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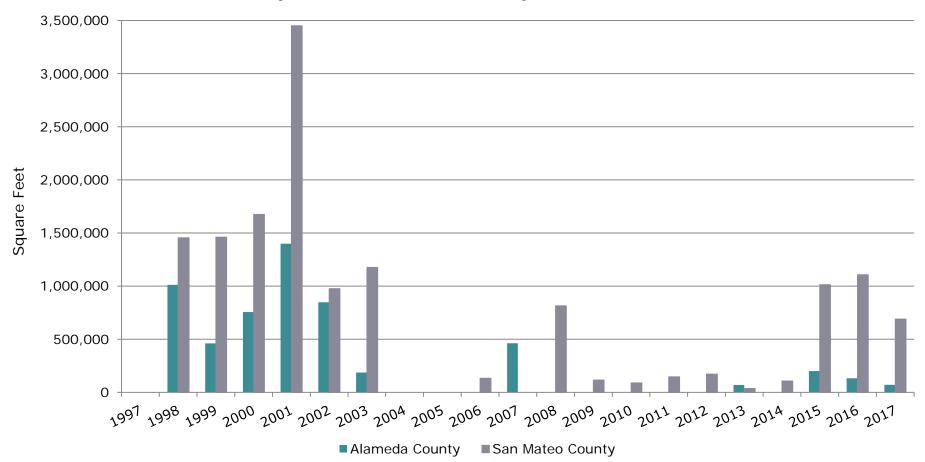
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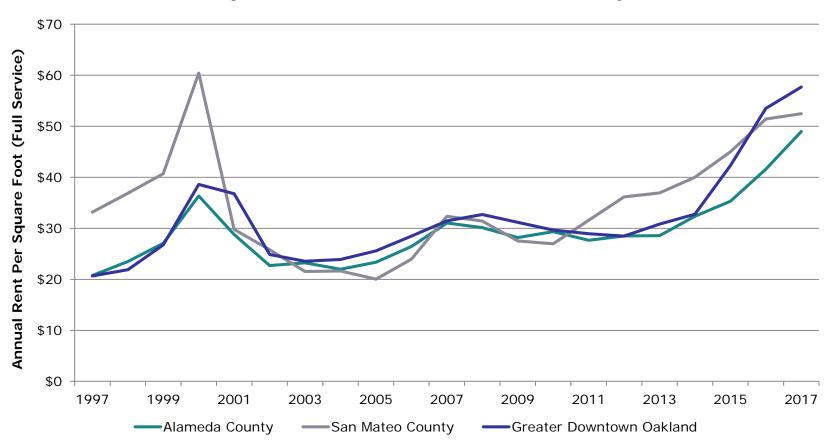
## New "Class A" office development activity has been relatively limited in Alameda County

New Class A Office Space Alameda County vs. San Mateo County



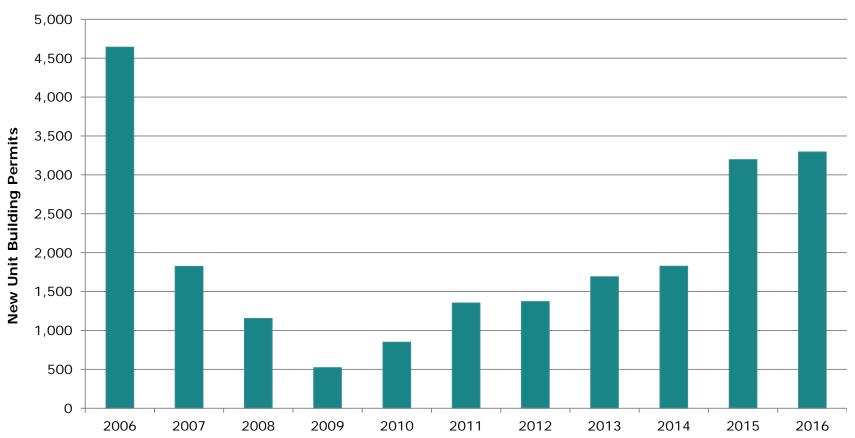
# Class A office rents have increased about 30 percent in two years, and now approach those in San Mateo County

