



May 19, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Authorization to submit recommended census tracts for Opportunity Zone designation through FloridaCommerce, Stephanie Garrison, Government Relations Director

Category

CONSENT AGENDA

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Stephanie Garrison, Government Relations Director

Action Requested

~~Approval for staff to submit recommended Census Tracts to FloridaCommerce~~ Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to submit to FloridaCommerce on behalf of the County the tracts identified and listed in Exhibits A and B to this agenda item for consideration as Opportunity Zones under the Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

The Board is being asked to approve certain eligible census tracts within Manatee County for designation as Opportunity Zones. This designation, administered at the state and federal levels, is intended to encourage private investment and support economic development in targeted areas. The recommended tracts meet applicable eligibility criteria and align with the County's economic development priorities.

Attorney Review

~~RLS Submitted for Review (Opinion Memo Pending)~~ Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

Please email a copy to Aimee Johnson, aimee.johnson@mymanatee.org

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See attached Agenda Update Memo 5.14.26

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A



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Updates to Agenda - May 14, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 5/14/26) for the meeting of May 19, 2026:

CONSENT AGENDA

Government Relations

Item 20, Execution of Updated Non-Profit Agreement with Manatee Educational Television Consortium (METV), Stephanie Garrison, Director of Government Relations

- This agenda item was updated to include the revised Non-Profit Agreement.

Item 21, Authorization to submit recommended census tracts for Opportunity Zone designation through Florida Commerce, Stephanie Garrison, Government Relations Director

- This agenda item was updated with a revised Action Requested and Attorney Review designation in strikethrough/underline format.

Sports and Leisure Department

Item 28, Execution of Agreement for Charitable Services with The Patterson Foundation for the 2026 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge- Molly White- Director, Sports and Leisure Services, Countywide

- This agenda item was updated with a revised Charitable Services Agreement.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 38, Advertising Revenue for Public Transit System – District 3

- This agenda item was updated to revise the Background Discussion in strikethrough/underline format.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA ITEM BRIEF

Meeting Date: 5/11/2026

Department: Economic Development

Subject: Opportunity Zone 2.0 – Direction to Submit Recommendations

Background

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Discussion

Fourteen (14) census tracts are recommended for submission. These areas are positioned to attract private investment, support workforce housing, and advance targeted redevelopment.

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Fiscal Impact

No direct fiscal impact. Potential for increased tax base and long-term economic growth through private investment.

Recommendation

Direct staff to submit the recommended census tracts to Florida Commerce.

Attachments

- Exhibit A: Map of Recommended Opportunity Zones
- Exhibit B: Census Tract List Spreadsheet

Commissioner District Opportunity Zones



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Commissioner District 2

Commissioner District 4



Legend

-  BCC Districts
-  2020 Census Tracts

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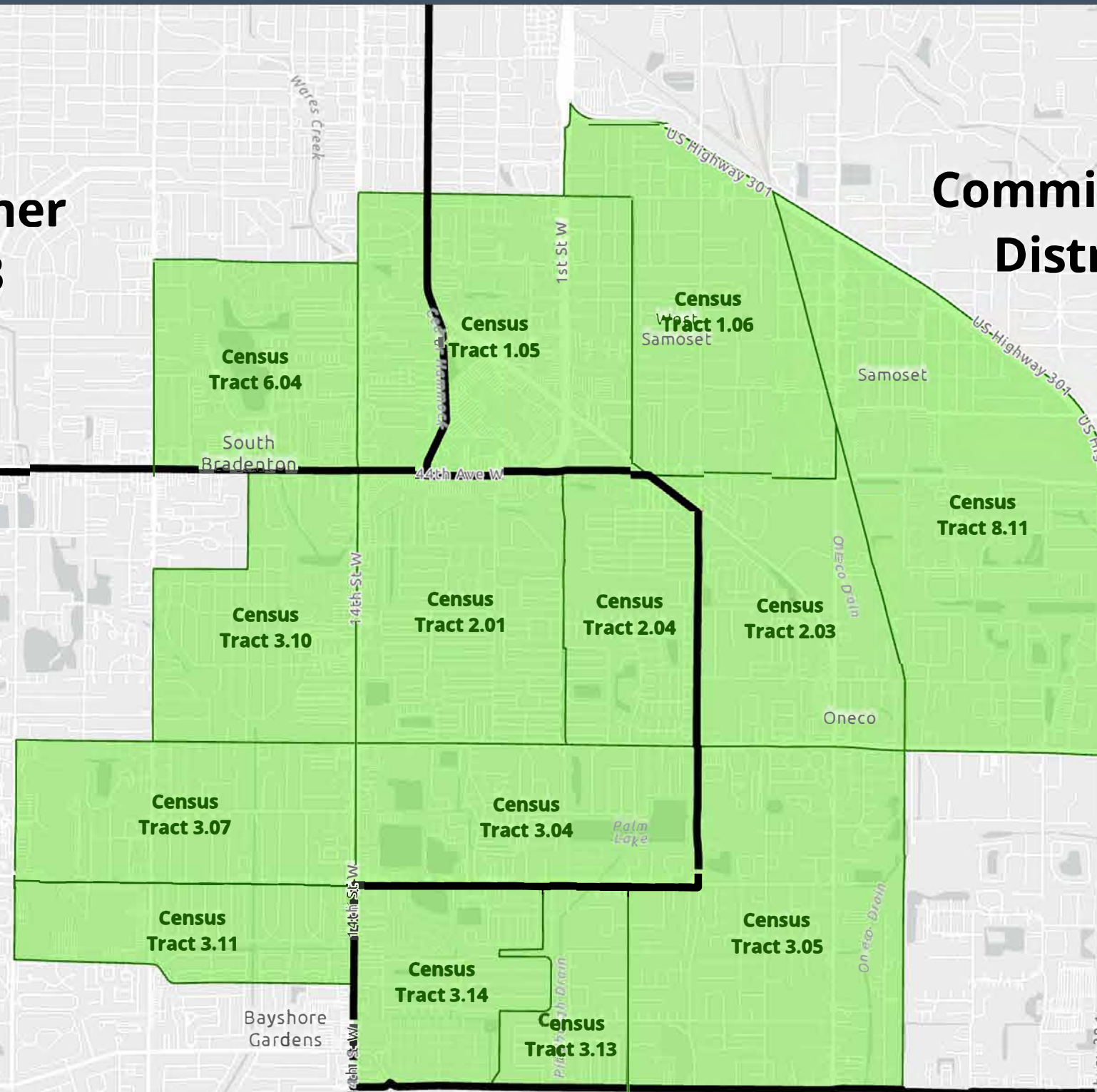


