

RESOLUTION: 2027 ACCF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**DRAFT 1: 24 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Resolution by the Legislation Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF), Francine Friedman and Dave Schultz, Co-Chairs and POCs, legislation.chair@civfed.org.
To be introduced at the 13 October 2026 Membership Meeting and voted at the 10 November 2026 Membership Meeting.

2027 Virginia Legislative Priorities to the Arlington Delegation and Arlington County Board**ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE**

- **WHEREAS** Arlington continues to experience tree-canopy loss, localized flooding, and increased stormwater management challenges; and
- **WHEREAS** Arlington's government is best positioned to address environmental conditions unique to our community;
- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ACCF requests legislation granting Arlington and similarly situated localities expanded authority to:
 - Protect and retain existing tree canopy;
 - Require meaningful replacement of removed trees;
 - Address flooding and stormwater runoff through locally tailored requirements;
 - Encourage resilient site design and green infrastructure; and
 - Better coordinate land-use and environmental protection objectives.

ON JUSTICE REFORM

- **WHEREAS** ACCF has historically supported reforms related to both juvenile justice and civil asset forfeiture; and
- **WHEREAS** continued improvement of fairness, transparency, and accountability in the justice system remains important;
- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ACCF once again encourages the Arlington Delegation to support legislation that:
 - Expands evidence-based juvenile justice alternatives;
 - Reduces unnecessary juvenile detention;
 - Establishes due-process protections in juvenile justice and for civil forfeiture;
 - Continues civil forfeiture reforms; and
 - Enhances transparency and accountability in forfeiture proceedings.

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- **WHEREAS** Arlington County continues to operate under statutory limitations regarding its form of government that do not apply to many other Virginia localities; and
- **WHEREAS** Arlington residents should have the opportunity to develop community consensus regarding potential governance reforms with freedoms at least as great as those enjoyed by other Virginia jurisdictions;
- **WHEREAS** local governments should have flexibility to tailor governmental structures to local conditions and public preferences;
- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ACCF requests that the Arlington Delegation support legislation granting Arlington County authority equivalent to that available to other Virginia jurisdictions concerning local government organization and structure, including authority, subject to locally determined processes and safeguards, to:
 - Modify the size of the County Board and School Board;
 - Establish or alter term lengths and term staggering;
 - Utilize first-past-the-post or ranked-choice voting;
 - Create additional opportunities for neighborhood and citizen representation; and
 - Enact governance reforms by County Board action or by referendum.