Class A Office Rent (Annual, PSF)
Alameda County and Oakland vs. San Mateo County



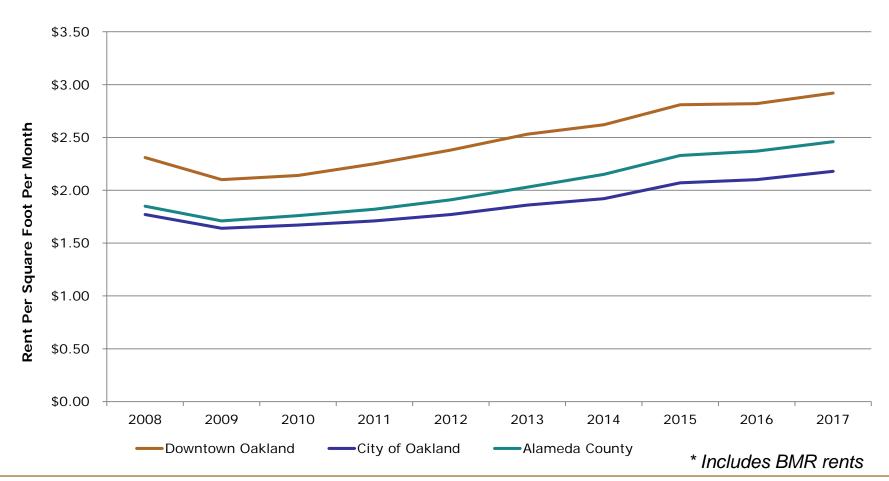
### Multifamily residential permitting in Alameda County has rebounded, but remains below pre-recession levels

#### Multifamily Residential Permits issued in Alameda County



### Residential rents at new projects in Downtown Oakland are about 30% higher than countywide

Multifamily Residential Rental Rates at New Projects (since 2008)\*



### Construction costs have increased similarly to residential rents, while office rents have grown more quickly

Index Comparison of Construction Costs (SF Bay) Vs. Rents (Downtown Oakland)



#### The newest office space in Downtown Oakland is a decade old





**Building Name:** Center 21

Address: 2100 Franklin Street

Year Built: 2007

Rentable Building Area: 216,668

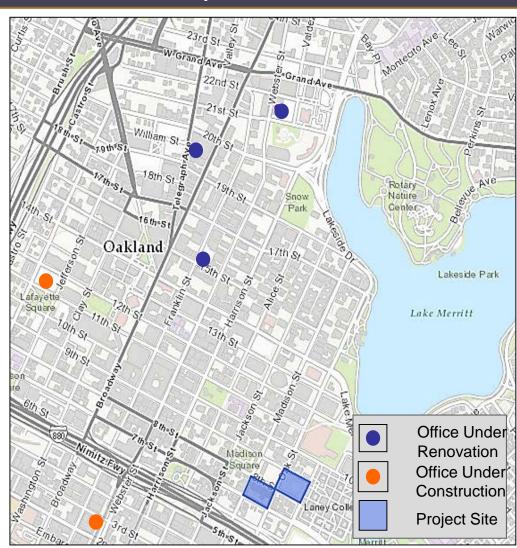
Stories: 9

Vacancy: 0%

#### Rising rents, limited vacancy, and new anchor tenants in the market have spurred new office space investments

#### Recent Development in Greater Downtown

- Three buildings under renovation:
  - Uptown Station (formerly Sears at 1955 Broadway)
    - 380,000 SF
  - 2150 Webster
    - 230,000 SF
  - 1504 Franklin
    - 25,000 SF
- Under Construction:
  - 601 City Center
    - 600,000 SF
    - Expected completion: 2019
  - 369 3rd Street
    - 8,000 SF
    - Expected completion: 2017
- Another 4 Projects approved, totaling over 2 million SF

