

City of Takoma Park

Maryland Municipal League Legislative Action Requests 2022

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Housing

The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation that assists municipalities with housing and community development issues by:

- Requiring that the District Courts collect and share timely and dynamic data related to executed evictions. This will allow municipalities to better plan for eviction prevention programming and neighborhood development efforts.
- Giving authority for municipal governments to enact “just cause” legislation if they desire.
- Shielding court records related to failure to pay rent judgements that are used to prevent renters from obtaining housing.
- Promoting legislation or sources of funding to maintain affordable housing in areas with rising property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment



Climate Solutions

The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation that assists municipalities with mitigating the negative impacts of climate change by:

- Requiring the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development develop a plan to coordinate funding to support health and safety upgrades, weatherization, energy efficiency, and other general maintenance for low-income housing.
- Providing targets and resources to dramatically improve the energy efficiency of buildings, especially low and middle-income housing and multifamily buildings.
- Embracing aggressive statewide targets and actions for climate mitigation and adaptation.



Transportation

- The Council urges MML to support the override of the veto of Senate Bill 199/House Bill 114 – Transit Safety and Investment Act. This action would provide future funding to support businesses impacted by the Purple Line Construction.
- [SHA Pedestrian Safety]



Other Potential Issues

- Flexibility in Revenue Generation
 - The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation that would provide additional opportunities to raise municipal revenues without increasing dependence on property taxes.
- Election consolidation
 - Montgomery Council municipalities that use ranked choice voting (RCV), and that have election dates that coincide with state election dates, should be permitted to request to be on the state ballot for their elections and their requests should be accommodated.
- Local Control for Small Cell Infrastructure
 - Continue to protect local government authority as it relates to 5G small cell wireless installations.

