2017 HRACRE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SUBMITTED BY THE HRACRE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL BY HRACRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

1. **Transportation Funding.** (a) Support funding for widening I-64 to 6 lanes from Granby Street through the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to I-664, and work with Richmond region to support funding the widening of the "missing link" of I-64 between Lightfoot and Bottoms Bridge; (b) preserve funding for Amtrak Train No. 2 to Norfolk for its 2018 launch; (c) educate legislators on the importance of adding a floor to the regional gas tax computation formula in 2018

2. **Economic Development Funding**. (a) Resist efforts to divert money from the Commonwealth Opportunity Fund and other existing economic development initiatives into GO Virginia, as GO Virginia, a worthwhile initiative, should be funded without invading current programs, and (b) support full funding of state Enterprise Zones and oppose cutting or eliminating their funds

3. **Land Use Issues**. (a) Support a further extension of vesting for undeveloped subdivisions and site plans (Sec. 15.2-2209.1) beyond the current June 30, 2017 expiration of the current extension and (b) oppose any legislation promoting authorization for adequate public facilities requirements or increased authority for traffic-related impact fees

4. **Ground Water Permitting**. Monitor legislation for ground water withdrawal permitting and availability

5. **Recurrent Flooding/Sea Level Rise**. Monitor and support legislation to help Virginia and its localities deal with recurrent flooding and sea level rise and to promote resiliency

6. **Storm Water**. Monitor storm water management legislation, supporting bills which balance water quality/quantity objectives with not overly intruding on owners' property rights

7. **Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits**. Educate legislators on the value of HRTCs, as groundwork for opposing likely legislation to eliminate or reduce them in 2018

OTHER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, NOT RANKED IN ANY ORDER:

8. **Short Term Housing**. Support local regulation and taxing of "short term housing" (e.g., Air BNB) to level the playing field with hospitality industry, as appropriate

9. **Broadband Expansion**. Support legislation to expand and facilitate broadband and ultra-high speed internet service in Hampton Roads

10. **Building Revitalization Grant Fund**. Support creating such a fund