

Fairfax County Government Relations

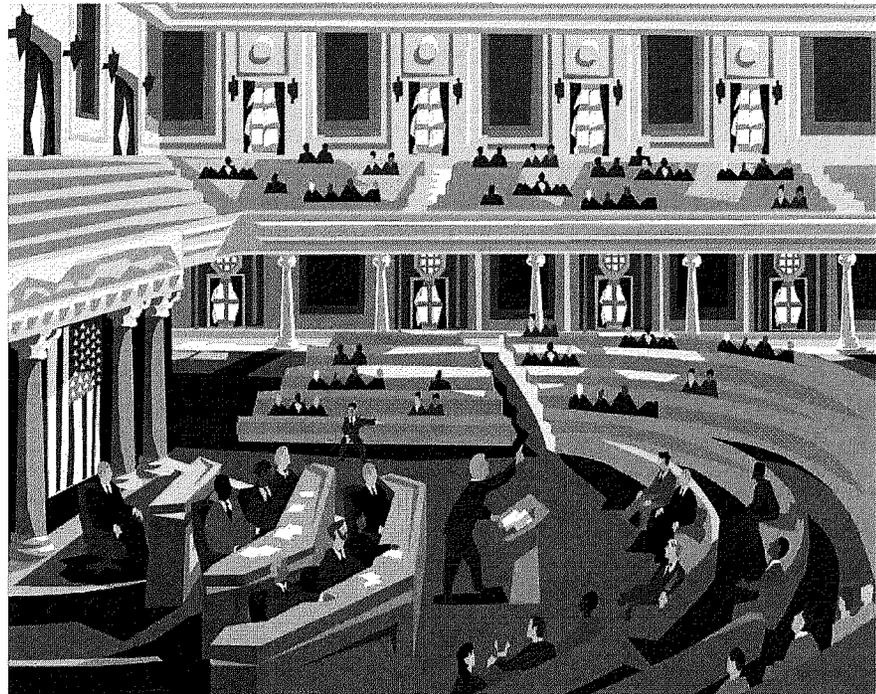
Presentation to the Human Services Council

July 20, 2015

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– What We Do

- ▶ Development, articulation and advocacy (lobbying) of public policy set by Board of Supervisors
- ▶ State legislative program
- ▶ Federal legislative package



County Involvement in Legislative Process: Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee

- ▶ Committee of full Board
- ▶ Supervisor McKay is Legislative Chairman
- ▶ Full Board adopts annual legislative program, after consultation with and recommendation from County Executive and Government Relations
- ▶ Takes positions on additional legislation during the Virginia legislative Session
- ▶ Meets several times in fall to develop program and most Fridays during session

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Richmond Team

- ▶ Legislative Director; Deputy Legislative Director; Department of Transportation Legislative Liaison; Assistant County Attorney
- ▶ Must register with Secretary of Commonwealth as lobbyists
- ▶ Team members articulate and advocate County legislative initiatives and positions, meet with legislators, and coordinate testimony by County department heads and staff
- ▶ Typical days in Richmond include committee and subcommittee meetings, reading bills, monitoring the progress of bills, and assigning bills for County department review

Countywide Legislative Review Team

- ▶ Commissioned by County Executive to analyze impact of bills before General Assembly
- ▶ Comprised of departmental staff from major operating areas and the County Attorney's Office
- ▶ Human services agencies participate in reviewing legislation and submitting legislative proposals; priority issues and development of annual Human Services Issue Paper coordinated with Deputy County Executive Harrison

Timeline for County Process– 2016 GA Legislative Proposals

- ▶ **May 2015:** Memo from County Executive to County agencies soliciting proposals for 2016 GA.
- ▶ **September 29, 2015:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) Legislative Committee meets to begin process of reviewing draft 2016 program and legislative proposals from County staff, as well as items referred by the BOS.
- ▶ **October 13 and 27, 2015:** BOS Legislative Committee meeting to review updated draft program as well as any new referrals.
- ▶ **November 17, 2015:** Public hearing on draft 2016 Legislative Program, as part of BOS meeting.
 - ▶ The draft will be posted online before the meeting:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>
- ▶ **November 24, 2015:** BOS Legislative Committee meeting (if needed).
- ▶ **December 8, 2015:** BOS adoption of 2016 Legislative Program.

Resources

- ▶ Fairfax County's 2015 Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper:
 - ▶ <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/legislation/2015/legislative-program-adopted-dec2.pdf>
 - ▶ <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/legislation/2015/human-services-issue-paper-adopted-dec2.pdf>
- ▶ Fairfax County's Final Report on 2015 General Assembly:
 - ▶ <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/legislation/2015/general-assembly-final-report.pdf> (March 3, 2015)
- ▶ Fairfax County's Federal Funding and Legislative Principles – 114th Congress:
 - ▶ <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/legislation/2015/114th-congress-principles-adopted-dec2.pdf>
- ▶ Virginia's Legislative Information (bill tracking) System:
 - ▶ <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>
- ▶ The Virginia General Assembly Web site:
 - ▶ <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/>
- ▶ Governor's Web site:
 - ▶ www.governor.virginia.gov
- ▶ Legislative Information from the Library of Congress
 - ▶ <http://thomas.loc.gov>

