

# Residential and Mixed-Use Real Estate Development Economics in San José

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Council  
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# Presentation Outline

1. Introduction to ULI San Francisco District Council
2. Real Estate Development Process
3. Key Real Estate Trends
4. Development Feasibility
5. San Jose Case Study
6. Question and Answer

# Development today is more complicated – *physically and economically.*

- Typically mixed use with increased density
- More conversions from old uses
- Site challenges, including remediation and poor soils
- Community benefits more important, but often costly
- More complicated development economics



Santana Row

# Entitlement process – *complex and challenging*

- More public involvement
- Concerns about height & density
- Need to fund development impacts
- Lack of infrastructure funding
- Often long process for environmental and design review
- Referendums and ballot measures



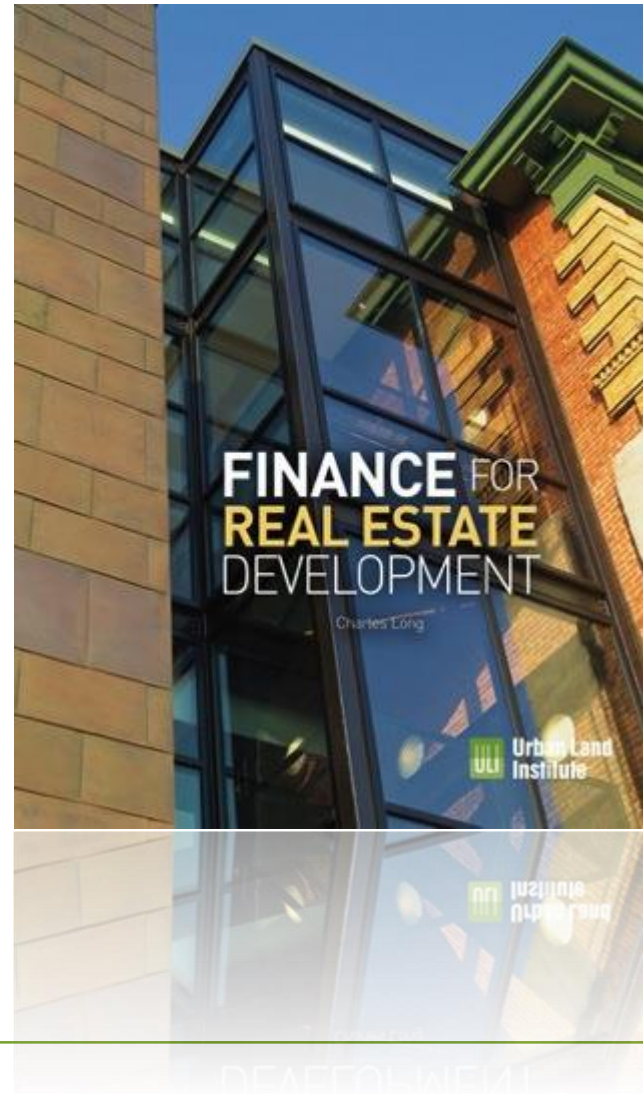
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# *Finance for Real Estate Development*

*Charles A. Long*

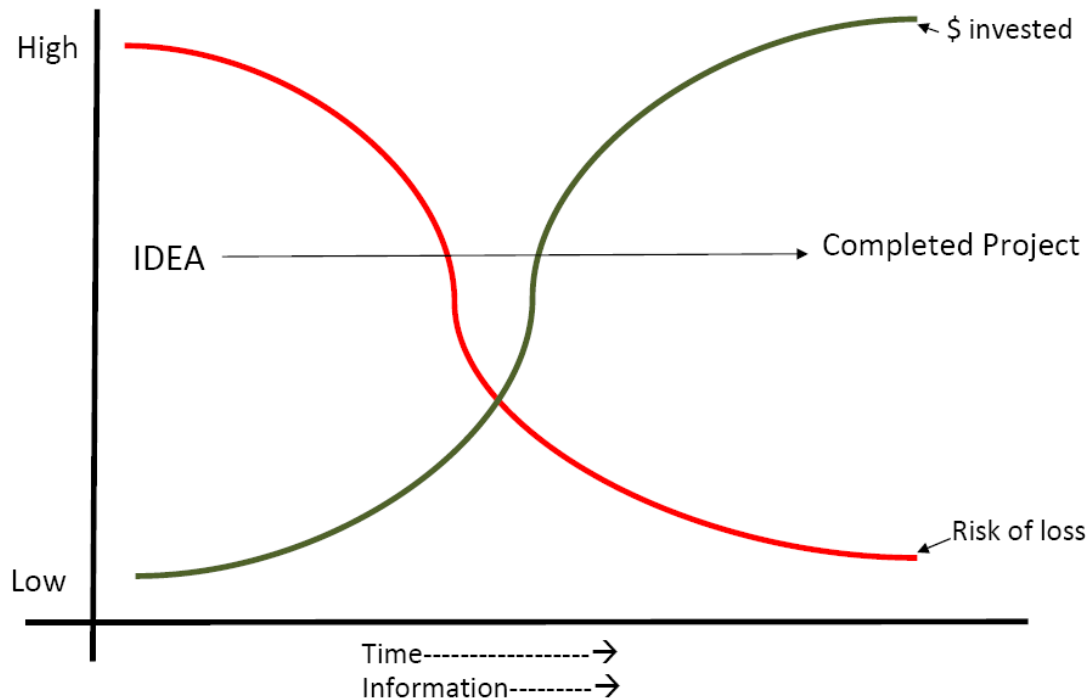
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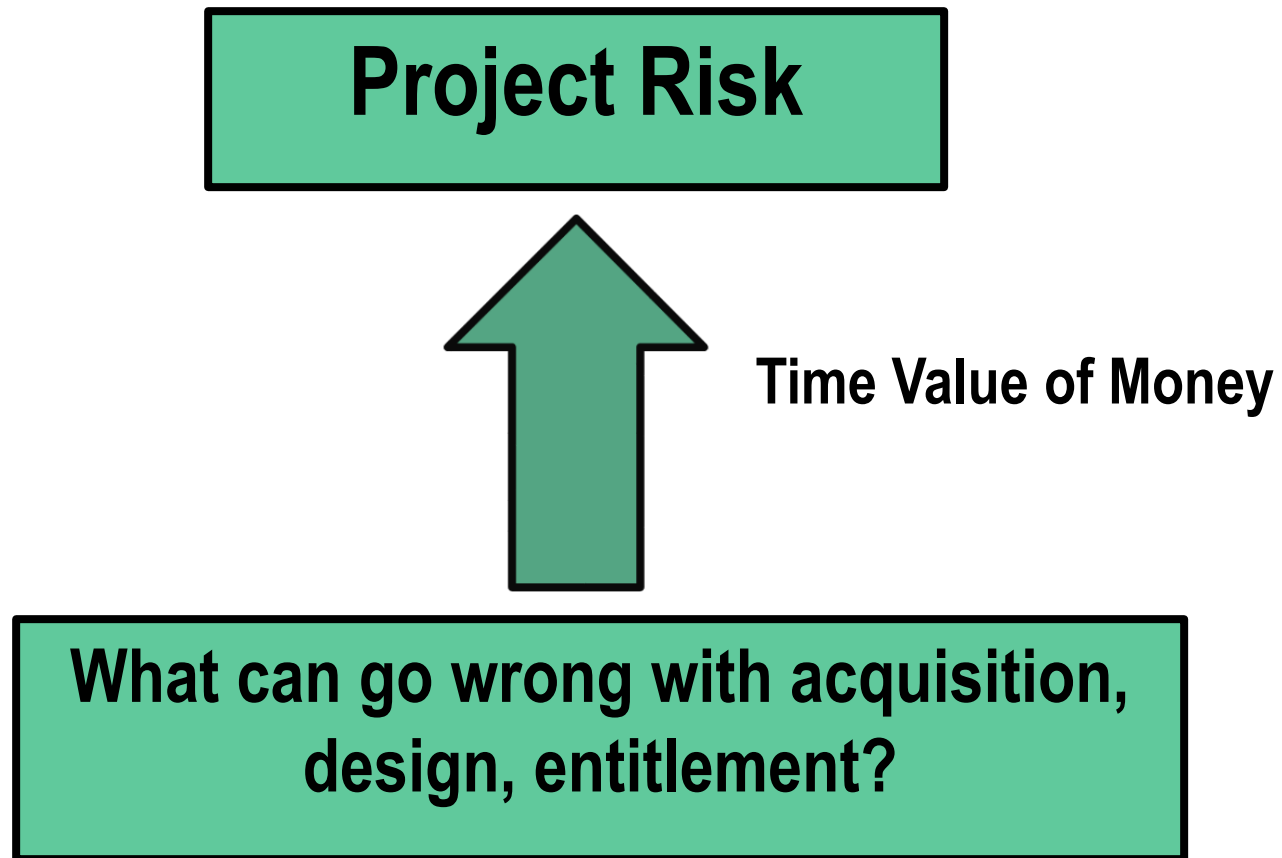


# Development is...

...a separate, self-financing enterprise  
that goes from small to large.



