

2023 Legislative Priorities

September 6, 2022

County Strategic Priorities

- Exemplary Public Safety
- Excellent Educational Opportunities
- Value – Driven Economic Development
- Outstanding Communications & Customer Service
- Environmental Stewardship with a Focus on Resiliency
- Quality Technology Investments

Priorities

- Transportation

- Fully fund the widening of I-64 to 6 lanes between James City County and Richmond.
- Increase VDOT funding for local street maintenance to appropriately address roadway litter, drainage, and repaving.
- Leverage recent federal legislation to support electric vehicle infrastructure in Hampton Roads.

Priorities Continued

- Transportation

- The County believes that Virginians should have full control over the state's vehicle emission and energy efficiency standards and endorses initiatives to make sure that state agencies do not simply defer to another state's rules.

Priorities Continued

- Technology & Resiliency

- Support policies and programs that advance fiber deployment and subsequent 5G service.
- Support offshore wind programs and related businesses.
- Provide matching funds to assist Jefferson Lab's bid for the High-Performance Data Facility from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Priorities Continued

- Finance

- Allow a locality option for a liquid nicotine “vape” tax.
- Require tax consultants appealing real estate assessments to local boards of equalization to provide factual evidence when asserting lower values.
- Modernize the Commonwealth’s Compensation Board’s funding formula to fairly reflect the true cost of each constitutional officer.

Priorities Continued

- Education

- Continue to provide state allocations for local school capital needs by fully funding School Construction Assistance Grants and School Construction and Modernization Grants.
- Continue to invest in local public schools by increasing compensation for K-12 teachers and staff and by creating and funding teacher recruitment and retention programs.

Priorities Continued

- Education

- Increase funding for summer school and academy programs in order for school divisions to continue providing robust remedial instruction once federal funding expires.
- Avoid funding formulas for operating or capital projects that penalize localities that support school systems at a high level.

Priorities Continued

- Public Notice, Public Hearing– Support legislation that would give localities the option to use electronic or other forms of notification rather than newspaper advertising for required notices.
- Unfunded Local Mandates – Oppose & reject legislation that would impose new unfunded mandates and fiscal responsibilities or reinstate any “local aid to the Commonwealth” and support a “First Day of Session Filing” for all bills having a fiscal impact on localities.

Questions/Discussion



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