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LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

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21st Century Richmond: Planned Growth Economic Progress & Affordable Housing

<u>REQUESTS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PiLoT) (Agelasto)	Provide full funding for the PiLoT in the City of Richmond.	1
RMTA Board Composition (Addison)	Change 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."	1
Inclusionary Zoning/Mandatory Affordable Housing (Robertson, Newbille)	Authorize the City of Richmond to adopt an affordable housing dwelling unit program to address housing needs, promote a full range of housing choices, and encourage the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing. Add the City to the list of local governments in § 15.2-2304 that are permitted to adopt inclusionary zoning ordinances:	1
Implement a Land Value Tax (Addison)	Authorize the City of Richmond to implement a land value tax, as is permitted in the Cities of Fairfax, Poquoson, and Roanoke by State Code §58.1-3221.1. "Classification of land and improvements for tax purposes"	2
Regional Transportation (Addison)	Impose regional taxes to fund regional transportation infrastructure projects and expand public transit access across the region. The regional taxes could potentially include the same regional taxes imposed in Northern Virginia (§ 33.2-2500 – 2512) as well as a ride sharing tax.	3


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Affordable Home Ownership (Robertson, Newbille)	Extend the partial tax exemption in redevelopment districts from 15 years to 30 years by amending § 58.1-3219.4.	3
Local Option Homestead Property Tax Exemption Program (Larson)	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.	3
Housing/Expungement of Unlawful Detainers (Robertson)	Support the expungement of unlawful detainers and writs that are dismissed by the court. Often filed UD's or a writ will show on a prospective tenant's credit report that will cause the application to be declined even though the case may have been dismissed or the landlord chose not to execute.	3
Virginia to adopt the Uniform Partition Heirs Property Act (Agelasto)	Support adoption of the UHPA in order to stabilize tenancy-in-common ownership for disadvantaged families and make heirs' property ownership more secure and preserve the real estate wealth of heir's property owners.	4
Out-of-State Landlord Performance Bond (Robertson)	Support a requirement that out-of-state limited liability companies who own residential rental properties in Virginia post a performance bond.	4
Require a Landlord Registry (Jones)	Support authorization for localities to establish a landlord registry.	4

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Housing Court (Robertson)	Support development of a Housing Court and Landlord Tenant Mediation program.	4
Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Newbille)	Support additional state funding for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The City also supports providing for a portion of the Fund to be used to provide matching funds to localities that have established local housing funds and grants to be made from the Fund to support innovative housing projects and low-and moderate-income housing projects that are located in areas experiencing extreme shortages of such housing.	4
HOME Legislation	Support the Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) State Legislative List (complete list)	4
	 Thriving and Healthy Futures for Children, Adults & Families	
Public Education Funding (Newbille/All)	Request the General Assembly fulfill its Constitutional obligation to adequately fund the true costs of public education in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the successful future of students of schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond and students throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.	1
Tax on Sweetened Beverages (Larson)	Authorize the City of Richmond to levy a tax on sweetened beverages in order to a) decrease sugar consumption; b) fight childhood and adult obesity, cardiovascular and diabetes illnesses.	1


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Environment/Plastic Bags (Larson)	Support authorization for localities to impose a tax on all plastic bags used at checkout thereby reducing the usage of plastic bags, reducing waste, and promoting the use of recyclable bags.	4
Food Deserts (Newbille)	Support incentives for entities who are willing to establish full-service grocery stores and entities that are currently in food deserts to develop to full-service grocery stores.	4
Food Deserts (Newbille)	Support funding for approaches (including but not limited to a \$5 million appropriation for the Virginia Grocery Investment Fund) that include financial and technical support for businesses to expand and ensure greater access to healthy food for residents of the Commonwealth.	4
Amend Medicaid Bill (Newbille)	Support the inclusion of oral health and dental services in Virginia's Medicaid service plan. Additionally, eliminate the work requirement as a consideration for receiving healthcare coverage.	4
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Newbille)	Support additional funding for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to include: community based, recovery-focused mental health, substance abuse and emergency/crisis stabilization services; drug treatment facilities for individuals that have addiction problems but who are currently housed in jails or prisons; and mental health training, communication training for prison and jail staff.	4
Wrap Around Child Care Services (Newbille)	Supports effort to provide seamless, affordable access for the most at-risk families to quality wraparound early childhood services – including home visiting, subsidized childcare, and preschool.	4

