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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members
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Executive Director

DATE: 21 October 2015

SUBJECT: Zoning Process and Consent to Rezone Private Property—Final Report for Approval

The attached commission report is submitted for your approval. The report responds to Senate Bill 549 by Niceley and House Bill 775 by Daniel, which would require the written consent of owners for any rezoning affecting a parcel of private property. The Senate State and Local Committee amended the bill to direct the Commission to study this issue and submit its report by January 1, 2016. The House bill was taken off notice, but Chairman Wirtgau of the House Local Government Committee requested by letter that the Commission study it. The report describes issues raised by the bills and suggests that, short of requiring the consent of owners for rezonings, some of the approaches already used by local governments in Tennessee to ensure that property owners are aware of rezonings could be required.