

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2018-38

**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 Council is concerned about housing affordability for residents in areas with increasing property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment; and
- WHEREAS, the Council observes that disruption for residents and businesses is exacerbated when there is a lack of coordination between utilities, the State Highway Administration and municipalities before and during infrastructure construction and repairs; and
- WHEREAS, Maryland municipalities have few options to raise revenue resulting in an over-reliance on property tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has identified several requests to forward to MML for its consideration as legislative priorities for the League.

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 Requests:

1. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to initiate or support legislation or sources of funding to maintain affordable housing in areas with rising property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment; and
2. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to initiate or support legislation mandating coordination and cooperation between utilities, the State Highway Administration, and municipalities in order to minimize impact on residents and businesses resulting from infrastructure construction and repairs; and

3. the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to initiate or support legislation that would provide additional opportunities to raise municipal revenues without increasing dependence on property taxes.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2018

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk