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**COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** General Government Subcommittee Members, Appropriation Committee  
**FROM:** Sam Singh, State Representative (69th District)  
**DATE:** September 10, 2013  
**RE:** Citizen's Research Council Letter

After reviewing the letter, there are a number of additional thoughts that I would ask the Subcommittee to consider. They include the following items:

**Research Content:**

- A review of the previous policy decisions surrounding the historic formula from the inception including a review of specific decisions by the legislature that impacted individual local municipalities.
- A review of other states and how they fund local government through shared revenue including analysis of communities that have states that allow for regional sales tax.

**Research Process:**

- A series of focus groups with cities, villages, and townships across the state to discuss statutory revenue sharing and EVIP, which would be used to inform the Citizens Research Council as it develops a recommendation for a methodology.
- A focus group including cities, villages, and townships across the state used to review and provide feedback to the methodology developed by the Citizens Research Council.
- A regular reporting requirement for Citizens Research Council to report back to the members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.
- A detailed budget including fund sources and expected expenditures.

**Communication with Committee:**

- Ensure that all communication, discussion of scope and sharing of data will be done with the entire committee.

