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## MEMORANDUM

To:J. David Conmy<br/>Local Government Policy Administrator<br/>Commission on Local GovernmentFrom:Justin I. Bell<br/>Assistant Attorney GeneralDate:August 29, 2017

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

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Executive Order 17 (2014), 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 on Local Government, these guidelines may be retained without change pursuant to § 15.2-2903 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appeal 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.