

Post 2022 Session Wrap-Up, Legislative Priorities, & MML Legislative Action Requests



Takoma Park City Council 2021-2022 Priorities

- Mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the community and city operations
- A livable community for all
- Fiscally sustainable government
- Environmentally sustainable government
- Engaged, responsive, service-oriented government
- Community development for an improved equitable quality of life

Subject Areas for Legislative Bill Tracking

- General Bills
- Community Support
- Environment
- Government
- Housing
- Public Safety
- Transportation

Metrics from the 2022 Legislative Session

Takoma Park actively supported 15 bills and weighed in on a total of 24 bills (cross-filed bills are counted as one in this measure)

11 bills were “successful” (including bills Takoma Park opposed)

- Climate Solutions Now, Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-Income Housing, Vision Zero Implementation Act

13 bills were “unsuccessful”

Takoma provided oral testimony on about a half of a dozen bills

- Just Cause Eviction, Safer Communities Fund and Task Force, Child Access Prevention legislation, the Environmental Human Rights Amendment

Looking Forward & Important Dates

A number of legislative priorities will depend on the upcoming elections

- Governor
- Comptroller
- Attorney General
- All Members of the General Assembly
- City and County Elections

Important upcoming dates:

- Primary Election Day: July 19, 2022 (early voting starts July 7th)
- General Election Day: November 8, 2022

Anticipated Opportunities for the 2023 Session:

- Capital project funding & bond opportunities
- Transportation & infrastructure investment
- Cannabis legislation and potential revenue stream
- Housing issues – affordable housing development, homeownership assistance, renters issues

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Legislative Action Requests

- Deadline for LAR to MML: July 1, 2022 (can be without Council approval, so long as it receives a Council vote before the first MML legislative committee meeting in August)

Takoma Park Legislative Action Requests for 2021-2022:

- District Courts collect and share data related to executed evictions
- Give authority for municipal or county governments to enact “just cause” legislation
- Shield court records related to failure to pay rent judgments
- Promote legislation or sources of funding to maintain or increase affordable housing in areas with rising property values/rent due to projects such as a the red line
- Meet state and local climate mitigation and adaptation goals
- Provide targets and resources to improve energy efficiency of buildings
- Facilitate greater use of zero- emission vehicles and public transit
- Embrace aggressive statewide targets for climate mitigation and adaptation

Questions & Discussion

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