



## Government of the District of Columbia

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Mr. Michael Aytes  
Acting Deputy Director  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service  
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20529

Re: Designation of Certain Wards and Census Tracts in the District of Columbia as High Unemployment/Target Employment Areas under Section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i)

Dear Mr. Aytes:

This letter is sent in response to a request by EB5 America to designate certain wards and census tracts in the District of Columbia ("District") as a "targeted employment area" under section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("Act"), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5).

Under section 203(b)(5) of the Act, and pursuant to the implementing regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 204.6(i), a geographic area may be designated as a "targeted employment area" if it is a geographic area or political subdivision located within a metropolitan statistical area (or within a city or town with a population in excess of 20,000) and has an unemployment level of at least 150% of the national unemployment rate.

The District is located within the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area. The geographic area consisting of Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and certain adjacent and contiguous census tracts in Ward 2 (Census Tracts 42.2, 48.1, 48.2, 49.1, 49.2, 50, 51, 52.1., 52.2, 53.1, 53.2, 54.1, 54.2, 55, 56, 57.1, 57.2, and 58) constitutes a single, contiguous geographic area within the District.

The one year rolling national unemployment average through May 2008 was calculated as 4.82%, which yields a targeted employment area threshold of 7.23%. The combined unemployment data for the wards and census tracts designated above for the same time period yields an unemployment rate of 7.35%, thereby qualifying the area consisting of Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the designated adjacent and contiguous census tracts in Ward 2 (Census Tracts 42.2, 48.1, 48.2, 49.1, 49.2, 50, 51, 52.1., 52.2, 53.1, 53.2, 54.1, 54.2, 55, 56, 57.1, 57.2, and 58) as a

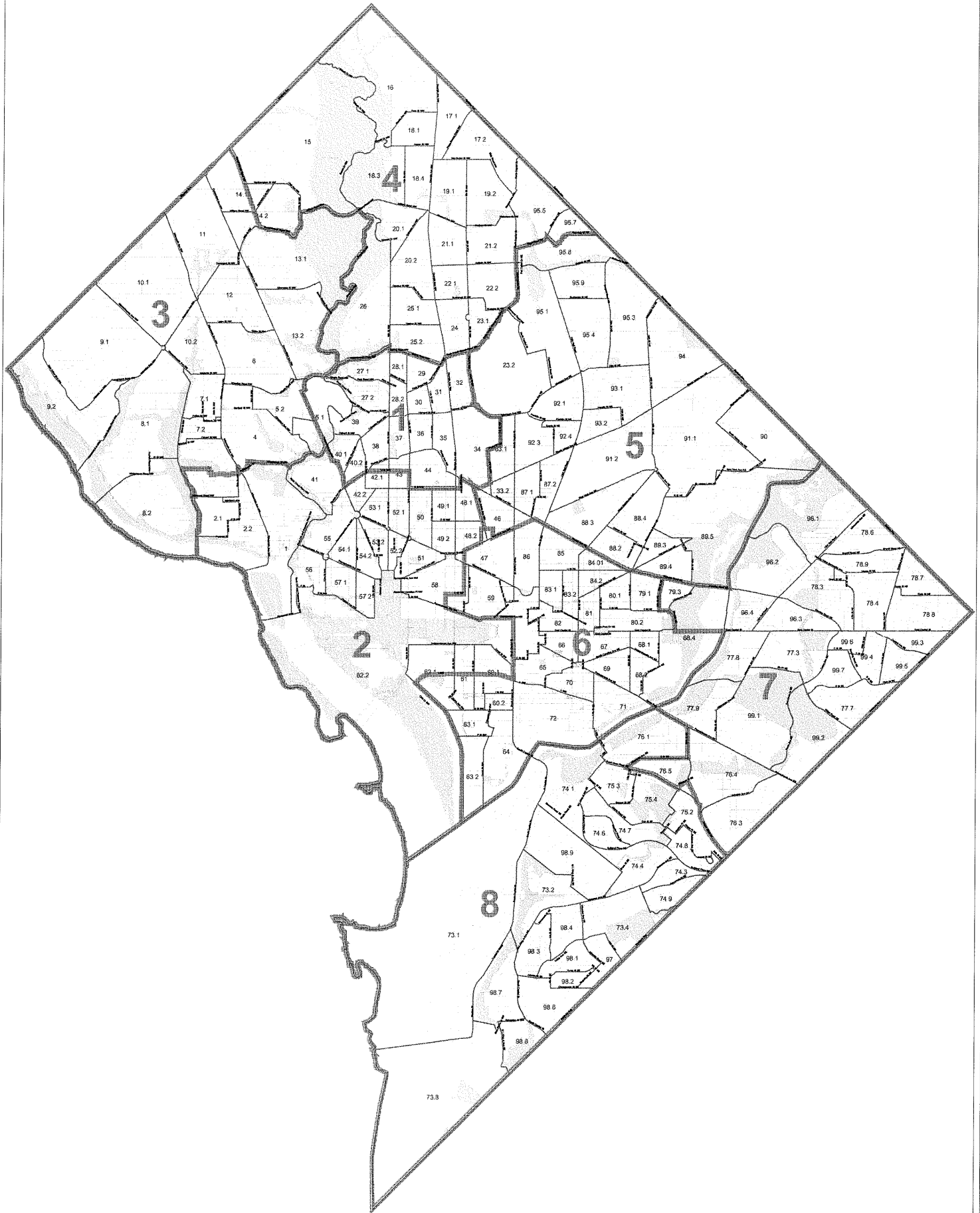
targeted employment area under the Act. The District therefore designates the area as a targeted employment area.

If you have questions or if you need any additional information please, contact Barry Kreiswirth, Director of Policy and Legal Affairs, at 202-727-6880.


Sincerely,

  
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Attachment: Ward and Census Tract Map



**Feature Key**

 2002 Wards

 Water Bodies

 2000 Census Tracts

 Parks

**District of Columbia**  
Wards and Census Tracts



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Scale 1:51960

