

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	November 4, 2024
Action Required:	Approval of City Legislative Position Statements for 2025 General Assembly Session (Motion/Vote - one reading)
Presenter:	Eden Ratliff, Deputy City Manager
Staff Contacts:	Eden Ratliff, Deputy City Manager
Title:	City of Charlottesville Legislative Priorities for 2025

Background

Each year, the localities in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District region adopt legislative statements and positions on issues of importance and concern to local governments. These positions form the basis for local advocacy efforts during the General Assembly session each winter. The City Attorney's Office typically works in conjunction with TJPDC's legislative liaison during the session to provide advocacy on behalf of the City's interests. Additionally, each year City Council establishes a statement of legislative positions, as a means of communicating to legislators (i) issues of concern and interest to Council, and (ii) requests, if any, for legislative action items.

Discussion

TJPDC Program: The TJPDC legislative program has been drafted based on discussions with and input from the six localities in the region. The recommendations, requests and positions in the program cover a range of issues and topics that are anticipated to become the subject of proposed legislation or the state budget during the upcoming session, and that may be of concern to the region or to individual localities in the region.

City Position Statement: The City Position Statement has been drafted to reflect ongoing issues of concern and interest specifically to Council. We try not to repeat positions that are repetitive of those advocated within the TJPDC Program, but where City Council has a slightly different position than TJPDC as a whole, it's appropriate to point that out within Council's position statements.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Presenting legislative priorities at the State level works toward the City's Vision "To Be a Place Where Everyone Thrives".

Community Engagement

n/a

Budgetary Impact

None at this time

Recommendation

Discussion and vote.

Suggested Motion: "I move to approve the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's 2025 Legislative Program as presented to City Council and discussed on November 4, 2024."

Alternatives

Attachments

1. DRAFT Council Legislative Priorities 2025