Town Council Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 7.f.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-67 to adopt the Town of Herndon's 2027 Legislative Program**

Meeting Date: November 17, 2026

Category: Consent

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Description:
This resolution establishes the Town of Herndon 2027 Legislative Program to provide action items for state legislators.

Background/Timing Impact:
Each year, the Town advises the Town's representatives in the General Assembly of legislation which they wish to be advanced and legislative positions on important issues in the form of its Legislative Program. The positions and information provided by the Legislative Program play an important role in informing state legislators on how the actions they take at the General Assembly will affect the community. Generally, the Legislative Program mirrors that of the Virginia Municipal League (VML) which advocates on behalf of Towns and Cities throughout the Commonwealth and occasionally includes specific requests for legislation. The VML Legislative Program was adopted at their Annual Conference last month.

This year, in addition to specific position statements, one specific request has been identified: To add the Town of Herndon to the list of jurisdictions in Code of Virginia § 58.1-3221.1 Classification of land and improvements for tax purposes, where (1) improvements to real property are declared to be a separate class of property and shall constitute a separate classification for local taxation of real property and (2) the jurisdiction may levy a tax on the property enumerated at a different rate than the tax imposed upon the land on which it is located.

The Legislative Program was discussed at the October 6, 2026, work session, and staff was directed to prepare the proposed legislative agenda as discussed that evening.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Legal Impact:
Amendments adopted by the general assembly would be effective July 1, 2027.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Adoption of the Resolution as proposed.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)
2. Attachment A
3. Attachment B
4. Attachment C