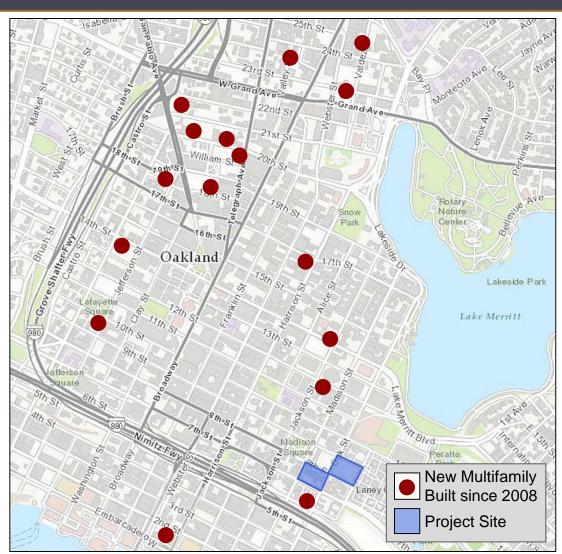


### Multifamily residential development activity has been strong around Downtown

#### Recent Development in Greater Downtown

- 2,300 units (16 buildings) delivered since 2008
- Average market-rate rent for new buildings is ~\$3.80 PSF
- 5 of 16 new projects 100% affordable, including 3 senior projects
- One High-Rise
  - 100 Grand Ave
    - 22 stories
    - 243 units

Note: Ave Vista (not shown) is a new affordable development located at 460 Grand Ave. The project is located outside of the Downtown market area.



