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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick *Lynnisse*  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 19 June 2012

**SUBJECT:** Work Program Revisions

The work program amendment behind Tab 5A is provided for your consideration and requires action at this meeting. It resets the period covered by the work program from fiscal year 2011-12 to calendar year 2012. We propose moving the work program from a fiscal year to a calendar year to allow us to present it to you in the future, first as a draft for review and comment and then in its final form for approval at a subsequent meeting. The current work program, as amended, will expire upon adoption of the calendar year 2013 work program. Our intent is to bring the new work program to you at the fall meeting for comment and then in its final form at the winter meeting for your approval.

The amendment also adds the twelve bills referred to the Commission by the General Assembly. Please note that the bills have been grouped by topic. We propose to produce five reports, rather than twelve, based on those groupings:

- Eminent Domain—this report will cover issues raised by two bills: one focused on the exercise of eminent domain and one focused on the dispute resolution process.
- Land-use Regulation—this report will cover the issues raised by five bills related to subdivision regulation and one related to zoning.
- Blight—this report will be an update of the draft presented at the December 2011 meeting, incorporating the one additional bill that was sent to us for study.

- Government Transparency—this report will cover two bills, one related to state budgets and one related to local government financial and regulatory information.
- Home Owners Associations—this report will respond to a house resolution raising concerns about their rules and responsibilities, as well as their boards' responsiveness to the concerns of their members.

The research plans for the studies behind Tab 5B describe the problems that gave rise to the bills as well as our plans for gathering relevant information and assessing alternative solutions. You will note that each report will be presented to you first in draft form for review and comment, then revised appropriately and presented for your approval at a subsequent meeting. Please make note of the timelines included at the end of each plan. They indicate when we expect to bring the drafts and the final reports to you. They also indicate for the studies that require hearings when we expect those hearings to occur. We welcome your comments and suggestions on these plans and this new process.