**As pre-development is most risky phase,  
capital is most expensive.**





***Without site control and  
land use approvals,  
infill development  
cannot occur.***





# Site Acquisition Costs

*Based on Existing Use and Future Value  
as Infill Development*



# Determination of Value

- Sales Price (Willing Buyer and Willing Seller)
- Negotiated Purchase Based on Appraised Value
  - Income Approach
  - Cost Approach
  - Sales Comparables
- Residual Land Value Analysis  
Based on New Development Potential



# Cap Rates Used to Measure Value

Cap rate indicates investor perception of:

- Availability of capital
- Perceived financial strength
- Reliability of income and potential for price appreciation



$$\text{Cap Rate} = \frac{\text{Net Operating Income (NOI)}}{\text{Project Value}}$$

$$\text{Project Value} = \frac{\text{NOI}}{\text{Cap Rate}}$$

*High cap rate indicates market weakness/high cost of financing*

*Low cap rate indicates market strength/low cost of financing*

# Net Operating Income (NOI)

**Revenue**

Less: Vacancy

Less: Base Operating Expenses

Less: Property Taxes

**Net Operating Income (NOI)**

<u>NOI</u>	<u>Cap Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
\$1,000,000	5%	?
\$1,000,000	10%	?

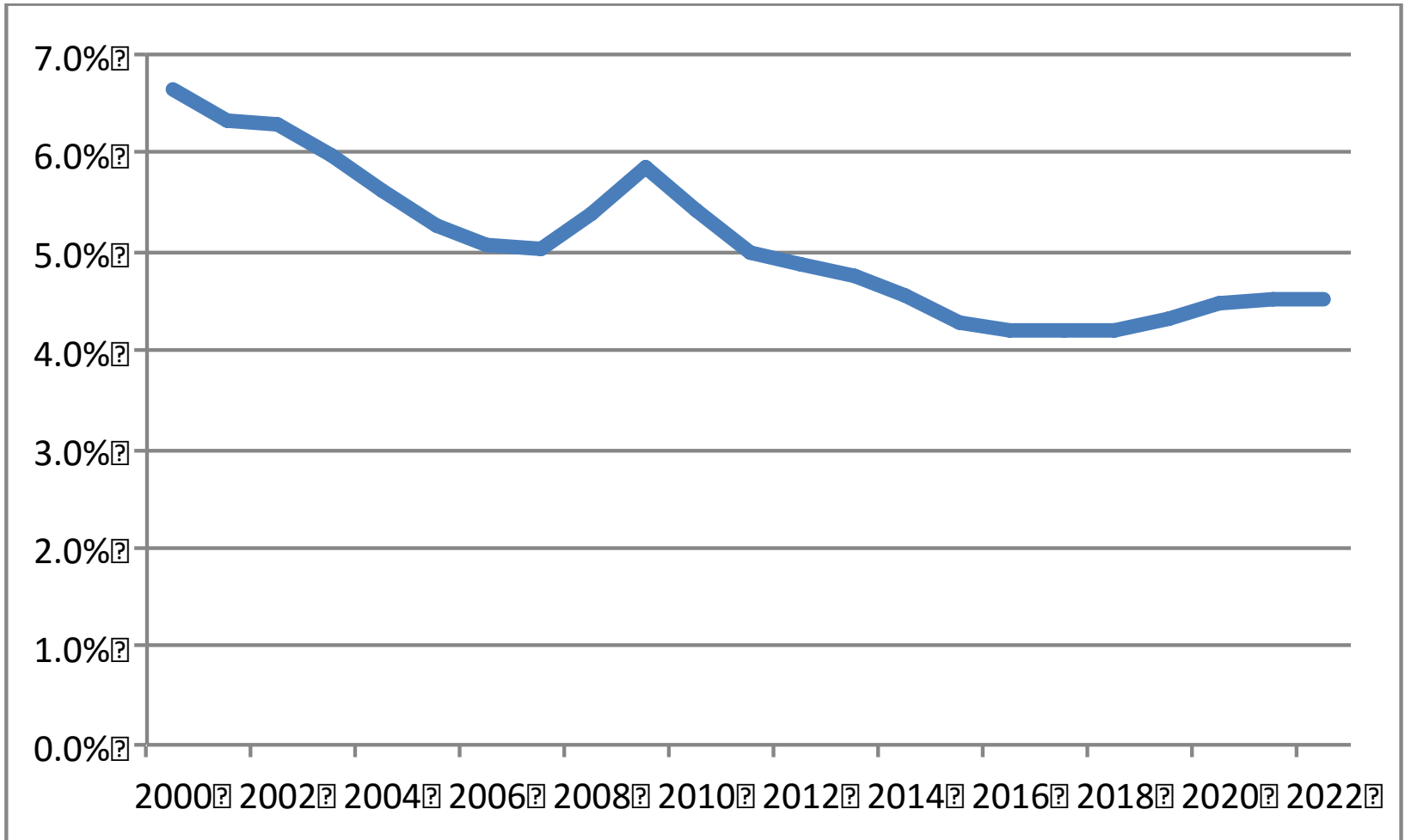
<u>NOI</u>	<u>Cap Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
\$1,000,000	5%	\$20,000,000
\$1,000,000	10%	\$10,000,000



# Key Real Estate Trends

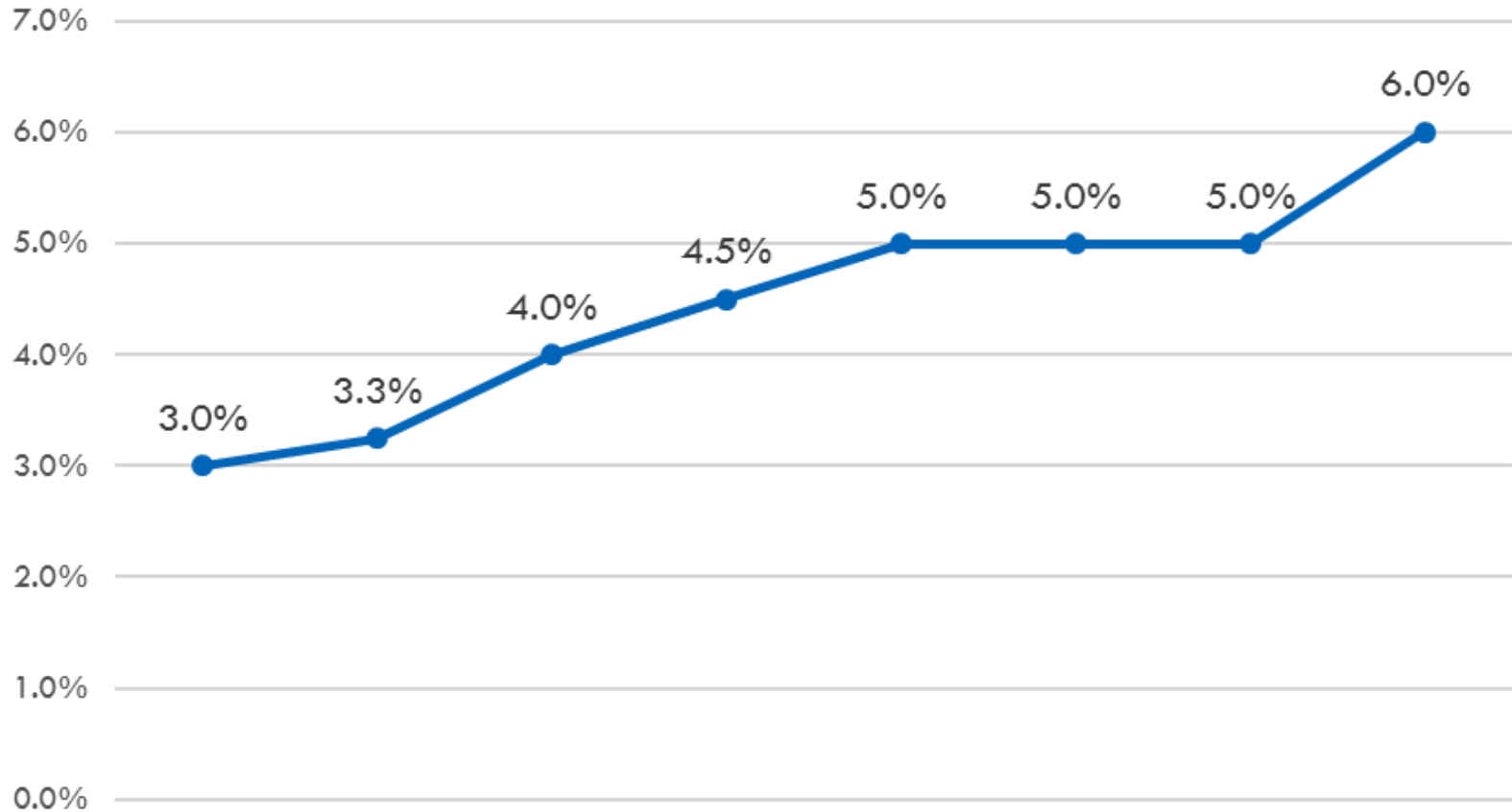


# Apartment Cap Rates at Historic Lows



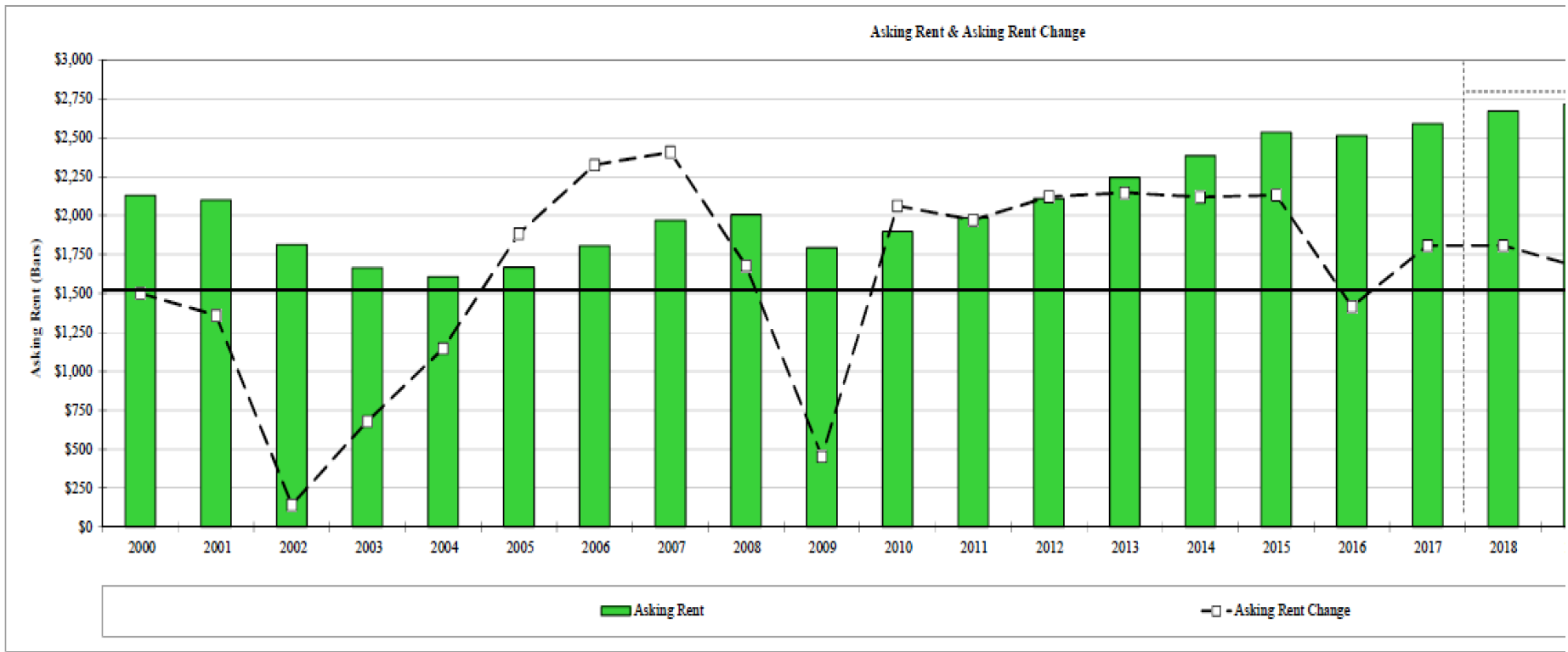
Source: CoStar for San Jose Market Area

# Construction Costs Still Increasing



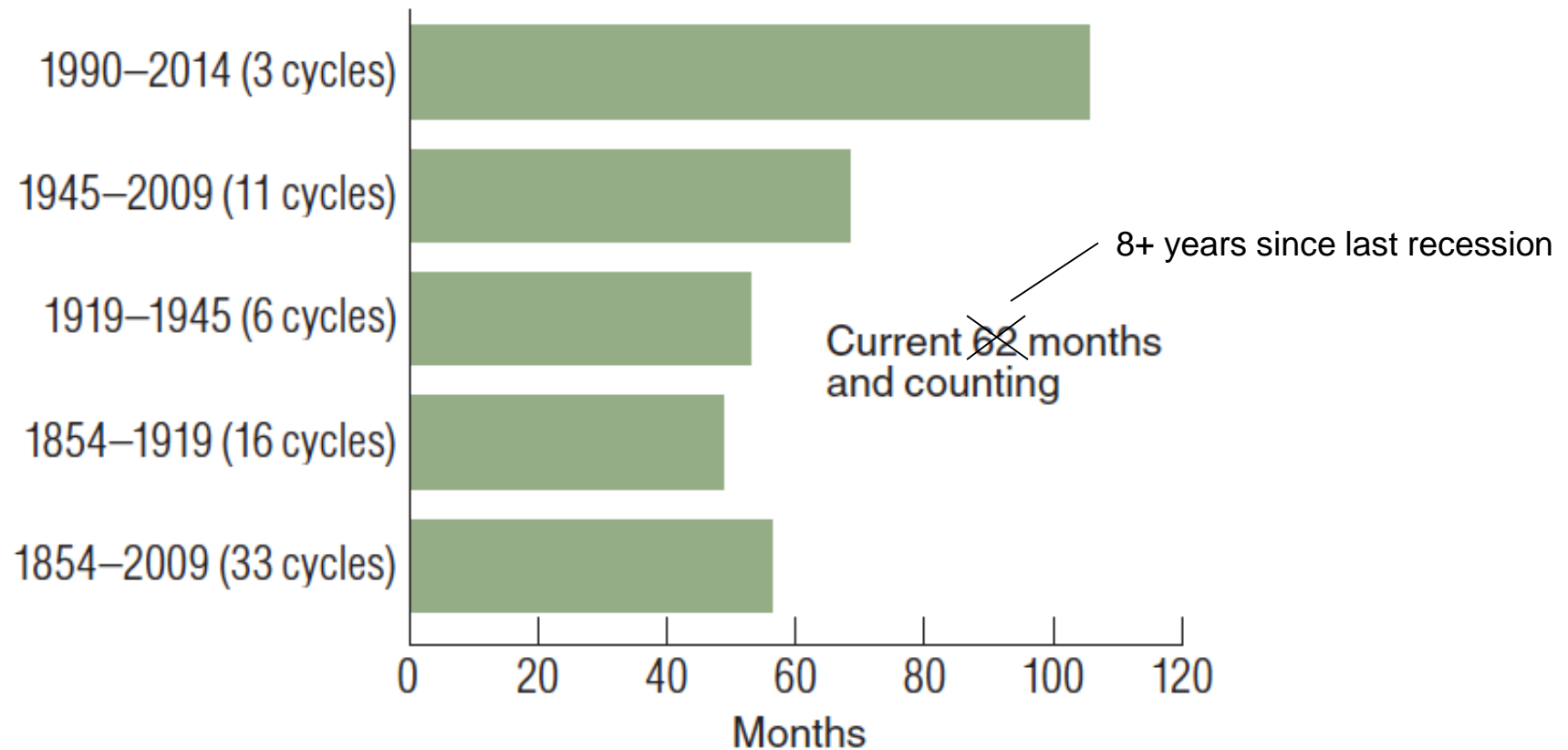
Source: San Francisco AICCIE, which combines numerous private cost indices to develop construction cost escalation factor

# Rent Increases Have Stabilized



# Current Economic Cycle Could End Soon

Exhibit 1-18 **Average Length of Economic Cycles, Trough to Trough**



Source: National Bureau of Economic Research.

Source: ULI Emerging Trends 2015

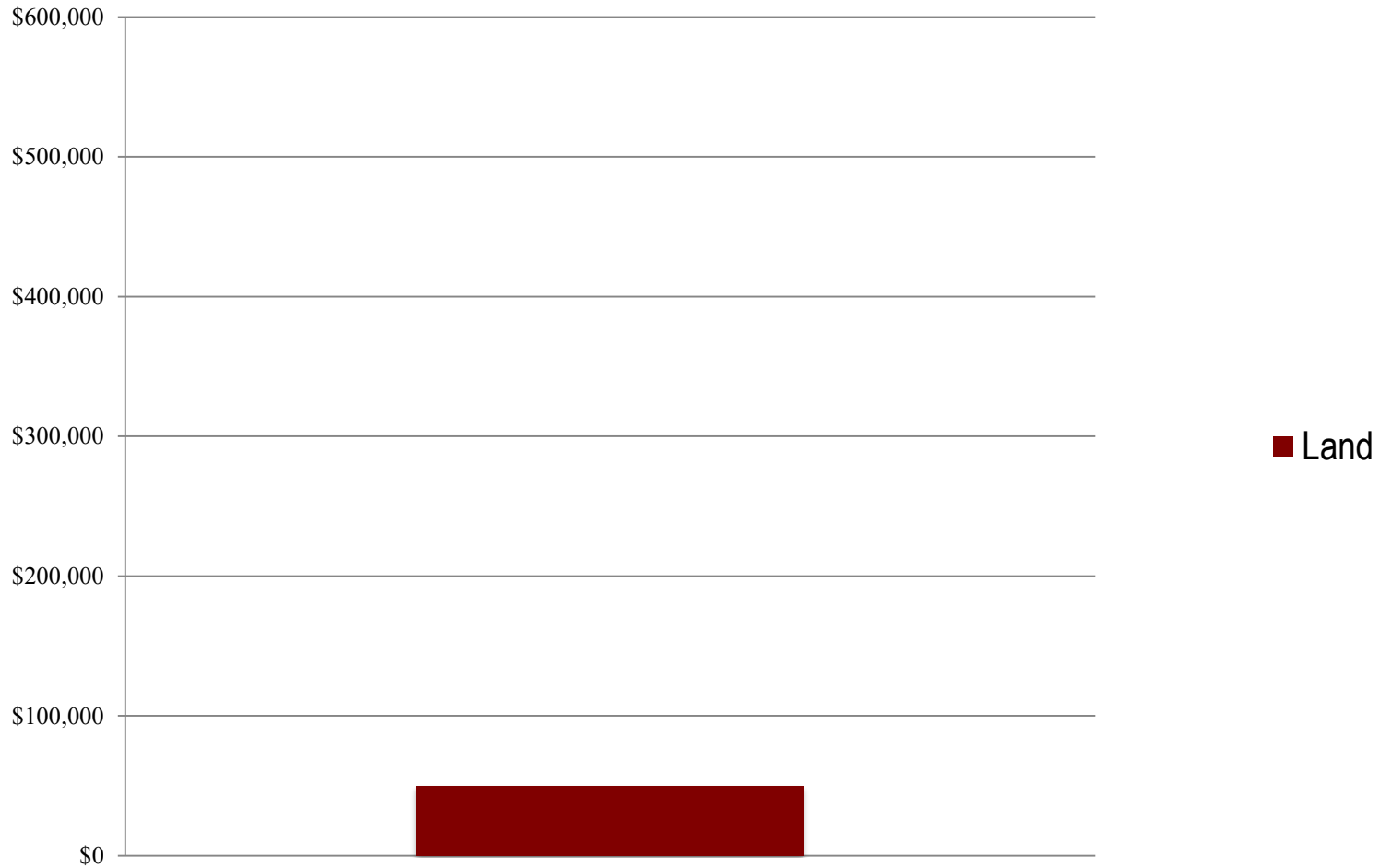
- Interest rates are at historic lows
- Cap rates are at historic lows
- Construction costs are still increasing and may increase more with pressures from Sonoma rebuild
- Rent growth has flattened
- Current economic cycle could end soon

