



Virginia's Region 2000  
Local Government Council

2018 Legislative Priorities  
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## **1. Broadband**

- a. LGC urges the Commonwealth and the Federal Government to assist communities in their efforts to deploy universal affordable access to broadband for all areas, particularly in underserved and rural areas.
- b. LGC opposes mandates that limit or restrict local land use authority for the siting of telecommunications infrastructure or result in a negative fiscal impact to local government budgets
- c. LGC recommends funding the VRA Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Fund (see Va. Code secs. 15.2-2419 et seq.) adequately for rural broadband infrastructure projects to be able to obtain financing.

## **2. Freedom of Information Act**

- a. The LGC opposes making failure to comply a criminal offense or presumptively willful.
- b. The LGC opposes proposals that would lessen the scope of the personnel exemption under Va. Code sec. 2.2-3705.1(1).
- c. Local Government Council supports changes to the conditional zoning law to allow greater flexibility in the process for determining impacts to be addressed when considering an application for development.

## **3. Central Virginia Training Center**

- a. The LGC urges the Commonwealth to set aside funding for demolition of buildings that should have been removed long ago and whose presence will detract from the Department of General Service's ability to obtain the highest value for the property.
- b. The LGC urges the Commonwealth to set aside funding for a redevelopment plan that will assist the Department of General Services and the local & regional economic development authorities in marketing the property to industries that will achieve its highest and best use.