## Here are a list of helpful guidelines that TAs have created for completing assignments, producing clean notebooks, and getting perfect assignment scores:

- 1. Follow TAs' hints for each assignment in his submission directions
- 2. Ensure that markdown cells are not run as code cells in Jupyter
- 3. Use <u>markdown</u> to make your notebooks legible
- 4. Use hashtags for each code cell to remind yourself of what your code is doing
  - a. Assume that the grader does not know what you are doing
  - b. This practice is also helpful if you need to go back to a notebook in future weeks
- 5. Provide descriptions for each section of your code. Assume the grader doesn't know what you are doing or what data you are using
- 6. Print subsamples of your code to reduce iPython notebook file size
  - a. Use .sample or .head() functions
  - b. Your code will not run if it has errors, so there is not need to print out all rows of your data
- 7. Rename data columns so that they make sense in plots and maps
- 8. Clean up coding error cells and run all cells before pushing to GitHub
  - a. Use <u>NbViewer</u> to copy and paste GitHub URLs to .ipnyb to display interactive maps and plots as hyperlink at the end of your notebook
- 9. Produce plot visualizations that make sense (e.g., don't display a bar chart with 1,000+ census tracts; try to group them together)
  - a. Color points and polygons so that they contrast with 'contextily' basemaps
    - i. Adobe Color
    - ii. <u>ColorBrewer</u>
- 10. Refer to each python libraries documentation or Google your error code to find solutions on stackoverflow for coding assistance
  - a. pandas 1.5.3 documentation
  - b. GeoPandas 0.12.2 documentation
  - c. Matplotlib 3.6.3 documentation
  - d. Folium 0.14.0 documentation
  - e. Plotly Python Graphing Library
  - f. Contextily
  - g. OSMnx
  - h. For other libraries, Google '[library name] documentation'