# Development Feasibility

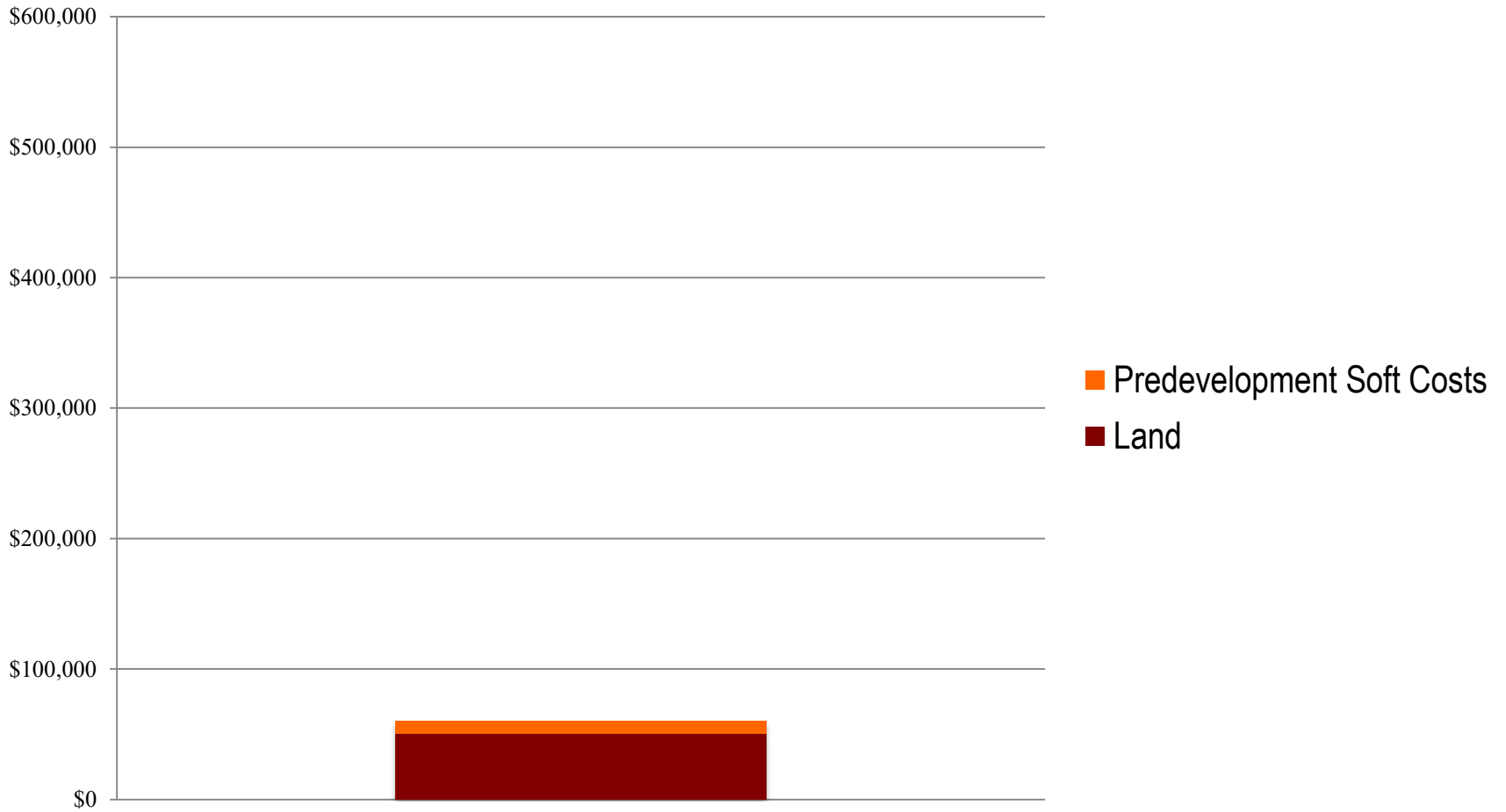




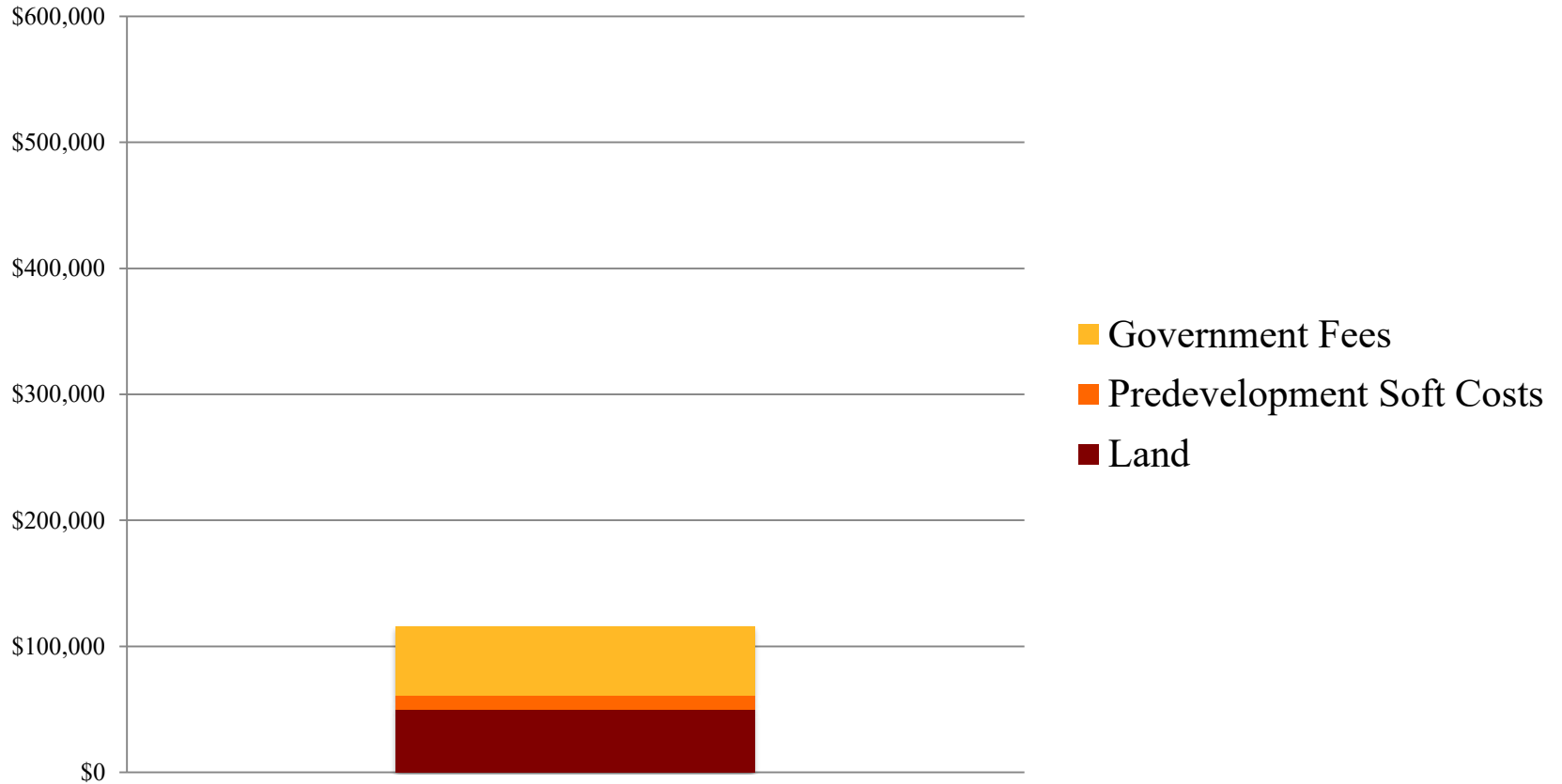
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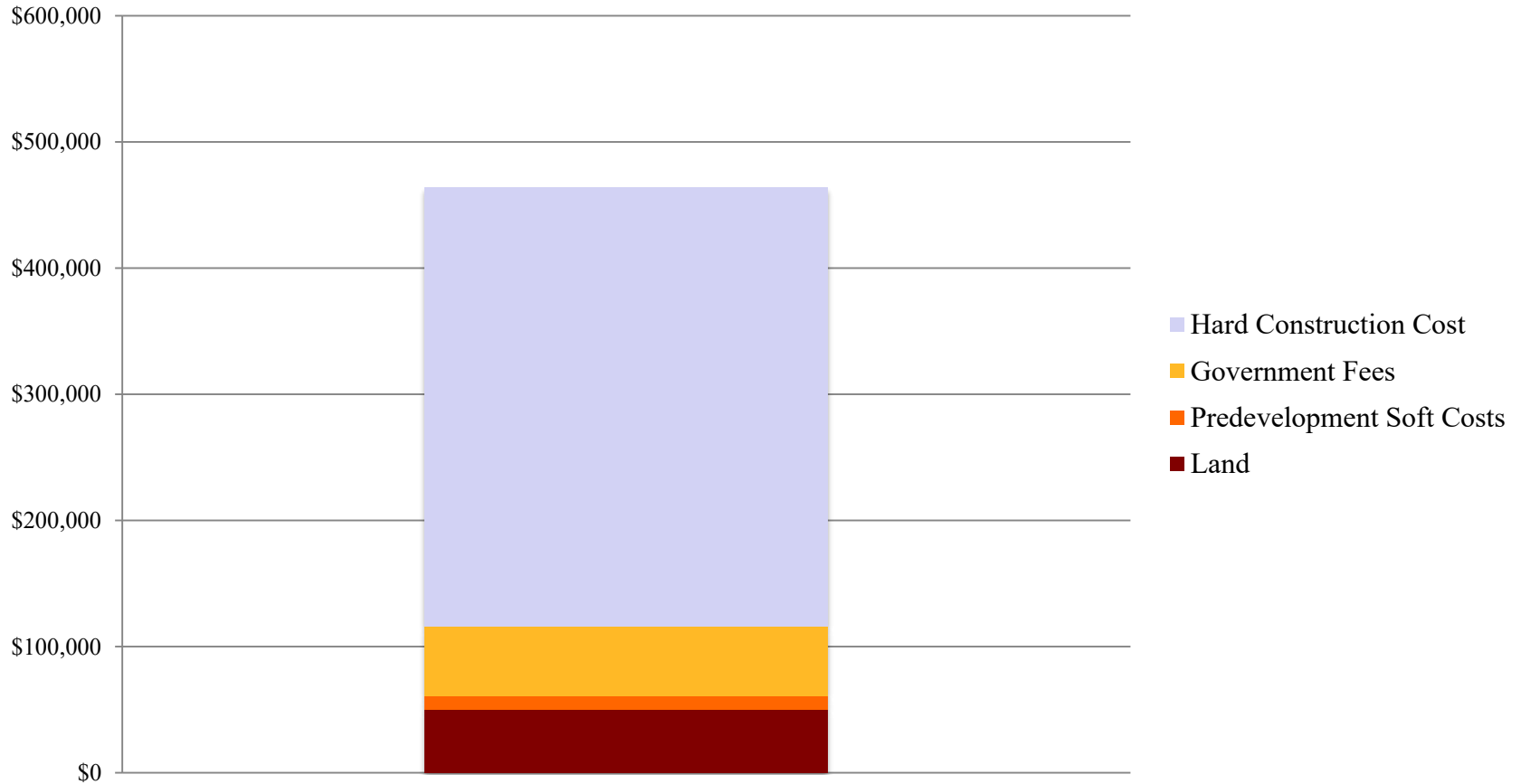
