



# Community Investment Trust An On-Ramp to Financial Inclusion





#### Why?



### The Economic Boom had its costs of Gentrification and Displacement

## Asset Poverty & Financial Inclusion is a pressing challenge in Oregon and the nation

- 1 in 4 Oregonians (24%) live in a condition of asset poverty
   (Without income for 3 mos. they must rely on friends, family or public assistance)
- 17% of Oregonians have zero or negative net worth
- People want to invest but have little in excess funds to invest
- People want to be part of something larger & local, like real estate in their neighborhood
- People want to learn and understand goal planning, budgeting and investing



#### What?



## We must design innovations and products that are designed to be chosen and used\*

- Moving from Owing to Owning
  - People embrace the opportunity to take action for themselves
  - They rebel against being left out
  - Everyone wants access and opportunities, and to learn and understand
  - We all yearn to join into and be part of something larger
  - People want to invest in real estate
- People's motivation for long-term investments:
  - 1. Children's education
  - 2. Family emergency
  - 3. Purchase a home
  - 4. Retirement
  - 5. Get out of debt, start a business, buy a car



#### Our Answer: The Community Investment Trust





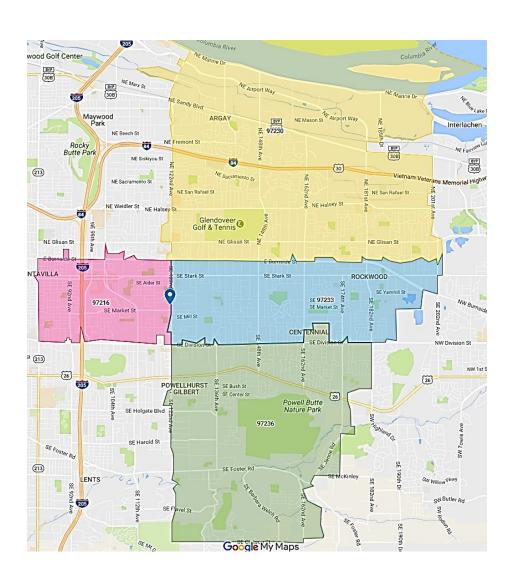


#### Where?



#### **Outer East Portland - Gresham**

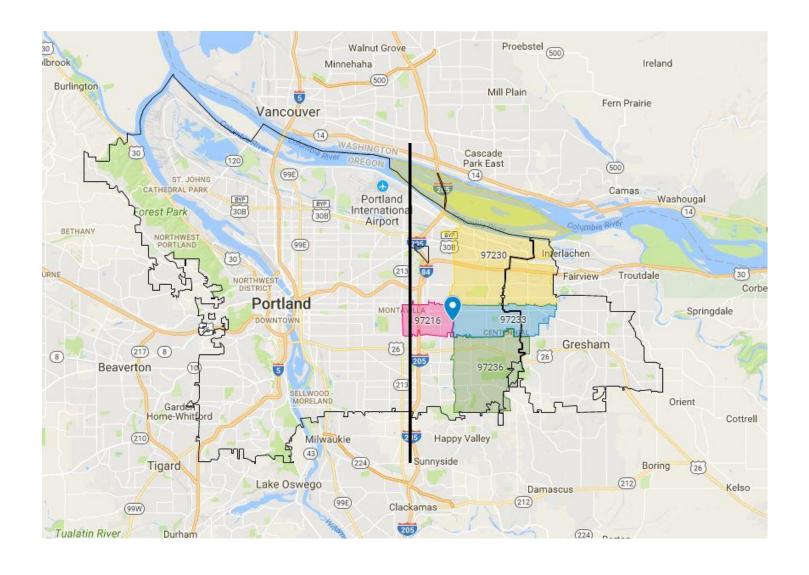
- Population in the four zip codes around Plaza 122 has approximately:
  - 185,000 people
  - 26% of Portland's population
  - 40% of Portland's students
- 65% of residents are renters
- Poverty rate is 22%
  - 90% of children in closest elementary school qualify for free or reduced lunch
  - Median family income is 67% of Portland metro's median





