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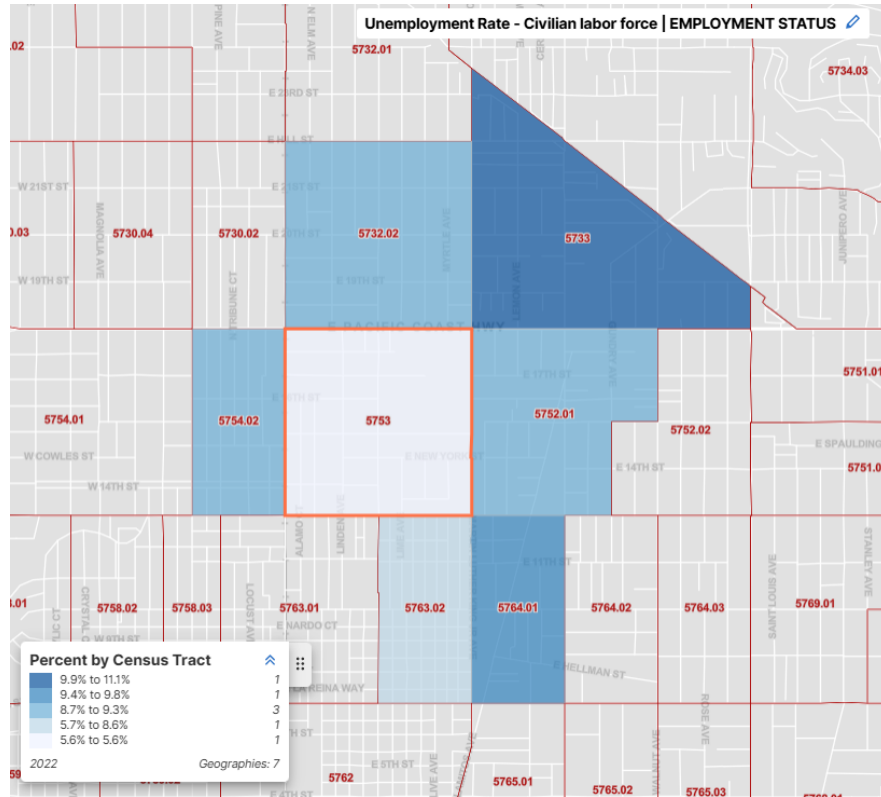
Subject: High Unemployment Area Designation

To Whom It May Concern:

As per the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 signed into law on March 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) retains the sole authority to grant Targeted Employment Area (“TEA”) designations using the latest available economic data from the U.S. Census.

According to § 8 CFR 204.6 (i), the method to assign TEA designations allows the petitioner to request such consideration using economic data of census tracts in which the Job Creating Entity (“JCE”) is located along with any of the directly adjacent census tracts. Economic data of such census tracts can be aggregated to obtain a weighted average unemployment rate of 150% of the national average or more.

This letter provides the USCIS with the necessary evidence to grant TEA status to a proposed JCE located within Los Angeles County at **1570 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, CA, 90813**, and within the boundaries of Census Tract **5753** as depicted in the map below. The evidence, based on the 5-Year American Community Survey (“ACS”) of 2022, the latest available at the time of this analysis, suggests that the JCE is located in an area of high unemployment and therefore qualifies to be designated as a TEA by the USCIS, based on unemployment levels.



The analysis is based on the latest available data from the U.S. Census using the American Community Survey (“ACS”) 5-Year Estimates of 2022 and released in December 2023. Such release estimated a national unemployment rate of 5.3%, which sets the minimum unemployment level required to gain TEA status at 8.0 % until the next release in December 2024. The unemployment level of the JCE’s census tract was found to be 5.65% according to the aforementioned dataset, and as a consequence, on its own, such a tract does not meet the requirements to qualify for TEA designation. The table below, however, depicts the data of the six adjacent census tracts highlighted in blue above, which when aggregated to the subject tract, bring the unemployment level to **9.1%**, significantly above the minimum of 8% required.

ACS 5-Year 2022					
Census Tract	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	U. Rate	TEA
5753	1,842	1,738	104	5.65%	No
5732.02	3,267	2,971	296	9.06%	Yes
5764.01	1,654	1,463	191	11.55%	Yes
5763.02	1,614	1,475	139	8.61%	Yes
5733	1,506	1,339	167	11.09%	Yes
5752.01	2,056	1,866	190	9.24%	Yes
5754.02	1,952	1,771	181	9.27%	Yes
Total	13,891	12,623	1,268	9.1%	Yes

Therefore, following § 8 CFR 204.6 (i), we request the USICS to designate the location of the aforementioned JCE as a TEA based on high unemployment for EB-5 purposes.

In case of any questions or any additional information, please contact Dr. Fernandez at 404-602-0334 or via e-mail at Ismael.fernandez@greengateplans.com.

Sincerely,



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