

ATTACHMENT 1

ITEMS RECOMMENDED AS THE CITY'S 2016 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

A—FISCAL ISSUES

1. K-12 Funding. The City asks that the State fully fund the State's portion of K-12 education costs, including the Cost of Competing.
2. Fees, Fines and Forfeitures. The City asks that the State eliminate the provision in the State budget that allows the State to take a portion of the revenue from local fines.
3. Virginia Preschool Initiative. The City asks that the State eliminate the funding formula change in the State budget for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) which, if allowed to remain, will make many Alexandria VPI families ineligible for the program.
4. Competitive Salaries for the General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Staff. The City asks that the State allocate sufficient State funds to pay competitive salaries to State employees in Northern Virginia, rather than rely on the City to supplement these salaries.

B—TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

1. Changes to Transportation Funding Formulas. The City asks that its delegation oppose any legislative proposals that will lessen State transportation revenues coming to the City.
2. Transit Funding. The City asks that its delegation support efforts to address the upcoming shortfall in State funding for transit capital needs, as well as any other legislation that would increase transportation funding.
3. Regional Motor Fuel Sales Taxes. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to create a floor for the percentage-based Northern Virginia regional motor fuels sales tax, similar to that which already exists for the State motor fuels sales tax.
4. Flashing Lights on Buses. The City asks that its delegation support legislation that the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority will propose, authorizing the use of flashing lights on publicly-owned or operated buses.
5. Implementation of House Bill 2 (2014)—Prioritizing State Transportation Expenditures; Criteria Desired by the City. The City asks that its delegation support current Commonwealth Transportation Board funding prioritization policies, and oppose any changes that would have a detrimental effect on the City.
6. Pedestrian Safety. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to require drivers to stop (not just yield) for pedestrians in crosswalks.

7. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Population Estimates. The City asks that its delegation introduce or support legislation to change projections to estimates in the portion of the NVT A law that calls for 5-year population updates.

C—ISSUES RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

1. Local Regulation of Small Child Day Care Facilities in Northern Virginia. The City asks that its delegation oppose any efforts to remove the current authority that most Northern Virginia localities now have to regulate small child day care homes.

2. Funding Needs of the Community Services Board. The City asks that its delegation introduce or support budget initiatives to provide additional State funding to CSBs for (1) enhanced crisis response (top priority request); (2) local administrative costs related to Medicaid waivers; (3) medical detoxification; (4) reintegration services for high-risk youth and adults; and (5) peer recovery support services.

3. Appropriations for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The City asks that its delegation support budget initiatives to provide funding to capitalize the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, which is used to provide grants and loans for affordable housing.

4. Affordable Care Act & Medicaid Expansion. The City asks that its delegation support Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

5. Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN) Platform. The City asks that its delegation support the legislative priorities of the Northern Virginia Aging Network.

D—PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

1. Funds to Process Physical Evidence Recovery (Rape) Kits. The City asks that its delegation ensure that the State budget provides sufficient funding to pay for the processing of PERK (rape evidence) kits.

2. Assessment of Court Costs to Support Law Libraries. The City asks that its delegation introduce legislation or budget amendments to increase court cost assessments on civil cases; the City will use the resulting revenues to pay for local law libraries.

E—ISSUES RELATING TO VOTING

1. Early & Absentee Voting; Barriers to Voting. The City asks that its delegation support legislation that would allow for unrestricted early and absentee voting.

2. Photo Identification for Voting. The City asks that its delegation support legislation which allows voters to use any photo ID that was validly issued, and oppose legislation that prohibits the use of expired photo IDs.

F—ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. Unused Sewage Treatment Plant Capacity. The City asks that its delegation oppose legislation to take away unused sewage treatment plant capacity from current permittees. This proposal could have a significant and detrimental effect on our CSO mitigation efforts, as well as our stormwater treatment obligations.

2. Paper and Plastic Bag Fee. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to reduce the use of plastic grocery bags by taxing them, banning them, or allowing localities to limit the use of plastic bags in their jurisdictions.

G—OTHER ISSUES

1. Virginia Economic Development Incentives. The City asks that its delegation support budget or legislative initiatives to increase incentives used to encourage businesses to grow in or relocate to Virginia.

2. Prohibiting tobacco sales to anyone under 21. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to prohibit the sale of tobacco to anyone under 21.

3. Workers' Compensation Medical Costs in Virginia. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to require Virginia to adopt Medicare-based fee schedules for setting medical provider fees in workers' compensation cases.

4. Immigration/Higher Education. The City asks that its delegation support Attorney General Mark Herring's legal advice that students who are not American citizens but had been approved under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program may be eligible for in-state tuition if legislation seeks to overturn this policy.

5. Immigration/Law Enforcement. The City asks that its delegation oppose legislation that would require local law enforcement officials to enforce federal immigration laws unless federal law requires such enforcement. The City already complies with all requirements under federal law, such as the determining the legal status of those in custody at the City Detention Center; Alexandria is not a Sanctuary City.

6. Ban the Box. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to incorporate into State law current State Ban the Box policies for State job applicants.

7. Minimum Wage. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to set a State minimum wage higher than the current federal one (\$7.25/hour), or give localities the authority to set such a rate for jobs within their jurisdictions.

8. Condo Conversion Assignment. The City asks that its delegation introduce or support legislation to allow any tenant (not only the elderly and disabled) to assign their purchase rights in a condominium conversion to a government agency, housing authority, or nonprofit housing corporation.

9. Procurement Policies and Local Businesses. City staff will monitor legislation that would give preference to local businesses in procurement decisions.

10. Insect Infestation. The City asks that its delegation seek to have the Virginia Housing Commission study issues relating to homeowners not dealing with pest problems (e.g., cockroaches and bed bugs), thus causing their spread to neighboring homes.

11. Caps on Interest Paid on Payday and Auto Title Loans. The City asks that its delegation support legislation to cap the interest rate on pay day and car title loans at 36 percent annually, inclusive of all fees.