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### **2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

#### **Policy Studies - Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC)** **(Supports the County's Strategic Priorities, #1-6)**

- Health Department funding / resources – Study the performance of the local Health Departments during the pandemic, making recommendations for future actions. If appropriate, improve their resources without creating a burden on localities.
- York County supports a review of local government classifications, specifically county, town, city. The definitions have not changed in more than 50 years. (Local Government Definitions Article VII Local Government Section 1.) The proposed review would evaluate extending authorities currently granted to some local governments to all local governments, such as revenue generation and governance. Statewide population increase, infrastructure, core local government services and changes in technology suggest a review and modernization would be appropriate.

#### **Finance (Supports the County's Strategic Priorities, #1-6)**

- State allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Local funds were not allocated evenly between cities and counties; consider using state funds to mitigate this discrepancy.

#### **Transportation (Supports the County's Strategic Priorities, #1, #3, #4, #5)**

- Complete the widening of I-64 between Williamsburg and Richmond.
- Fund VDOT maintenance to appropriately care for roadway litter and drainage, staffing, materials and contracting.
- Provide additional resources for secondary road paving.
- Increase local transportation allocations for active transportation such as the Birthplace of America Trail.
- Promote electric vehicle infrastructure.

#### **Technology & Resiliency (Supports the County's Strategic Priorities, #5, #6)**

- Support policies and programs that advance **Fiber Deployment** and subsequent 5G service.
- Support offshore wind programs and related businesses. These programs bring economic development, energy resilience and environmental benefits to the region.

#### **Education (Supports the County's Strategic Priorities, #2)**

- Support state allocations for local school capital needs.

#### **Unfunded Local Mandates**

York County urges the General Assembly to oppose and reject legislation that would impose new unfunded mandates and fiscal responsibilities on local governments or reinstate any “local aid to the Commonwealth” measures. Moreover, the County supports a “First Day of Session Filing” requirement for any General Assembly Bills having a fiscal impact on localities.

#### **Public Notice and Public Hearing**

York County supports legislation that would give localities the option to use electronic or other forms of notification as an alternative to newspaper advertising for required notices and public hearings.

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## **County Strategic Priorities**

- 1. Exemplary Public Safety**
- 2. Excellent Educational Opportunities**
- 3. Value - Driven Economic Development**
- 4. Maximize Outstanding Communications and Customer Service**
- 5. Environmental Stewardship with a Focus on Resiliency**
- 6. Quality technology Investments**

### **Legislators**

At the conclusion of the General Assembly session please share with us the progress on these items. If you need additional information please contact any member of the York County Board of Supervisors or County Administration.