#### The only recently constructed high-rise building is The Grand, delivered in 2009



**Building Name:** The Grand **Address:** 100 Grand Ave

Year Built: 2009

**Sq Ft:** 312,000

Units: 243 Stories: 22

**Rent**: ~\$4.00 Per Square Foot







#### Examples of new affordable housing are found proximate to Lake Merritt BART



**Building Name:** Prosperity Place **Address:** 1110 Jackson Street

Year Built: 2017

Units: 71 Stories: 5

**Affordability:** 100% affordable units available to households with maximum

incomes of up to 60% of AMI





### Typical new multifamily residential is low-rise, wood construction built over a podium



Address: 528 Thomas L Berkeley Way

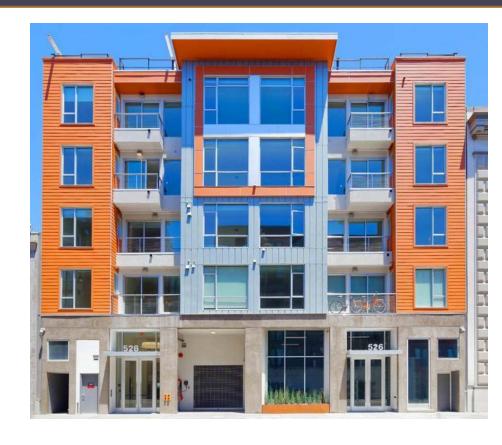
Year Built: 2017

Number of Units: 25

Average Unit Size: 860 Sq Ft

Stories: 5

Rent: ~\$4.40 Per Square Foot



### New projects use modern formats and amenities (gyms and courtyards) to compete for tenants



**Building Name:** Domain

Address: 1389 Jefferson Street

Year Built: 2011

**Number of Units: 264** 

Average Unit Size: 973 Sq Ft

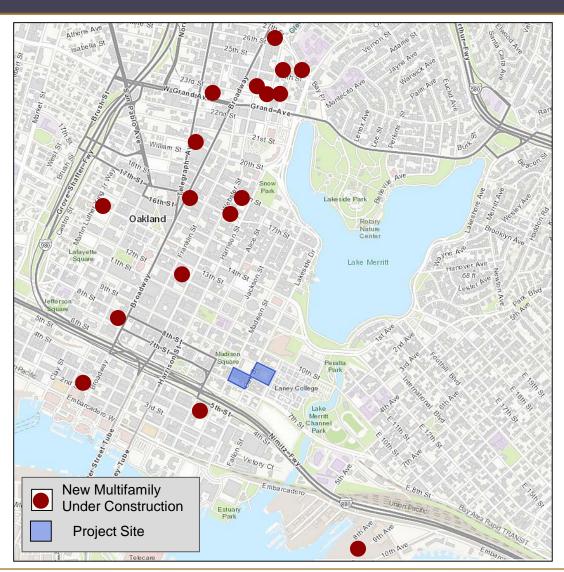
Stories: 6
Rent: ~\$3.24



## The pipeline for new multifamily units around Downtown is significant

#### Multifamily Construction Pipeline in Greater Downtown

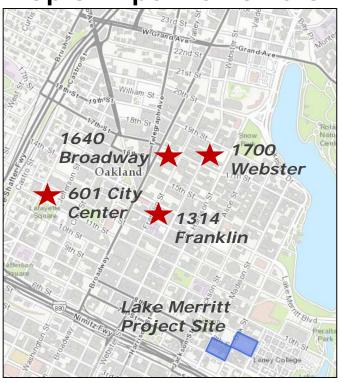
- Another 17 multifamily developments currently under construction
- Up to nearly 6,000 additional new units\*
- Another 19 projects approved (roughly 4,600 units)



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Brooklyn Basin which comprises 3,000 units that likely will take many years to develop and be absorbed by the market.

### The development pipeline includes at least four high-rise projects currently under construction

#### Map of Pipeline Towers



Office



Address: 601 City

Center

Sq Ft: 600,000 Delivery Date:

2019

Parking: 400 (underground)

Stories: 24

Residential



Address: 1640

Broadway Units: 254

**Delivery Date:** 

2018

Parking: 232

Stories: 33

Residential



Address: 1700

Webster **Units**: 206

**Delivery Date:** 

2019

Parking: 148

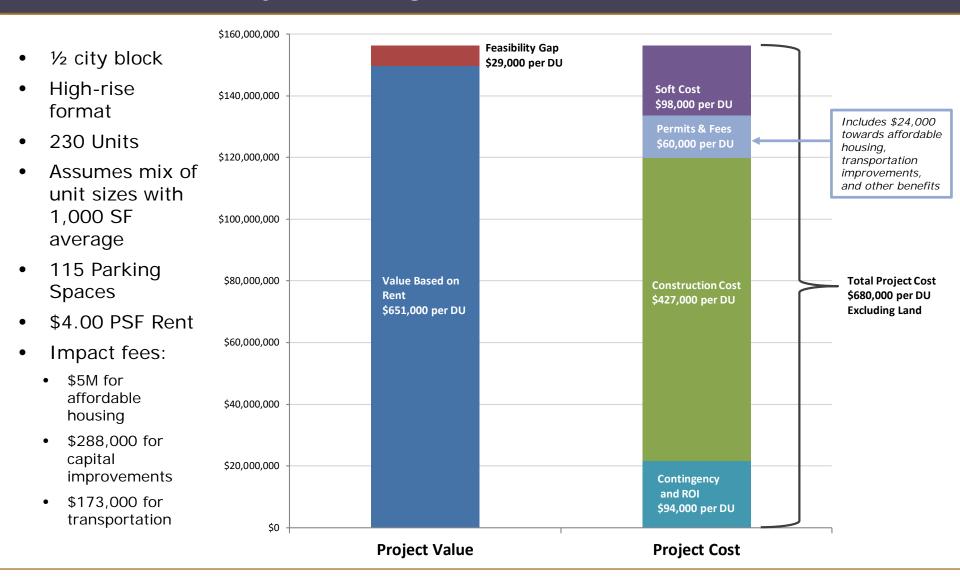
(podium) **Stories**: 23

### Financial feasibility analysis assesses the potential for near-term development to generate revenues to BART

#### **Pro Forma Financial Model Assumptions:**

- Current market conditions and construction costs
- Project stabilization agreement w/local hire and prevailing wage
- Parking Ratios -- 0.5 stalls/DU residential and 1 stall/2,000 SF commercial
- Project subject to all City requirements, including:
  - affordable housing fees
  - capital improvements fees
  - transportation infrastructure fees
- Extraordinary costs associated with BART sites are excluded:
  - construction over BART tunnel
  - demolition of Metro Center building
- Project values less project costs is "residual land value" that represents BART's revenues to fund transit service

