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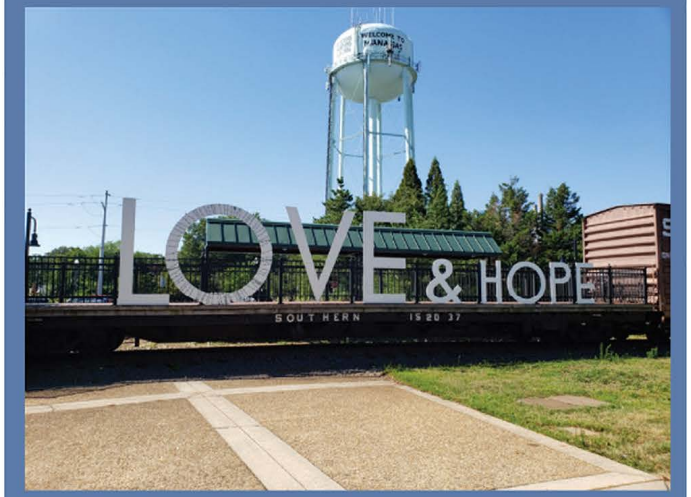

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City of Manassas Legislative Priorities 2022

Community Vitality:

- We support local control over land use decisions, including planning, zoning, and mitigating the impacts of new development on our residents, schools and other infrastructure.
- We support elimination of the annexation moratorium as the Commonwealth continues to de-emphasize funding obligations to cities like funding for local police departments (HB 599).
- We support more resources from the Commonwealth to increase home ownership such as down payment assistance and low-interest loans.
- We support more funding from the Commonwealth to support implementation of the Marcus Alert Crisis Response mandate adopted by the General Assembly.

Economic Prosperity:

- We support funding for education and workforce development particularly for Career and Technical Education and the strengthening of economic development incentives that spur job creation and retention.
- We support local flexibility in the promotion of economic development as we work to recover from the pandemic including support of ABC laws to promote events and tourism.

Transformative Mobility:

- We support improvements to VA-28 corridor in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program including construction of the VA-28 Manassas Bypass along with the continued equitable funding of transportation projects by VDOT in the Northern Virginia district in the same manner as projects are funded in other regions of the Commonwealth.
- We support increased funding for public transit, multi-modal, and alternative mass transit solutions.

Educational Attainment:

- The City of Manassas provides more in local funding for Manassas City Public Schools than the Commonwealth provides in state funding.We support actions by the General Assembly to recognize and fund the true costs of public education and significantly increase funding for K-12 education, pre-kindergarten (Pre-K), and for career and technical education.

Sustaining Excellence:

- We support efforts to strengthen and maintain the principles of sovereign and qualified immunity for local governments and their officials.
- We support expansion of local revenue sources and increased local authority over revenues like the Machinery and Tools Tax and the Business and Professional Occupational License Fee.
- We support local control over municipal utilities as local regulation of municipal utilities should be provided by local officials who are accountable to the utility customer.
- We support holding public safety officials accountable to the 21st Century Policing strategies and not the creation of unfunded criminal justice and police reform legislation.

Virginia Municipal League:

We support the 2022 VML Legislative Program.