

City of Takoma Park
2025 City Council
Legislative Priorities



Thank You District 20!

- Funding for the City of Takoma Park Library Renovation
- Funding in support of Mental Health Pilot Program



City of Takoma Park Priorities for 2023-25

- Advancing a Community of Belonging
- Fiscally Sustainable Government
- Environmentally Sustainable Community
- Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life
- Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government



Advancing a Community of Belonging

- Considering the current political climate and pending fiscal challenges at all levels of government, it is important to provide services to support residents in need.
- Specifically in 2025:
 - Continue advocacy efforts focused on immigrant rights and needs, including increasing access to services and protecting against mass deportation.
 - Protect residents from discrimination such as affirming LGBTQ rights and funding support for diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.
 - Advocate for the federal workforce in Maryland
 - Address notification requirements in Restrictive Covenants law

Fiscally Sustainable Government

- Increase advocacy and lobbying activities at state and county levels to advocate for additional revenue sources for municipalities.
- Specifically in 2025:
 - Collaboratively explore potential sources of new revenue streams for municipalities such as the authority to collect a sales tax, receive a percentage of sales tax collected in the jurisdiction, as well as MML's food and beverage tax (admissions and amusements) proposal.
 - Protect municipalities' Highway user revenues (HURs) reimbursements.
 - Support legislation to create more efficiencies in the state tax code which would benefit working families.

Environmentally Sustainable Community

- Coordinate and advocate for climate change mitigation, resiliency, and sustainability funds and programs with non-profits organizations, County, State, region and federal governments.
- Specifically in 2025:
 - Support legislation that is focused on building electric charging infrastructure throughout the state
 - Continue to support funding to advance energy efficiency in buildings.
 - Support storm water mitigation efforts, including funding and technical assistance geared to use in municipalities.

Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

- Advocate for transportation improvements that impact access and safety of Takoma Park residents through regional collaboration and coordinated efforts, including Purple Line construction, Metro, bike lanes, SHA, etc.
- Specifically in 2025:
 - Pass legislation that will better enable jurisdictions to meet their vision zero goals.
 - Support legislation that would prevent the concentration of liquor stores in marginalized communities.
 - Advance region housing goals by protecting tenants, increasing the state's housing stock, and improving housing quality.

Bond Funding Request: Public Works Building Design

- Creating a safe work environment for the city's public works workforce.
- Funding is needed to support facility improvements in the city's public works buildings including increasing the number of bathrooms, work bays, and office space.
- Requested Amount:
 - \$500,000

