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-2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES-

Background.

On a periodic basis the City of Clyde Hill reassesses its Legislative Priorities to keep pace with the political situation at the Regional, State and, occasionally, the Federal level. The City provides these Priorities to the AWC, the SCA and its State Legislators in order to bolster their efforts and, in doing so, the City's. This year the City has identified six legislative subjects that it considers to be priorities. In order of importance, those subjects (and requests) are:

1. Maintain Local Authority. Prevent State from divesting pre-existing powers from local jurisdictions for wireless communications and rights-of-way.
2. Adjust Property Tax Cap. Replace the 1% property tax cap with one that takes into consideration inflation and population growth.
3. Protect Shared Revenue & Avoid Unfunded Mandates. Ensure fiscal sustainability for local jurisdictions through protected/restored funding from the State and through avoidance of unfunded mandates.
4. Provide More Fiscal Flexibility. Allow cities to utilize existing revenue sources as they see fit.
5. Remove Burdensome Requirements For Small Cities. Absolve small, local jurisdictions from requirements that are overly burdensome to perform and that provide minimal, if no, public good.
6. Law Enforcement
 - Respond to the Blake Decision – Support clarification around the crime of possessing a controlled substance so that individuals, law enforcement, and treatment providers can respond appropriately as well as revise the current system of two referrals prior to criminal charges, so it can be more effectively administered across the State;
 - Address vehicle pursuits for public safety – Clarify the ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances.