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Opportunity Zones and the Return to Cities, with Riaz Taplin

Are there misperceptions in the market? Do investors overreact to sentiment? And is there an opportunity for level-headed contrarian view Opportunity Zone investors?

Riaz Taplin is principal and founder of Riaz Capital, an Oakland, California based real estate management firm focused on developing workforce housing in California's urban Opportunity Zones.

Click here to my conversation with Riaz.

Episode Highlights

- The investment thesis behind creating workforce housing in urban markets.
- Real estate market fundamentals and misperceptions, particularly in the California Bay Area.
- Early indicators of a return to urban areas: how 250,000 people returning to the Bay Area over a very short period may coincide with a collapse in supply, leading to a price spike.
- The impact that tax reform may have on the Opportunity Zones marketplace.
- How the Opportunity Zone incentive may be ideally suited to capitalize on ongoing demographic macro trends.
- Highlights of Opportunity Zone projects that Riaz Capital is developing and why they appeal to investors.

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