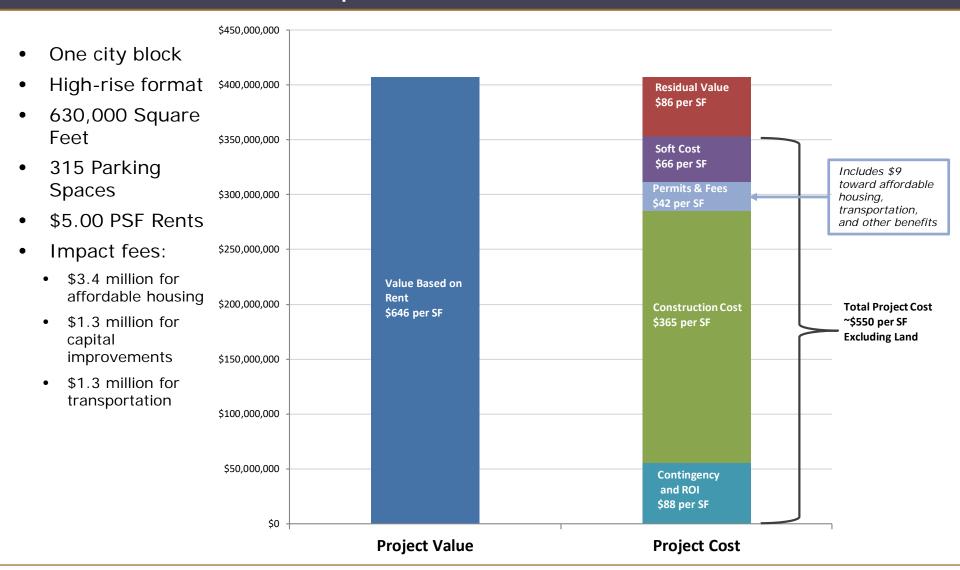
### Market rate residential high rise tower at BART still faces feasibility challenges



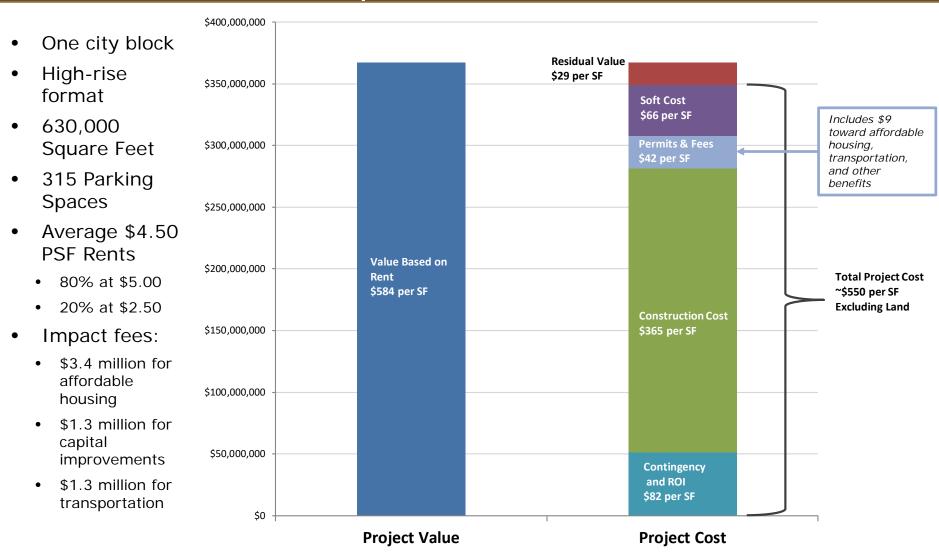
#### An affordable low rise residential project will require local subsidies, in addition to tax credits



#### Assuming an anchor tenant commits at current market rates, office development should be feasible



# Even if office tenants are offered below-market rent, office development remains attractive



#### Summary of Market and Feasibility Findings

#### Downtown Oakland market indicators are very strong right now

- High rents, low vacancies
- Good time to attract developer interest

#### Lake Merritt development is marginally feasible right now, and will be affected by:

- Significant housing pipeline (10,000+ units)
- Ability to attract anchor office tenant (~200,000+ SF)
- Historically high development costs
- Unique site conditions of BART tunnel, Metro Center building
- BART policy-based requirements for PSA, affordable housing
- Any other community benefits requested

#### Thank you.

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