1+ billion dollars to invest in the NSA and CIA's anti-cyberterrorism innovation objectives to keep America safe. Just imagine one day if the bad guys hacked America's electric grid, we wouldn't have any electricity, access to our bank accounts, the internet of things, or even be able to flush the toilet for 10 to 15 years.

AXXUM Technologies Founder Emmit McHenry stated, "Opportunity Zones humanitarian capitalism has the potential to finance an idea for Enterprise Millennium Technologies, a Veteran Minority Business, to create a Human Rickover RX5 Cybersecurity Smart Wall and provide a high-tech illegal immigration barrier utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions."

Baltimore's Harlem Park businessman Dr. Albert Wylie said, "We can use Opportunity Zones to foster a Public Private Partnership between bi-partisan elected officials like Maryland Republican Governor Larry Hogan and Baltimore Democratic Mayor Catherine Pugh to revitalize the Harlem Park community located in Baltimore, MD. In addition, these efforts will provide American communities with better *Prepare, Respond, Recovery* protocols by incorporating former FEMA Administrator James Lee Witt's PROJECT IPACT-2 plan which was focused on diversity and created local jobs.

Jimmy Whitehead strongly believes that the OZBC Fund Summit was strategically planned to take place on Abraham Lincoln's birthday coinciding with Black History Month. It is important to know and understand history because we can learn from the successes and failures of others. Moreover, we have taken a page from President Richard Nixon's book, and follow the extraordinarily successful example of his Black Capitalism Initiative which created the Small Business Administration's Minority Business Enterprise (8)a program.

Marcus Garvey eloquently stated "God does not.... give people positions or jobs or... good conditions such as they desire; they must do that for themselves... God does not build cities nor towns nor nations, nor homes, nor factories; men and people do that and all those who want must work for themselves and pray to God to give them strength to do it." It's time to put in the work to redevelop our cities, inspire our people, and transform communities one neighborhood at a time.

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