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KING GEORGE COUNTY 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES

Whereas, State funding is urgent, particularly for regions east of I-95, which need alternative water supplies that rely on surface water. It is crucial to urge the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to conduct a comprehensive review of the procedures and timelines associated with obtaining surface water withdrawal permits; and

Whereas, securing funding for conservation initiatives in this region will play a significant role in preserving its ecological integrity, and

Whereas, the following recommendations aim to enhance transportation, education, economic development, land use, and governance in Virginia. To address transportation issues, it is advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) engage in discussions with King George County to promote Route 301 as a viable alternative to I-95, which has seen increased congestion and safety concerns due to heavy through traffic. Additionally, smaller localities that opt out of a Regional Transportation Authority should continue to receive support, as King George County's Board of Supervisors prefers not to participate in a regional organization lacking voting rights. Furthermore, localities should be granted more authority over VDOT land use regulations to better align with their needs; and

Whereas, regarding school construction, the recommendations propose implementing JLARC Study recommendations to improve K-12 funding methods and support school financing initiatives.

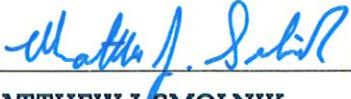
Whereas, a thorough examination of state mandates and incentive programs is necessary for economic development. This includes addressing the financial burdens placed on local governments, particularly those that require matching funds solely from larger technology firms, which should not have unique protections; and

Whereas, the recommendations also suggest empowering local governing entities to determine the siting and construction of solar energy facilities in their areas; and

Whereas, it is proposed that Virginia establish constitutional carry laws, uphold its status as a right-to-work state, remove the state limitation on the Supervisor's ability to meet, and review the criteria for localities to qualify for state grants. This review should ensure that median income is not the sole determining factor, given the distinct demographics and requirements of different areas.

Whereas, it is proposed that legislation be introduced to permit local jurisdictions to retain the tax revenue generated from the sale of liquid nicotine products.

Now, Therefore, Let it Be Resolved that the King George County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the Legislative Agenda by a vote of 5-0 and instructed the County Administrator to forward the Resolution to the respective legislative representatives.



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