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DAY 1 - Wednesday, October 7

9:00 AM - 9:40 AM	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – VML President Thomas Smigiel (Council Member, City of Norfolk) • A “Norfolk State of Mind” – VisitNorfolk • Address on Equity – Dr. Susan T. Gooden (Dean and Professor, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at VCU)
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	<p>Concurrent Section Elections & Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Section – Charlie Frye, Chair • Town Section – Lisa Merkel, Chair • Urban Section – John Rowe, Chair
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>General Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Mark Herring (Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia) • “Better Than Before” – Rebecca Ryan (Founder & CEO, Next Generation Consulting) • State Budget Update – Neal Menkes (VML) and Jim Regimbald (Fiscal Analytics, Ltd.)
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM:	Break
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM:	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COIA – Rebekah Stefanski (Attorney, Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council) • Community Development – Rebecca Rowe (Associate Director Community Revitalization Office, DHCD) • Technology and Crisis Management – Hanno Hesse (Vice President Business Development & Sales, Speridan) • Education – Holly Coy (Assistant Superintendent of Policy, Equity, and Communications, Virginia Department of Education)

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- 2:00 PM - 2:10 PM **Break** - Find out if the USS Wisconsin is haunted.
- 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM: **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- FOIA – Alan Gernhardt, Esq. (Executive Director, Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council)
 - Transportation in Virginia – Nick Donohue (Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia)
 - Innovative Factory Built Housing Initiatives – Chris Thompson (Director of Strategic Housing, Virginia Housing)
 - Practicing Civility to Promote Trust in Local Government – Thomas Bullock (Director of Education & Training, VRSA)
- 3:10 PM - 3:15 PM **Short Break** - Thanks to our Sponsors.
- 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM: **Q&A with VML Policy Committee Chairs**
- Videos of proposed changes were made available ahead of the conference. During this time, VML members may visit the policy committee virtual rooms to ask questions of the committee chairs.
- Community and Economic Development – Jennifer Baker (Council Member, Town of Herndon)
 - Environmental Quality – Jon Stehle (Council Member, City of Fairfax)
 - Finance – John Rowe (Mayor, City of Portsmouth)
 - General Laws – Nancy Bailey (Vice Mayor, Town of Big Stone Gap)
 - Human Development and Education – Hector Cendejas (Council Member, City of Manassas Park)
 - Transportation – Mike Barber (Mayor, Town of Christiansburg)
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM: **Proposed Legislative Statement - General Session**
- VML Legislative Committee Chair Roger Fawcett (Council Member, City of Suffolk) will present the revised Legislative Statement followed by Q&A.
- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM: **Day One Wind Down - General Session**
- Join Jimmy Cirrito (Proprietor, Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon) as he concocts "Mermaid Water" and other libations.
- 4:30 PM - 4:35 PM: **Close out of Day One / Preview of Day Two**

DAY 2 - Thursday, October 8

- 9:00 AM - 9:10 AM **Welcome to Day Two - General Session**
- 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM: **Roundtable Presentations & Discussions**
- Attendees will be informed of appropriate times during the hour to cycle to a different roundtable.
- Data Sharing – Carlos Rivero (Chief Data Officer, Commonwealth of Virginia)
 - Emergency Management – Ted Costin (Director Regional Support West Division, VDEM)
 - DHCD Programs: COVID and Beyond – Erik Johnston (Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development) & Kristen Dahlman (Senior Policy Analyst)
 - HR During COVID – Sarah Struckmann (Client Relations Specialist, Pierce Group Benefits)
 - Childhood Hunger in the Wake of the Coronavirus – Catherine Spacciapoli (Program Manager, No Kid Hungry Virginia)
 - A Closer Look at the VCEA – Preston Bryant (Sr. VP Infrastructure and Economic Development, McGuireWoods Consulting)
 - Police Reform – Maggie DeBoard (Chief of Police, Town of Herndon & President of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police)
 - Dominion Energy Services for Localities – Katherine Bond (Vice President of Public Policy, State and Local Affairs, Dominion Energy)
 - VML/VACO Finance Services Overview – Beau Blevins (Director of Business Development, VML/VACo Finance)
- 10:10 AM - 10:15 AM: **Short Break**
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM: **2020 Local Champion Awards Highlights**
- 10:30 AM - 11:25 AM: **VML Annual Business Meeting**
- *Note:** If the activities of the Annual Business Meeting are not concluded prior to 11:25 AM, attendees will return to the meeting following Governor Northam's remarks.
- Executive Directors Report
 - President's Message
 - Report of the Nominating Committee
 - Election
 - Vote on Proposed Amendments to VML Constitution
 - Adoption of Policy Statements
 - Adoption of Legislative Statement
 - Remarks by new President
 - Invitation to the Towns of Loudoun
 - Affirmation of 2021 Conference
- 11:25 AM - 12:00 PM: **General Session**
- Introduction of closing speaker - Thomas Smigiel
Closing Keynote Address – Governor Ralph Northam
- Conference concludes