# Proposed Legislative Initiatives and Positions

# Discussion Document

## Initiative:

**Proposal:** Expand the ability for localities to extend tax exemptions to Residential Housing Authority-owned properties. Allow localities to grant housing authorities an exemption from local real estate taxes for properties indirectly owned by such housing authorities via amendment to Code of Virginia § 58.1-3651.
**Source:** Department of Housing and Community Development and Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority
**Staff Recommendation:** Initiate legislation for technical fix to last year's legislation.

## Position Statements:

**Proposal:** Support legislation establishing extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs, requiring manufacturers and importers to establish and finance a statewide collection, transportation, and recycling system for certain end-of-life products such as lithium-ion batteries.
**Source:** Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
**Staff Recommendation:** Add position to Municipal Solid Waste section (Environment and Energy).

**Proposal:** Support legislation granting wastewater authorities the ability to create a regional authority for the purpose of regional biosolids management.
**Source:** Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
**Staff Recommendation:** Add position to Municipal Solid Waste section (Environment and Energy).

**Proposal:** Allocate increased funding to public health and safety net providers (e.g., public health clinics, federally qualified health centers and free and reduced cost clinics) to ensure access to preventive and primary care and alleviate pressure on hospitals and emergency departments.
**Source:** Health Department
**Staff Recommendation:** Add position to Access to Health Care (Healthy Communities).

**Proposal:** Ensure all residents have equitable access to affordable health services, including medications, behavioral health, dental care, vision care, and specialty care.
**Source:** Health Department
**Staff Recommendation:** Add position to Access to Health Care (Healthy Communities).

**Proposal:** Strengthen the local food system to ensure residents experience food security and can access healthy choices.
**Source:** Health Department
**Staff Recommendation:** Add position to Food Security (Healthy Communities).

## Budget Initiatives:

Streetlight funding to improve pedestrian safety

Grant program for replacing/restoring manufactured homes