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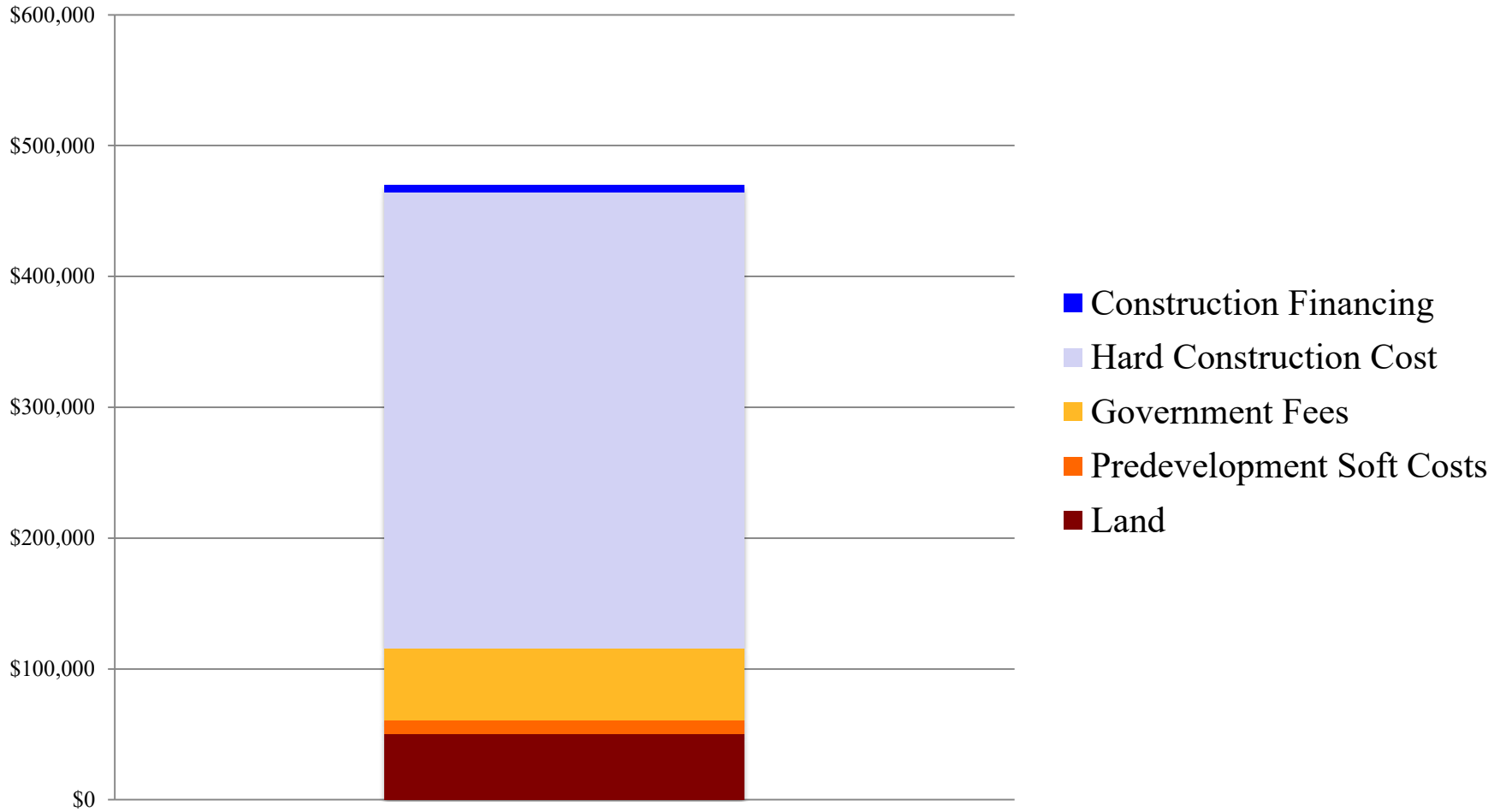
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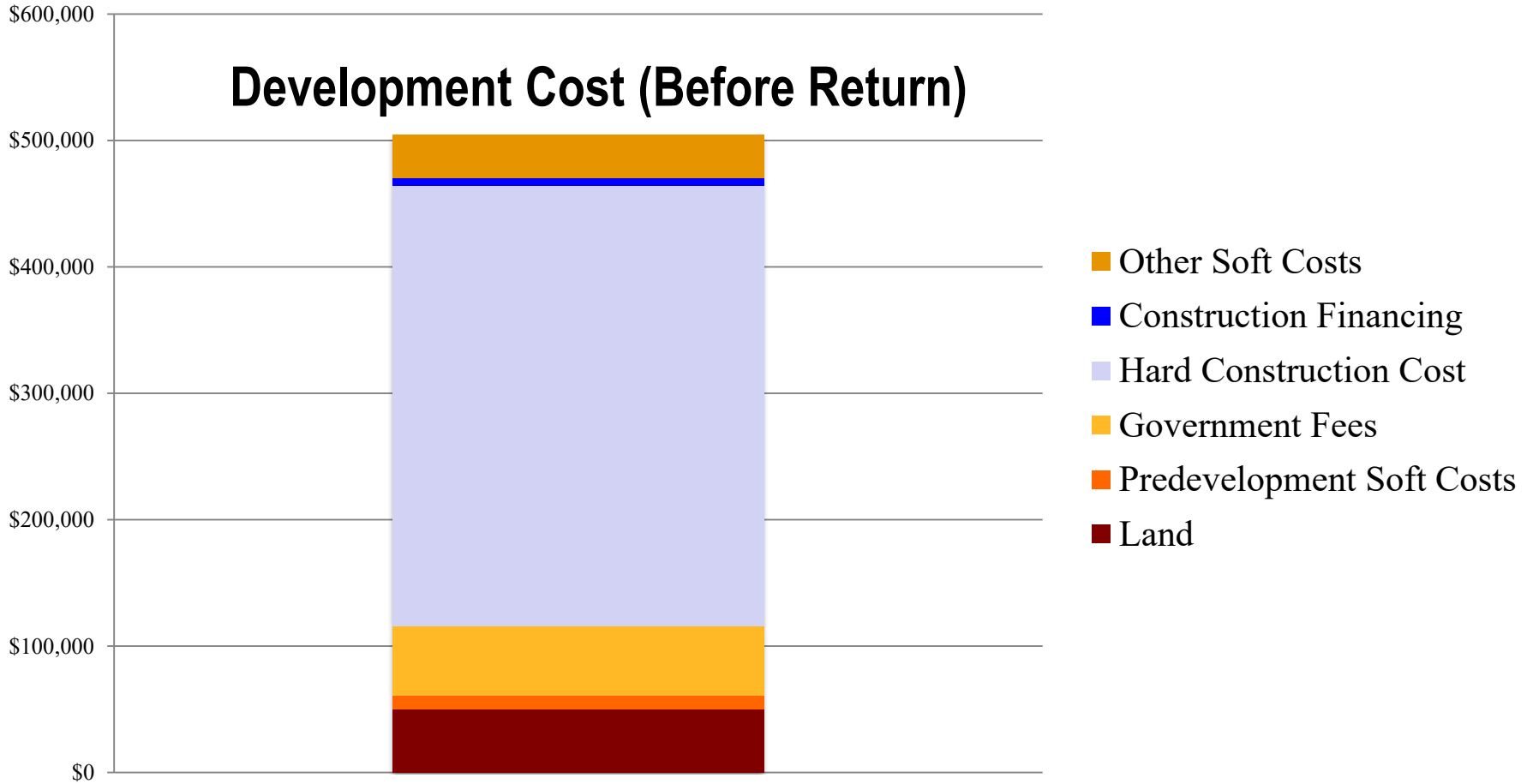


