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FOR THE 2016

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Richmond, Virginia U.S.A.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS BOOKLET

2016 Richmond Legislative PROPOSALS

for the 2016 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Session

A APPROPRIATIONS (Requests for Appropriations to)

- 1. Standards of Quality Re-benchmarking**
Provide full funding for the biennial Standards of Quality funding re-benchmarking as adopted by the Virginia State Board of Education. Every two years the Virginia State Board of Education reviews and updates the prevailing (statewide average based on the previous two years) costs of state recognized and required expenditures for public education.
- 2. Standards of Quality Basic Aid Funding**
Restore Standards of Quality basic aid funding in all categories to Fiscal Year 2009 levels. Since 2009 the Commonwealth has reduced its share of funding for public education by approximately \$1 billion, and state per pupil inflation adjusted funding for K-12 has decreased from \$4,275 per pupil in 2009 to \$3,655 per pupil in 2015. In FY 2009 the City of Richmond received \$60,671,325 in state basic aid funding. In FY 2015 the payment was \$51,299,291. These funds are in addition to the SOQ re-benchmarking funding.
- 3. Community Wealth Building**
Provide \$10 million each year for a Virginia/State Community Wealth Building Fund to incentivize localities to develop and begin implementing comprehensive plans aimed at reducing poverty and extending more and higher quality opportunities to residents of high-poverty communities.
- 4. Carillon Funding**
Provide funding for the Virginia World War I Centennial Committee request to support renovations to the Carillon and funds to commemorate World War I statewide.
- 5. Affordable Housing Trust Fund**
Provide increased funding for the Virginia/State Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

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APPROPRIATION Requests Continued

- 6. Mental Health Services**
Increase funding to address the statewide growing unmet need for mental health and substance abuse treatment services including:
 - Waiver slots and family support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
 - Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT), medical detoxification, psychiatric services and reintegration services for behavioral health;
 - Early intervention services for early childhood disabilities, and suicide prevention; and,
 - Recruitment and retention of Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHP) and license eligible staff and increased peer support.
- 7. Food Deserts**
Provide continued funding for the Commonwealth Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide to implement the recommendations of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services report on food deserts including establishing incentives for:
 - Production, distribution and procurement of foods from local farms;
 - Public-private partnerships to open and sustain full-service grocery stores in communities without access to healthy food (food deserts); and,
 - Encouraging food retailers to locate in and/or provide food and beverage choices in underserved areas.
- 8. Prisoner Re-entry**
Provide increased resources to support re-entry services for individuals scheduled for release from state prisons.

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B LEGISLATION (Requests for Legislation to)

- 1. Redevelopment or Conservation Areas or Rehabilitation Districts**
Authorize local governments to allow a second application for a partial tax exemption period of up to 15 years beyond the initial exemption period.
- 2. Assessment of Real Property; Affordable Housing**
Authorize local governments to establish a local affordable housing initiative under Virginia Code §58.1-3295 (B) by allowing local governments to provide some level of exemption for incentivizing developers to include affordable housing units in their new projects.
- 3. Involuntary Mental Health Commitments**
Amend the commitment hearing process for anyone subject to a temporary detention order to have their gun rights suspended for five days. If a person is committed and appeals to the Circuit Court, the Circuit Court shall review whether or not the commitment was appropriate as of the time of the original hearing. The Circuit Court shall then determine whether or not further commitment is necessary at the time of the Circuit Court hearing and whether or not the conditions still met Virginia Code §37.2-800 et seq. Under the judicial authorization of treatment statutes there shall be a requirement that only a neutral judicial decision maker shall determine whether or not the person shall have medications forced upon them, as per Virginia Code §37.2-1100 et seq.

Under Virginia Code §18.2-57.2 & 3, assault as well as assault and battery shall be eligible for first offender treatment.
- 4. High Speed Rail**
Ensure the extension of high-speed rail from Washington, DC to Richmond includes Main Street Station.
- 5. Urban Streets Maintenance Formula**
Change the 'State Maintenance Funds' formula for urban localities from 'Peak hour moving Lane Miles' to 'Total Pavement Width' based on an 11' lane.

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LEGISLATION Requests Continued

- 6. License plate readers & Body Worn Cameras**
Allow law enforcement agencies to maintain electronic information secured through these devices for an extended period of time; regardless of whether or not the data/information/footage pertains to an identified investigation.
- 7. School Funding Formulas**
Review existing school funding formulas and identify more equitable school funding formulas that better consider levels of poverty in a community.
- 8. Voting Machines**
Amend the Code of Virginia to remove the requirement for sealing of voting equipment after an election if the vote count is not housed on the voting machine. This change would save the City more than \$150,000 in the event of a runoff election.
- 9. Contested Elections**
Amend the Code of Virginia to require that contestees in local elections be served with a notice of contest within 30 days of the filing of an election contest. The proposed legislation would implement the same 30-day timeline for filing notices of contests on the contestee that currently exists for Virginia General Assembly and statewide offices.