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
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**Reminder: Invitation to Charlotte's West End Convening for Opportunity**  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 9:59 AM  
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Dear Steve,

Last week, Knight Foundation released a report examining how philanthropy can leverage Opportunity Zones to spur growth that's inclusive, sustainable and transformative in communities. [Click here](#) to read the full report, which examines using the 2017 federal tax law to create positive change in communities. [Click here](#) to read an op-ed that ran in The Chronicle of Philanthropy by the report's author, Bruce Katz.

On May 4, please join Knight and other partners for a [West End Community Meeting](#) to focus on the 'Opportunities' in the new Opportunity Zones. We'll discuss the basics of Opportunity Zones and what it might mean for the Historic West End.

Speakers include residents and business owners; West End leaders; representatives from the City of Charlotte, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); and real estate developers.

[Click here](#) to RSVP for the free convening, happening on Saturday May 4 at the Johnson C. Smith University's Science Building. You're also invited to a pre-convening evening reception on May 3.

[RSVP here](#)

This convening is supported and organized by West End resident leaders, CGE Venture Group, Historic West End Partnership, Knight Foundation, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Community Development, LISC, the City of Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University.

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