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# Development is “feasible”

**IF PROJECT VALUE  
is sufficient to pay:**

**– Development Costs**

- Cost of Debt
- Cost of Equity Capital

**– Developer Return or Profit**



# Typical Measurements of Return

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-tax Internal Rate of Return (IRR)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Leveraged</li><li>– Unleveraged</li></ul></li><li>• Net Present Value<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Present value of cash flow</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Return on cost (ROC)</b></li><li>• <b>Yield on cost (YOC)</b></li><li>• Return on equity (ROE)</li><li>• Return on investment (ROI)</li><li>• Cash-on-cash return</li><li>• Return on sales (ROS)</li><li>• Net Margin</li></ul> |
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*Important to clarify how project return is being calculated!*

# Return on Cost

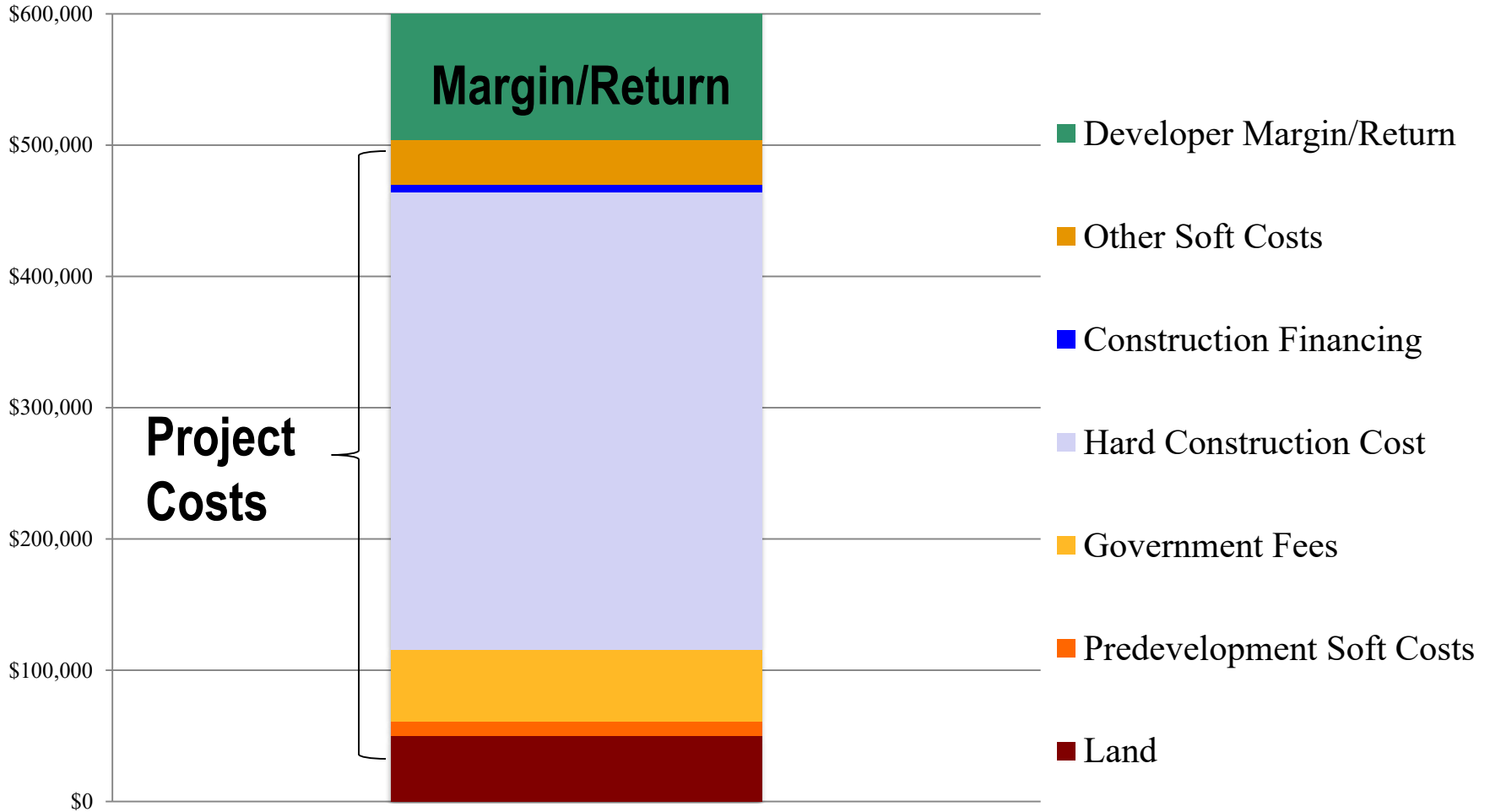
**Return on Cost = Return *divided by*  
Development cost**

**For rental property**

**Return on Cost (or Yield on Cost)  
= NOI *divided by*  
Development cost**

# Development Feasibility Framework

## Project Value



# Return on Cost For Apartments

**Return on Cost (or Yield on Cost)**

**= NOI *divided by***

**Development cost**

***Currently between 5% to 5.5% in Bay Area***

**Cap Rates for Apartments**

***Currently between 4% to 4.5% in Bay Area***

**Developer Margin or Return is difference or  
“spread” between Return on Cost and Cap Rate**

***Currently between 20% to 25%***

## Existing Property and Land Use

- Approximately 2 acre site
- 0.2 Commercial Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
- About 20,000 SF of existing retail

## Potential Residential Development

- 200 Units at 90 DU/acre

## Proposed Building Characteristics

- About 170,000 leasable SF (NRSF)
- 7 stories
- Podium construction
- About 300 parking spaces
- Ground floor retail (street frontage)



2 Pierce Avenue

# What cap rate for existing retail?

NOI

About \$460,000

Cap Rate

??

Value

??

# What is value of existing retail?

<u>NOI</u>	<u>Cap Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
About \$460,000	6.5%	\$7,000,000

- Would seller be willing to sell building for this amount?
- How much more would have to be paid given that developer may option property for 2+ years?



## Project Characteristics

Characteristics	
Total Units	200
Market Rate	200 (or 180)
Below Market Rate	0 (or 20 with on-site BMR)
Average Apartment Size	850 SF
Market Rate Rent/SF	About \$3.85/sf
Market Rate Rent /Month	About \$3,300
Parking	About 300 spaces
Residential Net Rentable Area	174,000 SF
Retail Leasable Area	Up to 8,000 SF

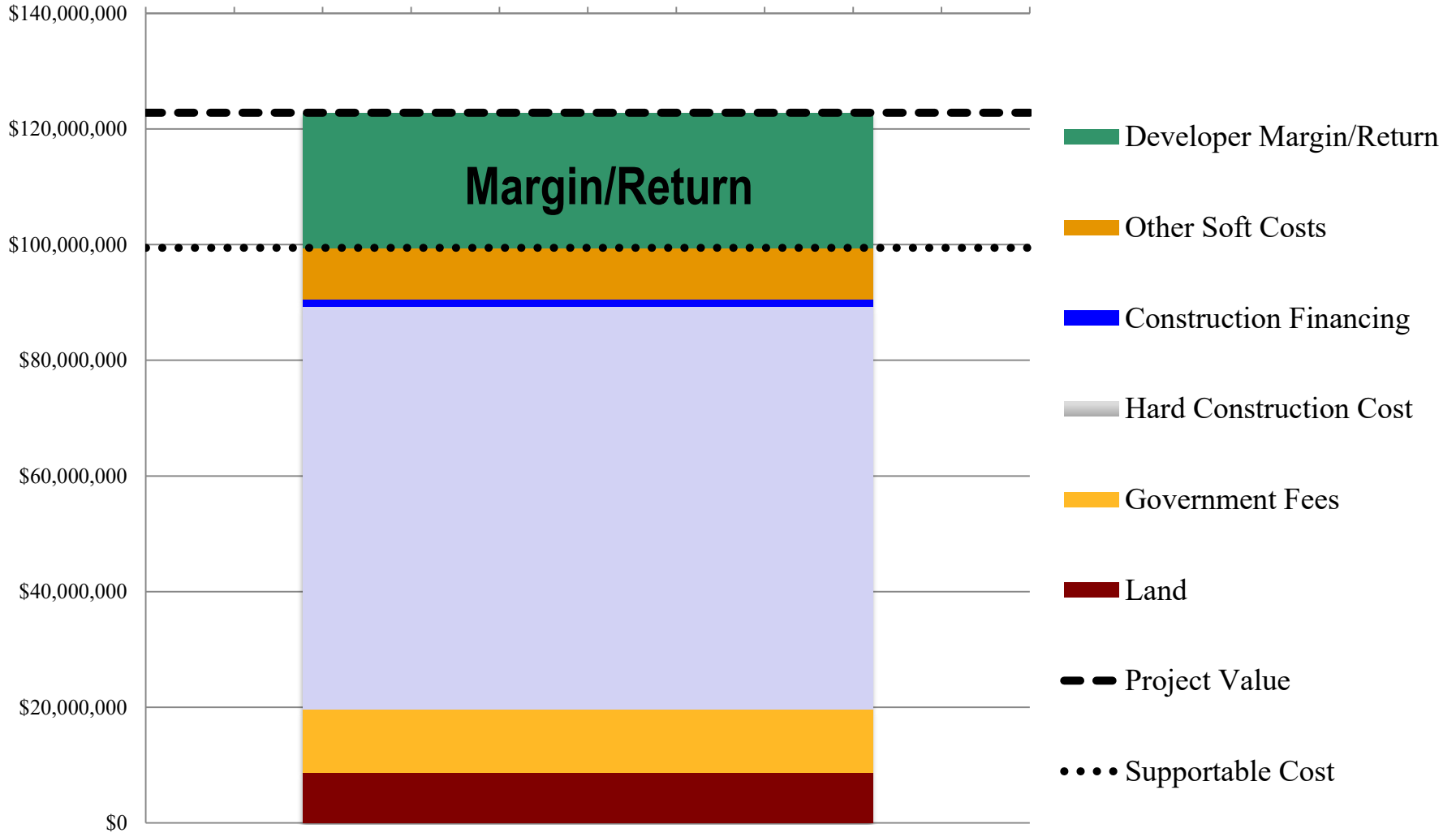
# Base Case

## 100% Market Rate (with Housing Fee)

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$5,220,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$99,400,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$90,700,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>\$ 8,700,000</b>

*Yahtzee: Residual Land Value above \$7,000,000 commercial value.*

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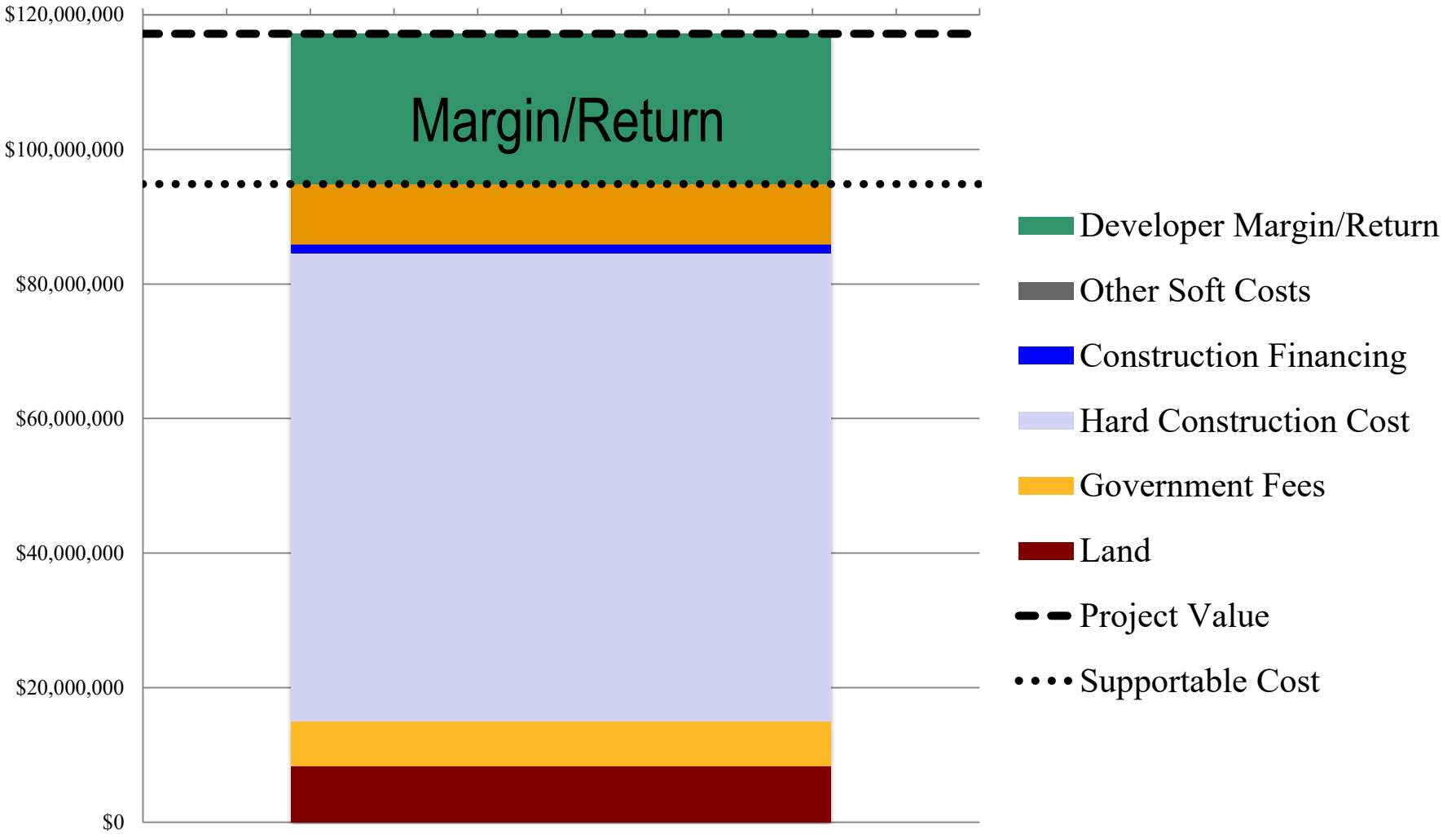
# Sensitivity Analysis 1

## 15% On-Site BMR

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$4,980,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$94,900,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$86,500,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>\$ 8,400,000</b>

*Yahtzee: Residual Land Value above \$7,000,000 commercial value.*

# 15% On-Site BMR



# Sensitivity Analysis 2

## City Fee Up 10%

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$5,220,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$99,400,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$92,700,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>\$ 6,700,000</b>

*No Deal. Residual Land Value below value of commercial building.*

# Sensitivity Analysis 3

## Construction Cost Up 10%

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$5,200,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$99,400,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$98,200,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>

*No Deal! Residual Land Value below value of commercial building.*

# Sensitivity Analysis 4

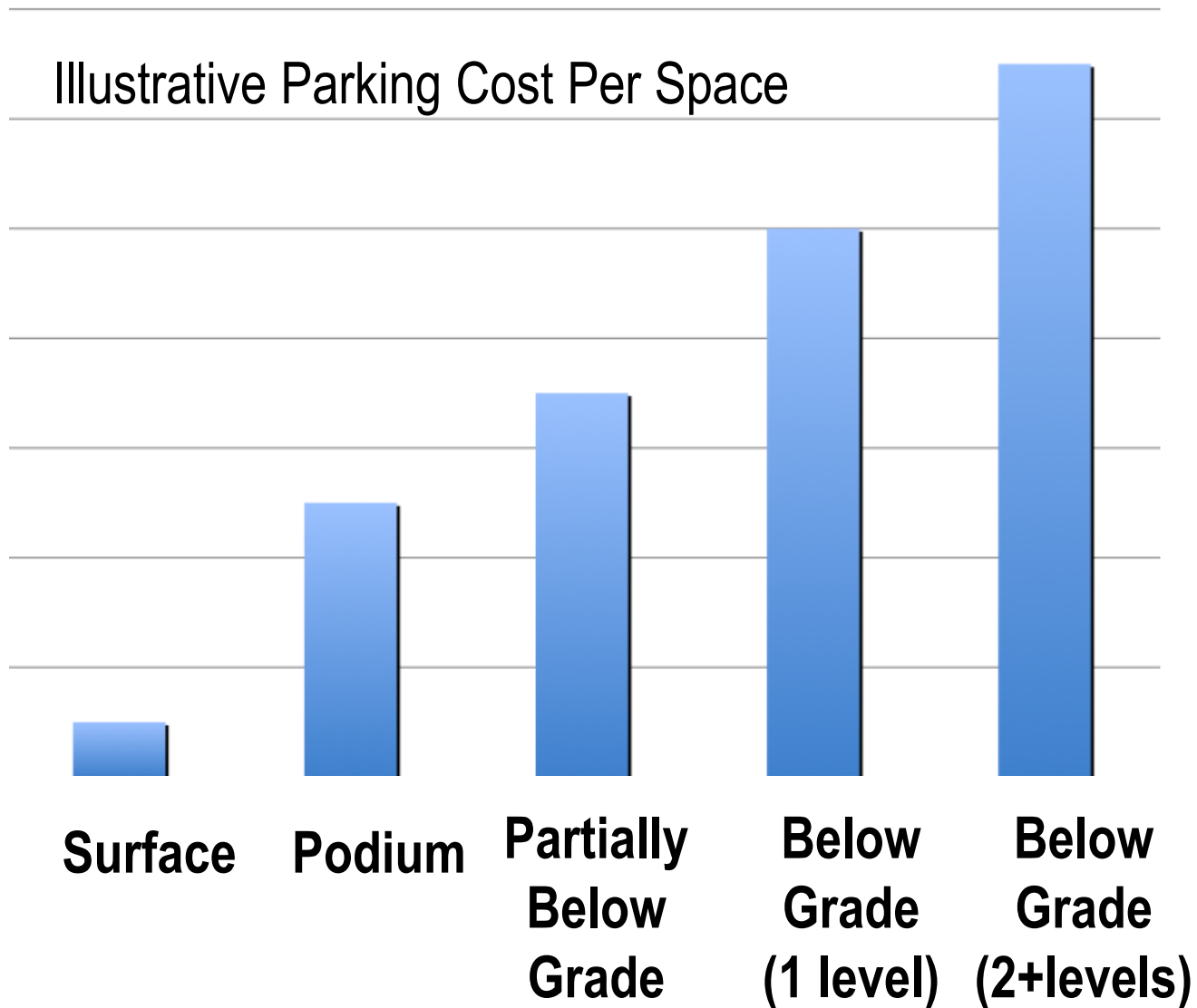
## All of the Above

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$4,980,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$94,900,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$95,800,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>-\$900,000</b>

