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MEMORANDUM TO: State Planning Commission Members

FROM: Thomas Wright, Chair

RE: Recommendation to Approve Resolution
Extending Center Expiration Deadline

I hope you all are doing well in these unprecedented times.

As a result of the current health crisis, almost all governmental efforts at the local, county and state levels have been focused on ensuring the health and safety of all New Jerseyans. While the Office of Planning Advocacy, along with our state agency, county and municipal partners have continued their efforts on long term land use planning, rightfully so, the priorities of all involved must take a back seat to the efforts involved in the current health crisis.

Governor Murphy's Executive Order 103 that declared the State of Emergency in New Jersey, allows for the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency.

Accordingly, the Executive Director has been working with the Commission's Deputy Attorney General and the Governor's office to extend the June 30th Center designation deadline. The current recommendation is to extend the deadline to 180 days after the revocation of Executive Order 103. This extension recognizes that even after the state of emergency ceases to exist, bringing the state back to a normal state of operation will be the priority for all elected officials at all levels of government. This proposal has been approved by the Division of Law and the Governor's office. Assuming approval, the resolution put before you will be sent to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the New Jersey Registry.

In light of the current circumstances facing the State of New Jersey, I fully recommend that this resolution be approved at the State Planning Commission meeting of April 15, 2020. Please note that this meeting will be held via conference call and members of the public will be able to comment via the call in number.

Thank you and stay safe.