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MEMORANDUM

To: LeGrand Northcutt
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Date: March 14, 2024

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Periodic Review of Regulations – Public Participation Guidelines, 1 VAC 50 - 11

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* and Executive Order 19 (2022), a periodic review of a regulation every four years shall include an examination by the Office of the Attorney General to ensure statutory authority. In that regard, I have reviewed the Commission on Local Government's Public Participation Guidelines referenced above. In my view, as counsel to the Commission, these Guidelines may be retained pursuant to § 15.2-2903 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Guidelines do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.