*No Deal! Residual Land Value is negative.*



# How about reducing required parking?



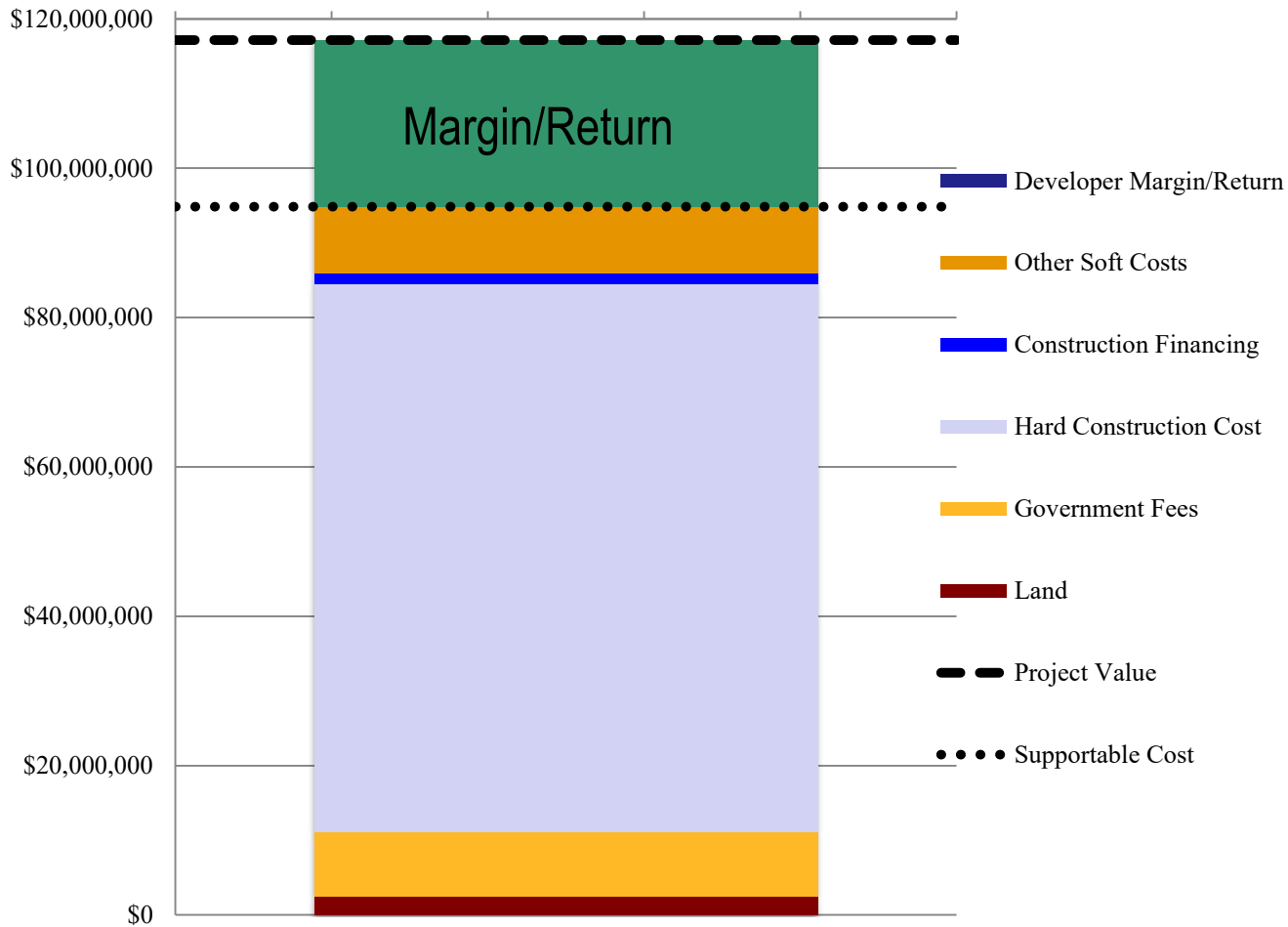
# Sensitivity Analysis 4

## All of the Above With 20% Parking Reduction

<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$4,980,000</b>
Return on Cost Target	5.25%
<b>Total Supportable Development Cost</b>	<b>\$94,900,000</b>
Less: Total Costs Without Land	\$92,400,000
<b>Residual Land Value (RLV)</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,000</b>

*No Deal! Residual Land Value still below value of commercial building.*

# All of the Above With Parking Reduction



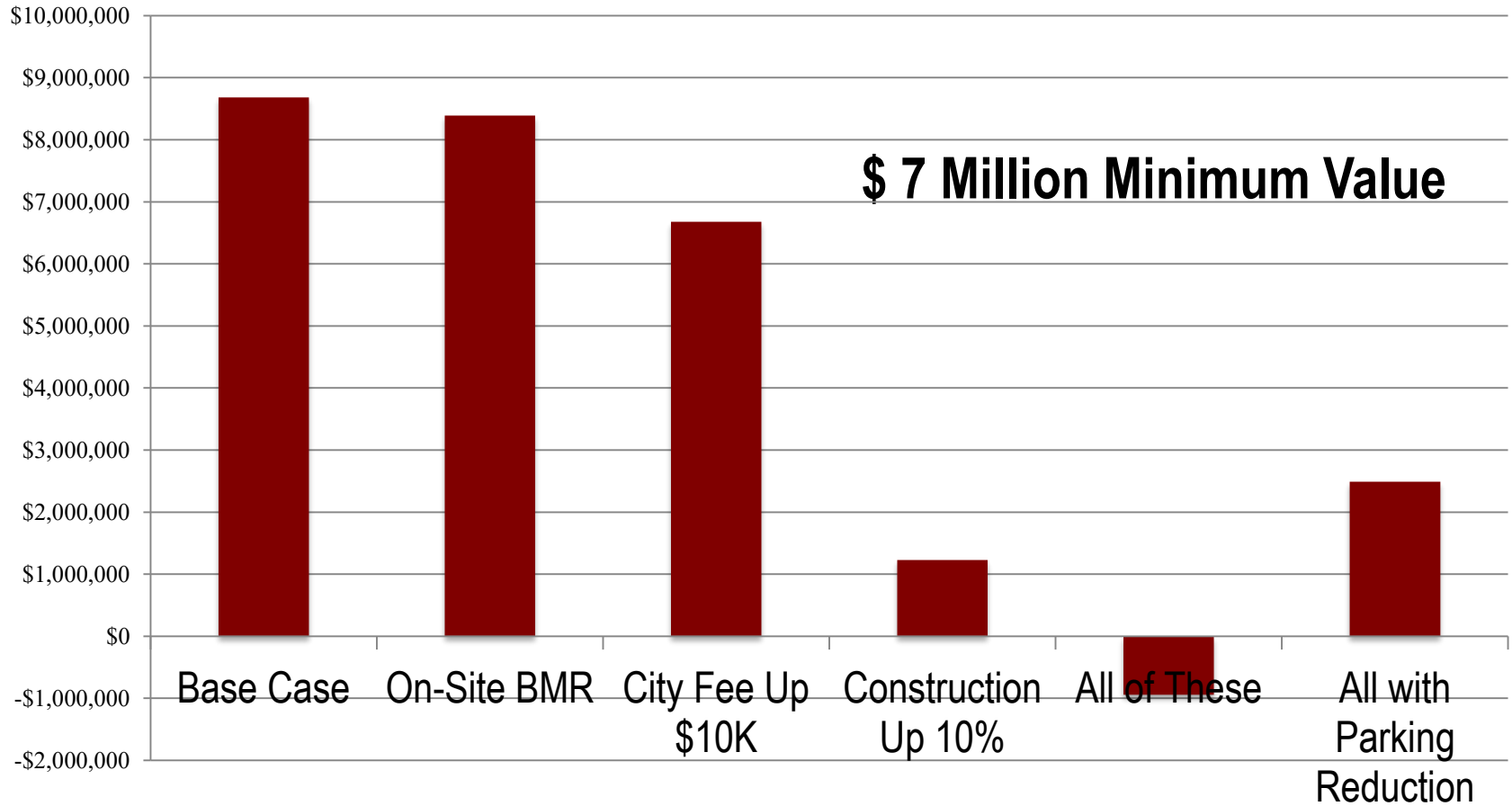
# Sensitivity Analysis

**Base Case:** 100% Market Rate (with Housing Fee)

**Sensitivity Cases:**

- 15% On-site BMR (6% Very Low and 9% Moderate)
- City fee increases by \$10,000
- Construction costs are 10% higher
- All of the above
- All of the above with 20% parking reduction

# Summary of Residual Land Value Results



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