

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2002
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney
SUBJECT: 2003 Legislative Program

Attached is the proposed 2003 Legislative Program. The Program consists of two parts, items to be introduced and items to be supported by the County as follows:

Legislation to be Introduced on Behalf of the County

- 1-1. Traffic Control: This item is a carry-over from past years and requests that the County be added to those localities permitted to place cameras at intersections to monitor traffic.
- 1-2. Local Water-Saving Ordinance: This amendment would ensure that the County would have the flexibility to impose restrictions on nonessential use of groundwater during declared emergencies.
- 1-3. Services Rendered in Commonwealth's Cases: This amendment would extend to the County the same exemptions from filing and service fees enjoyed by the Commonwealth.
- 1-4. Purchase, Sale, etc., of Real Property: This amendment would negate the need for a public hearing when localities are conveying easements.
- 1-5. Additions and Modifications (to the Official Map): This amendment would negate the need for a public hearing for the addition of an improvement to the Official Map if the improvement is included in the approved Capital Improvements Project.
- 1-6. Closing and Capping Inactive Wells: This amendment would authorize the County to require owners of property on which are located abandoned or inactive wells to close and cap them pursuant to State statutes.
- 1-7. Solar Photovoltaic Manufacturing Incentive Grant Program: This amendment would create a subsidy for solar photovoltaic watt production.

Position/Legislation to be Supported by the County

- 2-1. State Water Policies: Endorses HJR 202 directing a study of the State's water policies. Also, specifically requests that the use of greywater be investigated.
- 2-2. Land Use Issues: Urges the General Assembly to refrain from any additional usurping of local government control in the area of land use.
- 2-3. Support of the High Growth Coalition Program: Requests the General Assembly to support the Legislative Program of the HGC, which would allow localities to adopt ordinances requiring adequate public facilities and impact fees.

- 2-4. Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board: Supports funding of substance abuse programs for those involved in the criminal justice system.
- 2-5. Support for Enabling Legislation Granting all Counties the Authority to Impose a Cigarette Tax: Urges the General Assembly to grant counties the same authority cities and towns have to tax cigarettes.

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Attachments