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Living Wage Requirement (Robertson, Newbille)	Support adoption of a State policy requiring state and local government employers to provide/pay a living wage and encourage private sector employers to pay a living wage	4
VA Poverty Law Center Legislation (Robertson)	Support the Virginia Poverty Law Center Legislative List (complete list)	4
Virginia First Cities Coalition	(Placeholder) Support for the Virginia First Cities 2020 Legislative Program	4
 <p style="text-align: center;">Sustainable Infrastructure Investment</p>		
Street Maintenance Formula (Addison, Newbille)	Revise the State funding formula for street paving and maintenance to ensure equitable funding for independent cities and urban areas that in the current formula do not receive adequate funding for on-street parking areas and turning lanes.	3
Public Housing Remediation (Robertson, Newbille)	Increase the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Remediation Fund by \$3 million in FY 20 and FY 21 for redevelopment of infrastructure at the Whitcomb Court public housing site which was built on a landfill.	3
Create School Construction Commission (Addison)	Support the creation of a Virginia School Construction Commission to guide the capital construction for public K-12 construction and renovation programs and to support the design, building management, and standardization of all new school construction and additions.	3

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	 <p style="text-align: center;">Safe Neighborhoods</p>	
Radar-Enabled Speeding and Red Light Cameras (Addison)	Support authorization for localities to use <u>radar-enabled</u> speeding and stoplight cameras to further Vision Zero goals by issuing educational no-fee citations for first time offenders. (Cities currently have authority for red light cameras. Radar-enabled speeding cameras would require new statute akin to that for red light cameras)	3
Public Safety (All)	Support authorization for localities to ban firearms in municipal buildings, facilities, parks, and polling places.	3
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Responsive, Accountable & Innovative Government</p>	
Redistricting Reform	Support an independent redistricting team to consider super districts and smaller districts (assumes the proposal is directed at General Assembly elections)	4
Sexual Orientation (Newbille)	Support amending state law to include sexual orientation as a protected class with regard to housing and employment discrimination.	4
Election Day Paid State Holiday (Robertson)	Support the designation of Election Day as a state holiday.	4
Juneteenth (Robertson)	Support the designation of Juneteenth as a state holiday.	4

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	CITY CHARTER	
	Council/Mayor	
Budget Transparency (Robertson)	Amend the city's budget process to a) require the Mayor to hold a public hearing on Mayor's proposed budget to the City Council; b) have Council complete amendments to Mayor's budget and hold a public hearing on Council's budget 2 weeks before adoption.	1
Budget Mechanics	Clarify that Council has 14 days to override a veto, notwithstanding the May 30 th deadline for city budget adoption	1
Dealing with One-Time Budget Revenue (Robertson/Agelasto)	Authorize Council to amend the budget during the year in order to appropriate fund balance/one-time revenues (with vote of super majority??)	1
Budget Amendment Process	Authorize Council to make budget amendments throughout the year to the Mayor's budget and any amendments the Mayor makes to the budget.	1
Budget Reallocation of CIP Funds (Agelasto)	Require the Mayor to seek Council approval for reallocation of CIP funds from a completed projected.	1
Legal Counsel/City Attorney (Gray/Agelasto)	Council and Mayor to have separate legal counsel (will affect the role of the City Attorney as set out in the Charter)	1

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Legal Council/City Attorney (Addison)	Amend the Richmond City Charter to clarify and improve the provision of legal services for the City of Richmond by providing for three Legal Offices, one each for: Office of the Mayor, City Council, City Agencies, and also a dispute resolution process through binding arbitration which could be used between the entities to resolve differences.	1
Closed Council Session (Gray)	Authorize Council to limit attendance at any Council closed session only to members and designated staff (from draft provided 7/15/19)	1
	City Council	
Introduction of Legislation only with Councilperson Patronage	Require that any introduced legislation must be patroned by a member of Council.	1
Council Residency (Gray, Agelasto)	Clarify residency requirement for elected Richmond City Council Members; b) Clear language regarding the authority to remove an elected official that is in violation of the residency requirement	1