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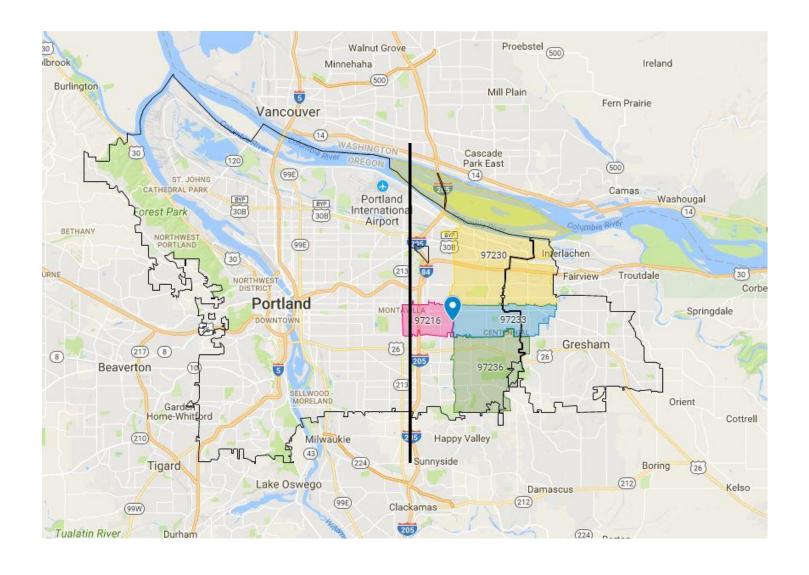






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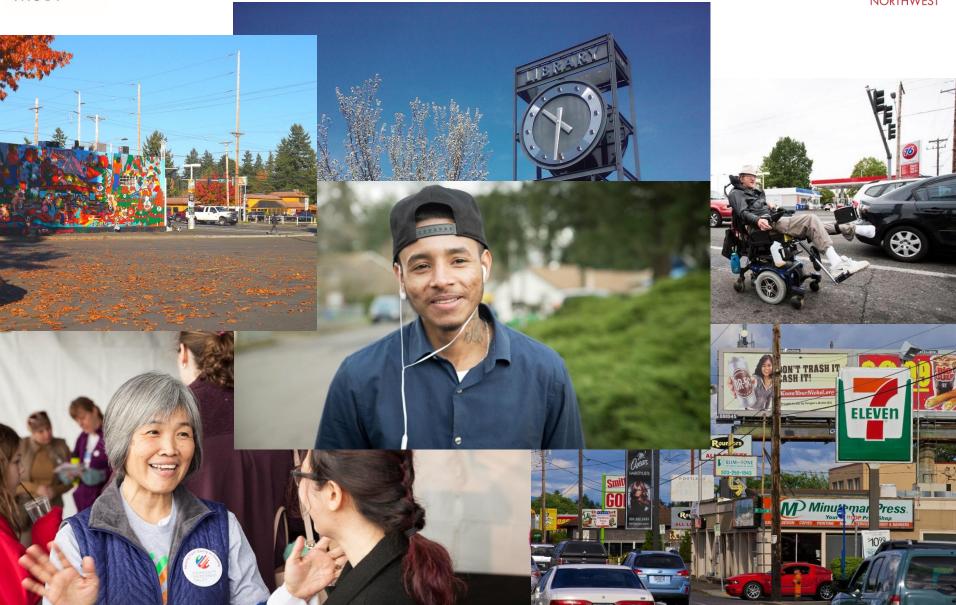






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# The CIT Meets Government Community Economic Development Aspirations



- » Equitable Development
- » Inclusive Financial Growth
- » Makes Gentrification Work for All
- » Catalyst for Future Development



#### **The First CIT - Plaza 122**





- Located on SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave in East Portland
- 28,972 square feet strip mall on 1.43 acres

COS-720-2956 (Hair Studio COS-867-8520 CM)

Open

Now at ~95%



#### How the money flows







#### **How the CIT Works Over Time**





#### **What We Will Measure**





#### **Where is the East Portland CIT Now**





#### **Steps for Replication Exploration**







#### **Meet Germaine**