Exhibit B

Census Tract List

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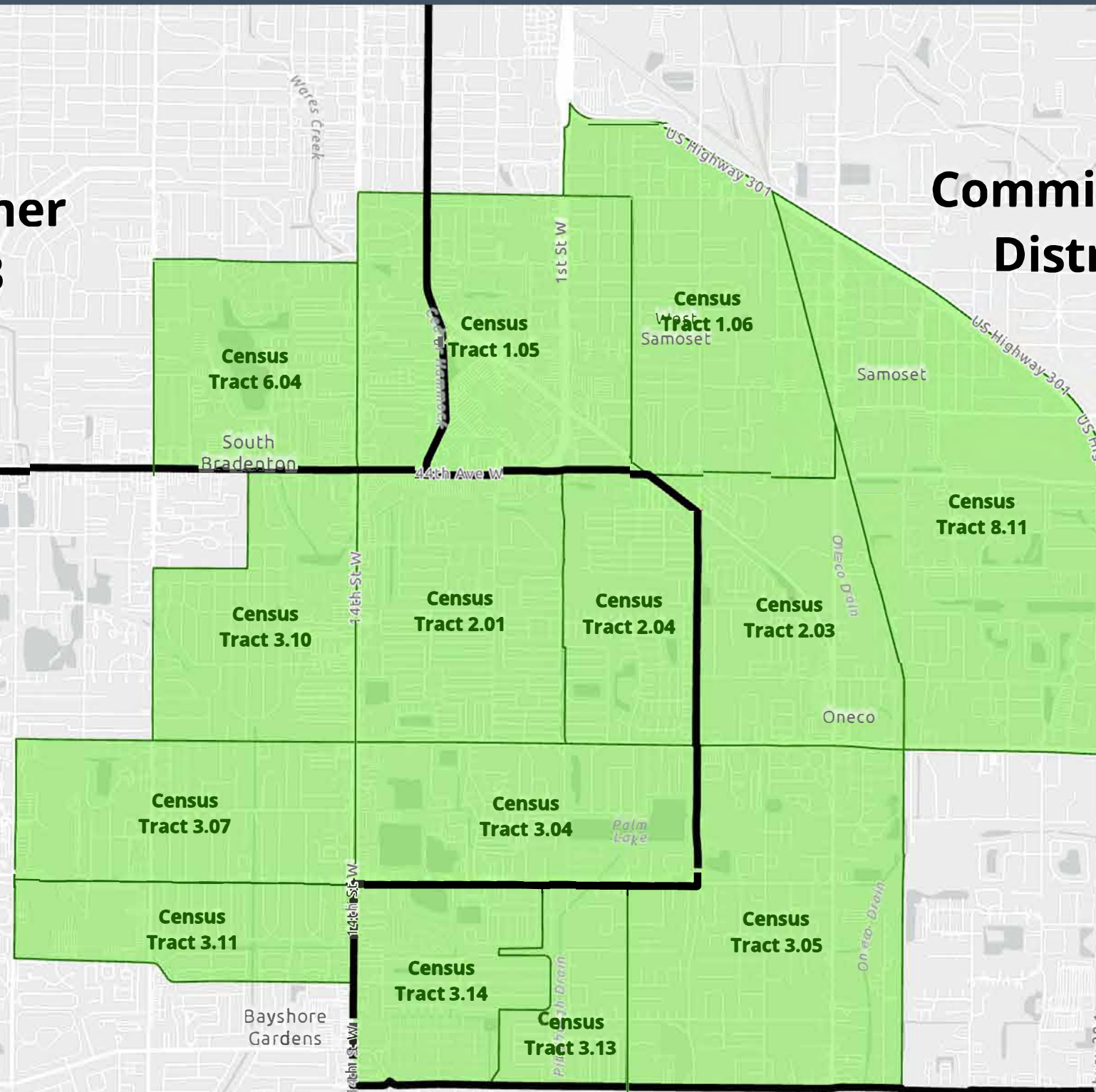


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