

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2017-44

**Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of Legislative Action Requests
To the Maryland Municipal League for Consideration**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML); and

WHEREAS, MML pursues legislative changes to benefit Maryland municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified three requests to forward to MML for its consideration as legislative priorities for the League; and

WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to pursue appropriation of funding in the State budget for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund which would provide grants to assist local governments and nonprofits in predevelopment activities for revitalization in areas designated as Sustainable Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to pursue legislation that would require allocation of a portion of the State Sales Tax to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to pursue legislation that would move away from direct bill payment assistance and require at least 60% of the proceeds received from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to be used for efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as energy efficiency retrofits for homes or apartments of low-income residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the Maryland Municipal League the Legislative Action Request forms concerning the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund, allocation of State Sales Tax, and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative proceeds.

Adopted this 19th day of July, 2017

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk