

INTRODUCED: November 12, 2019

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R063

To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled “2020 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly;” to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations; and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 12 2019 AT 6 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That this Council hereby endorses as priorities for the City of Richmond the legislative proposals set forth in the document entitled “2020 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution. The Council respectfully requests that the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such proposals and encourages other organizations and individuals to support these proposals.

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: NOV 12 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

THROUGH Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff *MLB*

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TITLE: CITY OF RICHMOND LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

All Members of Council

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

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ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

A Resolution is requested to endorse, the City of Richmond's legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled, "2020 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly".

BACKGROUND

A Resolution is requested to endorse, the City of Richmond's legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled, "2020 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly," to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative recommendations and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

This request is also for Resolution requesting the Richmond delegation of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation to amend sections of the Charter of the City of Richmond to clarify changes related to Council member residency and further to clarify the authority to remove an elected official who is in violation of a charter residency requirement.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No
Budget Amendment Required Yes No
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$

Attachment/s Yes No

Richmond City Council Ordinance/Resolution Request Form/updated 12.22.08/srs

2020 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly

A. Public Education Funding – Provide full and equitable funding for the true costs of public education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Immediate goals should be increasing funding through equity-based funding streams, removal of the funding caps for support staff, and providing sufficient general funds for direct aid programs so that 100 percent of the lottery proceeds can be returned directly to local schools for discretionary use. Further, meaningful state financial support for school modernization and construction is critical, either by maximizing Lottery funds and/or creation of a new funding stream.

B. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PiLoT) – Provide full funding for the PILOT in the City of Richmond.

Affordable Housing, Gentrification, and Eviction

The City seeks all possible tools to deal with the impacts of a market that, on the one hand, is vibrant, and on the other is driving home prices upward to the point of being unaffordable for a vast majority of residents. The following state legislation and the passage of legislation enumerated under 21st Century Richmond: Planned Growth Economic Progress & Affordable Housing would be most helpful as we build a Richmond for all.

C. Inclusionary Zoning/Affordable Housing – The City of Richmond should be given the authority to adopt an affordable housing dwelling unit/inclusionary zoning program that is responsive to the demands of the Richmond market.

D. Land Value Taxation - Authorize the City of Richmond to implement a land value tax, as is permitted in the Cities of Fairfax, Poquoson, and Roanoke by State §58.1-3221.1. "Classification of land and improvements for tax purposes."

E. Affordable Housing Redevelopment Tax Exemption – To encourage affordable housing opportunities, provide local governments the authority to extend the partial tax exemption for affordable housing in redevelopment districts from 15 years to 30 years by amending §58.1-3219.4.

F. Local Homestead Property Tax Exemption – Authorize localities to establish a local Homestead Property Tax Exemption program that would allow a lump sum deduction from the assessed value of a residential single-family home based on a fixed deduction amount that is set by the local governing body on an annual basis. Provide an exemption of up to 20% of the just value of the homestead. Eligibility criteria for the local option homestead property tax exemption would be the same as the state homestead property tax exemption program.

Transportation

G. Regional Transportation – Develop a tax structure to fund regional transportation

infrastructure projects and expand public transit access across the Richmond region. The regional tax structure could potentially employ the same taxes structure used in Northern Virginia (§33.2-2500 – 2512) as well as a ride sharing tax.

H. RMTA Board Composition – Modify the City of Richmond membership on the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board to require the appointment of one Council member with remaining appointments made by the Mayor with approval of Council. §33.2-2901 currently reads: “Any of the three localities may, in its discretion, appoint as one of its Board members an elected officeholder who is a member of the governing body of that locality.”

City Charter

Changes related residency:

- Clarify the residency requirement for Council Members;
- Clarify the authority to remove an elected official who is in violation of a Charter residency requirement.