

Maryland General Assembly Session 2023: City of Takoma Park Wrap-Up & Next Steps



Maryland's 2023 General Assembly

- Governor inaugurated after state of session
- New state agency leaders named
- Del. Wilkins named Vice Chair of House Ways & Means Committee
- Senate confirmed almost 1,000 nominees
- FY 2024 budget – overnight picture change

Major State Issues

- Minimum wage and financial support for low income families
- School funding and mental health services
- Legal cannabis licensing & tax structure
- Reproductive, transgender & immigrant health
- Paid family leave

Legislative Bond Initiative

- Takoma Park Maryland Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project

➤ \$125,000

Successful Legislation

- SAFE Roads
- Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing
- Recycling Needs Assessment and Producer Responsibility for Packaging Materials
- Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants
- Cannabis Reform – funding to locals
- Jaelynn's Law (Child Access Prevention)

Legislation Needing Work

- Just cause eviction
- Ranked choice voting
- Melanie Diaz Sprinklers Save Lives Act

MML Bills of Interest

- Constant yield rate
- Forest conservation
- School speed zones
- Abandoned property

City Council Priorities

- Advancing a Community of Belonging
 - Supporting and protecting immigrants
- Fiscally Sustainable Government
 - Additional revenue sources
- Environmentally Sustainable Community
 - Climate change mitigation resiliency
- Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government
- Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life
 - Affordable housing and common ownership community support
 - Work with SHA on safety and support additional transportation improvements

Next Steps

- Maryland Municipal League Legislative Action Requests
 - Start discussion of priorities that are appropriate for an LAR – May 17, 2023
 - Approval of resolution for LARs by City Council by June 21, 2023
 - Submit LARs to MML – June 30, 2023
- Engage with new State agency leaders (DHCD, MDOT/SHA) – beginning in June
- Early December briefing with District 20 team
- 2024 General Assembly Session starts January 10th

Questions & Discussion

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