

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – September 17, 2019**  
Conference Room 11

***Board of Supervisors Members Present:***

Sharon Bulova, Chairman  
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)  
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)  
John Cook, Braddock District  
John Foust, Dranesville District  
Pat Herrity, Springfield District  
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District  
Kathy Smith, Sully District  
Linda Smyth, Providence District  
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

***Meeting Agenda***

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The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

***Summary of Discussion:***

**Board of Supervisors 2020 Draft Legislative Program**

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Introduction
- Priorities
  - Funding Core Services – Transportation Funding
    - The Legislative Committee directed staff to further emphasize restoration of Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) funding as a top County priority.
  - Funding Core Services – State Budget
  - Governance – Local Authority
    - Committee members directed staff to consider working with General Assembly members to address issues related to local government authority.
- Position Statements
  - Environment – Global Climate Change/Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

- Committee members noted the importance of protecting the County’s tree canopy and directed staff to add this issue to a future Legislative Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.
- Environment – Reducing Environmental Contamination from Plastic and Paper Bags
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to strengthen this position to further emphasize the County’s interest in encouraging the use of reusable shopping bags.
- Funding – Courts
- Funding – Economic Success
- Funding – Jails
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to include the total annual cost of housing inmates, and also note the County’s progress in reducing the inmate population.
- Funding – Libraries
- Funding – Water Quality Funding
- General Laws – Elections
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to strengthen the bolded position language. Committee members also raised concerns about a legal issue that delayed in-person absentee voting and directed staff to monitor the issue.
- Health – Lyme Disease
- Land Use – Proffers
  - Legislative Committee members directed staff to provide the number of rezoning applications pending on July 1, 2019, that opted into the 2019 amendments to the existing proffer law, so that the information could be presented to the County’s General Assembly delegation as needed.
- Land Use – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
- Public Safety – Accessibility
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to rephrase language relating to ADA protections.
- Public Safety – Dangerous Weapons
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to integrate the County’s existing Pneumatic Guns position statement into the position on Dangerous Weapons. The Committee also directed staff to research Federal Rule 35 and bring back to a future Legislative Committee for further discussion.
- Taxation – Communications Sales and Use Tax
- Transportation – Pedestrian Safety and Access to Transit

Items for Initial Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following items and took the actions indicated below:

- Housing – Adding Protected Classes to the Virginia Fair Housing Law – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- The Legislative Committee directed staff to bring this item back to the Committee for further discussion; at that time, the Committee will determine whether to pursue a legislative initiative or strengthen existing language in the legislative program.
- Housing – Adding Protected Classes to the Virginia Fair Housing Law – Source of Income
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to bring this item back to the Committee for further discussion; at that time, the Committee will determine whether to pursue a legislative initiative or strengthen existing language in the legislative program.
- Personnel – Addition of Member to the Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) Board of Trustees
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to initiate legislation in the 2020 GA.
- Personnel – Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) Purchase of Membership Service Credit
  - The Legislative Committee directed staff to initiate legislation in the 2020 GA.

Overview of the U.S. Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 (H.R. 763)

The Legislative Committee received an overview of H.R. 763, and directed staff to bring the bill back for further discussion at a subsequent Legislative Committee meeting. The Committee also directed staff to determine whether members of the County’s Congressional delegation support the bill, and concurred with the staff recommendation to strengthen language in the Energy/Climate Change section of the County’s federal legislative program.

Draft Letter on the County’s State Budget Requests

The Legislative Committee received copies of a draft letter to Governor Ralph Northam detailing the County’s budget priorities. Legislative Chairman McKay said that the letter was being provided to Board members in advance for review, and would be considered at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting, likely on September 24.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

***Votes Taken:*** None

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