

# 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

- Continue advocacy efforts focused on immigrant rights and needs, including connecting those in need of assistance to appropriate area organizations and supporting and protecting immigrants and refugees.
- Build on lessons learned during COVID-19 and provide services to support residents in need such as improved schools, social services, and mental health.
- Specifically in 2024:
  - Support additional funds to the MCPS budget to fund much needed improvements to Takoma Park schools, specifically Piney Branch Elementary and Blair High School.
  - Support legislative and budget initiatives that make childcare services more accessible and affordable.
  - Additional legislation and funds to the county budget to address community mental health service needs through initiatives such as crisis intervention teams.
  - Backing funds to support food resilience and self sufficiency for families in need.

# Fiscally Sustainable Government

- Increase advocacy and lobbying activities at state and county levels to advocate for additional revenue sources for municipalities.
- Advocate at county and state levels for changes in property taxes to assist residents in need.
- Specifically in 2024:
  - Tax duplication formula and assess whether an adjustment is needed (i.e., 100% phase in, reassessment)
  - Support legislation on property tax credit programs

# 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 2024:
  - Continue to support and expand resources to the Montgomery County GreenBank
  - Support electrification, energy efficiency, and storm water mitigation efforts, including grant funding and technical assistance to aid multi-family property owners (rental and condominium communities)

# Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

- Work with State Highway Administration (SHA) to address safety at dangerous intersections as identified by Montgomery County Predictive Safety Analysis and Takoma Park Police data.
- 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, etc.
- Specifically in 2024:
  - Support state legislation requiring the State Highway Administration to increase its responsiveness to the pedestrian and cyclist safety needs
  - Support state legislation enabling local jurisdictions to enact Just Cause eviction laws
  - Support county efforts designed to reduce speeding and pedestrian safety in the county
  - Support budget and legislation to significantly increase the stock of affordable housing, including housing for the missing middle and for people with disabilities (i.e., zoning, grants)

# Grant Request: Library Renovation

- This project ensures that the Library's services are improved and remain accessible to disproportionately impacted communities.
- Site work has begun, and once construction is complete, the library will be a major community asset.
- Requested Waiver:
  - \$134,000

