

Cooperative Cities: Municipal Support for Worker Cooperatives in the US

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Table 2. Creating an enabling environment.

	Developer cities				Endorser cities					Cultivator cities		
	Cleveland	Richmond, CA	Richmond, VA	Rochester	Austin	Berkeley	Boston	Oakland	Philadelphia	Madison	Minneapolis	New York City
Strategic activities												
Mandating												
Legislative: Pass a resolution or enact a law supporting worker cooperatives					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Financial: Approve budget initiative	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Amend local laws or ordinances to assist cooperative development	X	X	X		X	X		X				X
Expedite regulatory and permitting processes, reduce regulatory burdens	X					X		X				
Facilitating												
Leverage federal funds for cooperative development	X			X	X		X					
Access to start-up capital, low-interest loans, revolving loan funds	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	X
Use tax-based incentives	X			X		X				X		X
Assist with land assembly and physical development	X			X		X						
Develop supply chain, procurement contracts, purchase agreements	X		X	X	X	X		X		X		X
Support technical assistance providers, capacity building, co-op coalitions					X		X		X	X	X	X
Develop or support cooperative apex organization	X	X		X						X		
Promoting												
Raise public awareness about worker cooperatives	X	X		X			X		X	X	X	X
Educate city staff and policymakers about cooperatives		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Embed worker cooperative initiatives in city agency/ department	X		X	X			X				X	X
Support cooperative ecosystem development							X		X	X	X	X
Support for worker cooperatives integrated into business development centers			X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Support cooperative capacity through data collection and research										X	X	X

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