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Public Policy Advocacy Group
Date: Monday, October 1, 2007, 10 a.m.
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Presiding: Henry Scholz, 2007 Chair

In attendance: Deborah Baisden, Bob Barton, Bradley Boland, Jim Duncan, Eleanor Goode (conference call), Sharon Johnson, Charlotte Jones (conference call), Schaefer Oglesby, Zinta Rodgers (conference call), Denise Roosendaal, Henry Scholz, Lewis Sifford, Trish Snyder, Suzy Stone, Henry Thrasher, Garrett Weddle

Others attending: Barry Allbright; Rob Bradham, Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association; Mo Brown, Greater Augusta Association of REALTORS® (conference call); Mary Beth Coya, Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®; George Creed; Charles Davis, Fredericksburg Area Association of REALTORS®; John Dickinson; Angela Dougherty; Benton Downer; Susan Gaston, Virginia Peninsula and Williamsburg Area Associations of REALTORS®; Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Kit Hale; Pat Jensen; Ed Krauze, Greater Washington Commercial Association of REALTORS®; Laura Lafayette, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Victoria Lewis, Blue Ridge Association of REALTORS®; Dale Polen Myers; Jeanette Newton, Dulles Area Association of REALTORS®; Gwen Pangle; Tracy Pless; John Powell; Dewey Reynolds; Cindy Stackhouse; Melanie Thompson; Glenda von Dameck; Cliff Wells; Christine Windle; Dulles Area Association of REALTORS®;

Staff: Scott Brunner, Chip Dicks, John Broadway, Martin Johnson, Lem Marshall, Debbie Talley, Blake Hegeman, Meredith Cox

1. Chairman Scholz called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Richard Taylor provided a VHDA update.
4. Chip Dicks and Martin Johnson presented the proposed 2008 Legislative Package and Agenda.
5. The 2008 Legislative Package and Agenda were approved unanimously with the following additions to the *Real Estate Tax* language on page 10:
 - VAR opposes efforts to establish a separate tax classification for various classes of real property including but not limited to different classifications for residential and commercial real property.
 - VAR, however, does support legislation to provide voluntary authority to local governments to exempt a percentage of assessed value of residential housing provided any such exemption is targeted to those homeowners whose owner-occupied residential housing is affordable as defined by the locality, or the homeowner's income falls within that of the population being served by the affordable housing programs of the locality.
6. Laura Lafayette presented an Issues Mobilization Request from the Richmond Association of REALTORS® to further their Partnership for Workforce Housing initiative in engaging

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the business community. This request for \$30,000 was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

7. Martin Johnson provided an update on the Your Virginia campaign.
8. Government Affairs Directors gave GAD Updates from their areas.
9. Lem Marshall requested that any POA complaints be sent to him in preparation for an October 29th meeting with POA representatives.
10. Schaefer Oglesby provided a VREB update.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.