

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Major Priorities

- Continue to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on residents, businesses and the City of Takoma Park
 - Legislation and policy actions to increase the ability of renters to access legal counsel and emergency rental assistance that supports landlords and property owners
 - Funding to directly support residents, businesses, local government
 - Policy initiatives to address food insecurity

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- Increase access to affordable and energy efficient housing for residents of Takoma Park
 - Increase funding to support the development of affordable housing and other community development projects, including in areas with rising property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment
 - Require that the District Courts collect and share timely and dynamic data related to executed evictions to improve programming and neighborhood development efforts
 - Give authority for municipal or county governments to enact “just cause” eviction legislation if they desire in order to stabilize housing and communities
 - Provide targets and resources to dramatically improve the energy efficiency of buildings, especially low- and middle-income housing and multifamily buildings
 - Shield court records related to failure to pay rent judgements that are used to prevent renters from obtaining housing

Major Priorities

- Mitigate the impacts of climate change
 - Embrace aggressive statewide targets and actions for climate mitigation and adaptation
 - Facilitate greater use of zero-emission vehicles, public transit, and other de-carbonizing transportation strategies
 - Assist municipalities with resources and technical support to meet state and local climate mitigation and adaptation goals
 - Establish environmental health as a human right

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- Reimagine public safety
 - Continue to make reforms that support and hold police accountable, including at the municipal level
 - Increase support for a behavioral health crisis system that increases the opportunity for intervention by health professionals and minimizes the presence of police

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- Encourage timely purple line construction and mitigation efforts
- Support expanded funding flexibility for municipalities to mitigate funding dependent on property taxes
- Continue efforts to meet Vision Zero goals for pedestrian safety
- Ensure that any movement toward the legalization of cannabis utilizes the revenue generated to invest in communities disproportionately impacted by the “war on drugs”
- Support efforts to consolidate election ballots