

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2022-16

**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 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 MML the following Legislative Action Requests:

1. The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation to increase authority for municipalities to collect revenue. Options might include the authority to collect a sales tax or receive a percentage of sales tax collected in the jurisdiction or receive a portion of revenue generated by cannabis sales.
2. The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation that assists municipalities with housing and community development issues such as:
 - Giving authority for municipal or county governments to enact “just cause” eviction legislation if they desire.
 - Promoting legislation or sources of funding to maintain or increase affordable housing in areas with rising property values and rents resulting from infrastructure improvements, transit projects such as the Purple Line, and redevelopment.
 - Establishing energy performance targets in low-income housing.
 - Creating an infrastructure repair and rehabilitation fund for condominium improvements.

3. The Council urges MML to prioritize or support legislation that will ensure pedestrian and biker safety, SHA responsiveness, cooperation, and coordination, meet Vision Zero goals, and implement safety standards for more safe and walkable communities.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2022.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Carpenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk