



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
January 18, 2022
CERTIFICATIONS

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor
Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor
Sena Magill, Councilor
Michael K. Payne, Councilor
Brian R. Pinkston, Councilor
Kyna Thomas, Clerk

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4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL (WADE/MAGILL) 5-0

REPORTS

1. Report: Transit presentation and work session

5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION as provided by Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code (Legal consultation; Personnel)
(MAGILL/PAYNE) 5-0 vote to meet in closed session
(MAGILL/WADE) 5-0 vote to certify closed session

6:30 PM Reconvene and establish quorum

MOMENT OF SILENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA* APPROVED 5-0 (MAGILL/PAYNE)

2. **Resolution:** Authorizing refund to taxpaying entity of Business License Tax paid for 2020 - \$4,939.20 (1 reading)
#R-22-006
3. **Resolution:** Authorizing refund to taxpaying entity of Business License Tax paid for 2020 - \$10,261.20 (1 reading)
#R-22-007
4. Ordinance: Amending and re-enacting the provisions of Chapter 28 (Streets and Sidewalks), Article VI (Sidewalk Cafes) of the Code of the City of Charlottesville (1990) as amended, to establish the City Treasurer as the city official responsible for collecting rents from sidewalk cafe operators; and to waive rents due and owing to the City under the provisions of City Code Section 28-214(c)(2) for 2020 and 2021 (1st of 2 readings)
5. **Ordinance:** Consideration of the Park Street Christian Church Planned Unit Development requests (2nd reading)
 - a. Ordinance: Rezoning of approximately seven (7) acres of land, including one lot identified within City tax records as 1200 Park Street, Tax Map and Parcel 470002120 from R-1 to PUD (Planned Unit Development) (2nd reading)
#O-22-008

b. **Resolution:** Park Street Christian Church PUD Critical slopes waiver (2nd reading)
#R-22-009

6. **Resolution:** Appropriating funds for the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$209,444 (1st of 2 readings)

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS and to COUNCILORS

COMMUNITY MATTERS Public comment for up to 16 speakers (limit 3 minutes per speaker). Preregistration available for first 8 spaces; speakers announced by Noon on meeting day (9:00 a.m. sign-up deadline). Additional public comment at end of meeting. Public comment will be conducted through electronic participation while City Hall is closed to the public. Participants can register in advance at www.charlottesville.gov/zoom.

ACTION ITEMS

7. **Resolution*:** Appointment of an Interim City Manager (1 reading)
#R-22-010 APPROVED appointment of Michael C. Rogers 5-0 (PAYNE/MAGILL)

8. **Ordinance*:** Consideration of a rezoning request for approximately 9 acres of land, including multiple lots identified within City tax records as Tax Map and Parcel 470007100, 470011000 and 470008000 for a Planned Unit Development, also referred to as the MACAA PUD (2nd reading)
#O-22-011 APPROVED with a minor edit 5-0 (PAYNE/MAGILL)

9. **Resolution:** Appropriation of American Rescue Plan funds (1st of 2 readings)

10. **Resolution*:** Approving names for newly acquired and developed parklands (1 reading)
#R-22-012 APPROVED 5-0 (MAGILL/PINKSTON)

11. **Resolution*:** Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority 6th Street site

a. **Resolution*:** Designating CRHA 6th Street site as a Revitalization Area (1 reading)
#R-22-013 APPROVED 5-0 (PAYNE/MAGILL)

b. **Resolution*:** Financial resolution supporting 6th Street site (1 reading)
#R-22-014 APPROVED 5-0 (PAYNE/MAGILL)

12. **Resolution*:** Approving an FY 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant Substantial Action Plan Amendment of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan (1 reading)
#R-22-015 APPROVED with staff requested amendment 5-0 (PAYNE/MAGILL)

13. **Action Item:** Consideration of endorsing a letter to the General Assembly regarding Climate and Energy Policy
By Motion: APPROVED 5-0 (PAYNE/PINKSTON)

GENERAL BUSINESS

14. **Report:** Rivanna Authorities Quarterly Update/Annual Report

15. **Report:** Update on the zoning rewrite process

OTHER BUSINESS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

*Action Needed

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING REFUND TO TAXPAYING ENTITY OF BUSINESS
LICENSE TAXES PAID FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that on July 31, 2020, Entity relocated its business to another jurisdiction after having timely filed and paid its 2020 Charlottesville City Business License; and

WHEREAS, Entity subsequently requested a pro-rated refund on the 2020 business license tax paid to the City of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified that a refund of taxes paid is due in the amount of \$4,939.20; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 30-6(b) requires City Council approval for any tax refund exceeding \$2,500.00; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Treasurer to issue a refund of \$4,939.20, payable to Entity.

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING REFUND TO TAXPAYING ENTITY OF BUSINESS LICENSE
TAXES PAID FOR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that Entity paid 2021 Business License Tax to the City of Charlottesville in error; and

WHEREAS, Entity has requested a refund of the amount paid in error; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified that a refund of taxes paid is due in the amount of \$10,261.20; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 30-6(b) requires City Council approval for any tax refund exceeding \$2,500.00; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Treasurer to issue a refund of \$10,261.20, payable to Entity.

**AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING REZONING APPLICATION ZM21-00004
APPROVING A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PARCEL OF LAND
LOCATED AT 1200 PARK STREET, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)
TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (“PARK STREET PUD”) SUBJECT TO
PROFFERED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate a specific development project, Piedmont Housing Alliance, as agent for Park Street Christian Church, the owner of the parcel of land designated on City Tax Map 47 as Parcel 212, and comprising 7.5 acres (collectively, the “Applicants”), seek a rezoning of such property from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) (hereinafter the “Proposed Rezoning”) subject to proffered development conditions; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Proposed Rezoning, the Applicants submitted: (i) a written PUD Development Plan, dated September 03, 2021 (Revision #1 November 15, 2021), titled “PUD Development Plan”, and (ii) proffered development conditions submitted in writing to the City; and

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing on the proposed rezoning was conducted by the Planning Commission and City Council on December 14, 2021, following notice to the public and to adjacent property owners, as required by law, and following the joint public hearing, the Planning Commission voted on December 14, 2021, to recommend that City Council should approve the Proposed Rezoning for the Project; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has considered the details of the specific Project represented within the Landowners’ application materials for ZM21-00004; has reviewed the NDS Staff Report, public comments, the Planning Commission’s recommendation, and the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice requires the Proposed Rezoning; that both the existing zoning classification (R-1) and the proposed zoning classification (PUD subject to proffered development conditions) are reasonable; and that the Proposed Rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Zoning District Map Incorporated in Section 34-1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, be and hereby is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 34-1. Zoning District Map. Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) the parcel of land designated on City Tax Map 47 as Parcel 212 (1200 Park Street), subject to the following proffered development conditions (“Proffers”), which were tendered by the Applicant in accordance with law and are hereby accepted by this City Council:

Approved Proffers

The use and development of the Subject Property shall be subject to the following development conditions voluntarily proffered by the Landowners, which conditions shall

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apply in addition to the regulations otherwise provided within the City's zoning ordinance. Such proffers shall be binding to the Property, which means the proffers shall be transferred to all future property successors of the land:

1. Affordable Housing:

- (a) The Owner shall cause one hundred percent (100%) of the residential units built on the Subject Property to be affordable dwelling units (ADUs), as defined below.
- (b) Affordability for rental dwelling units shall be defined as dwelling units that are affordable to households with incomes at not more than eighty percent (80%) of the Area Medium Income and that are committed to remain affordable for not less than thirty (30) years from the date of the issuance of the last certificate of occupancy for multi-family buildings on the Subject Property. Should any units be for-sale units, the affordability period for each of such units shall be not less than forty (40) years from the date conveyed to its first resident owner(s).
- (c) The affordability covenants of subparagraph (b) shall be recorded in the City land records as deed restrictions in form and substance consistent with the requirements of Virginia Housing as to each affected lot or parcel.

2. Transportation Improvements: Prior to the approval of a certificate of occupancy for the first unit, the Applicant shall (a) remove vegetation on the Subject Property to provide adequate sight distance for vehicles exiting the Subject Property to turn onto Cutler Lane; and (b) install a right out only direction curb island to permit right turn only out of the Project driveway onto Cutler Lane. The Owner shall grant a sight distance easement to the City of Charlottesville upon request by the City.

3. Pedestrian Trails: At the request of the City, and which may be a condition to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy, the Owner shall dedicate to the City, at no cost to the grantee, a permanent fifteen-foot (15') wide pedestrian trail easement in the general locations shown on the Application Plan, as will be more fully determined during site planning and depicted on the final, approved site plan for the Project and on the subdivision plat or separate easement plat, to provide public pedestrian access to the Rivanna Trail.

4. Park Street Crossing: At the request of the City, and which may be a condition to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy for the Project, the Owner shall provide a pedestrian street crossing at the southern intersection of Cutler Lane and Park Street, consisting of high-visibility pavement markings, ADA curb ramps, and advanced signage.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the City's Zoning Administrator shall update the Zoning District Map to reflect this rezoning of the Subject Property subject to the proffered development conditions.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO WAIVE
THE CRITICAL SLOPE REQUIREMENTS
OF CITY CODE SECTION 34-1120(b) TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT AT 1200 PARK STREET (CITY TAX MAP 47, PARCEL 212)**

WHEREAS Park Street Christian Church (“Landowner”) is the record owner of certain land identified on City Real Estate Tax Map 47 as Parcel 212, currently addressed as “1200 Park Street” (the “Property”), and together with the Piedmont Housing Alliance (the “Applicant”), the Landowner is requesting a Waiver of the Critical Slopes requirements of City Code Sec. 34-1120(b)(6)(b) in connection with the plan to construct a Planned Unit Development on the Property; and

WHEREAS existing Critical Slopes located on the Property include 2.83 acres, or approximately 38.1 percent of the area of the parcels; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission considered and recommended approval of this application at their December 14, 2021 meeting, subject to conditions set forth within the staff report prepared for that meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby approves a Waiver of the Critical Slopes requirements for the Property, to allow construction of a duplex by the Landowner, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Site Plans (VESCP Plans) should include, at a minimum, 4 stages/phases of Erosion and Sediment (“E&S”) controls. The first phase shall include “Initial/Preliminary Controls”. Outfalls from any proposed traps shall be established with rigorous independent E&S controls, early in the sequence, prior to the establishment of a sediment trap and associated conveyances.
- 2) Any channels/diversions that convey ‘clear’ water shall be stabilized with sod on the ‘clear water’ side immediately after installation.
- 3) “Super Silt Fence” (chain linked backing) shall be installed where perimeter silt fence is specified.
- 4) Any disturbance occurring outside of conveyances to the trap, in either sequence or space, planned or unforeseen, shall be immediately stabilized with sod (for pervious areas, utilities should have other “same day stabilization”).
- 5) At no time shall concentrated water be directed toward the critical slopes without adequate conveyance down and beyond the slopes to an acceptable outfall.

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING PERSONNEL OF THE ROBERT BOBB GROUP TO PERFORM THE
DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER ON AN INTERIM BASIS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE THAT the Robert Bobb Group, having previously been awarded a contract to provide interim city manager services to the City government, has offered Michael C. Rogers as its key personnel to be assigned by the firm to perform the duties of city manager, and this Council hereby approves Michael C. Rogers to be the person who shall perform the duties of city manager during the term of the contract and who shall have all of the executive and administrative authority and duties set forth in Section 5.01 of the City Charter, the Charlottesville City Code, and the general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING REZONING APPLICATION ZM21-00003
A REQUEST TO REZONE LAND FRONTING ON PARK STREET AND THE ROUTE
250 BYPASS FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)
TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) SUBJECT TO PROFFERED
DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate a specific development project, Piedmont Housing Alliance, as agent for Monticello Area Community Action Agency (“MACAA”) and 1021 Park Street LLC (collectively, the “Applicants”), have submitted rezoning application ZM21-00003, proposing a change in the zoning classification (“rezoning”) of certain land fronting on Park Street and the Route 250 Bypass and accessible by the private lane Macaa Drive off Park Street, identified on Tax Map 47 as Parcels 470007100, 470011000, and 470008000 (collectively, the “Subject Property”), from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), with said rezoning to be subject to proffered development conditions; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Proposed Rezoning, the Applicants submitted: (i) a written PUD Development Plan, dated September 03, 2021 (Revision #1 November 15, 2021), titled “MACAA PUD Development Plan”, and (ii) proffered development conditions submitted in writing to the City; and

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing on the proposed rezoning was conducted by the Planning Commission and City Council on December 14, 2021, following notice to the public and to adjacent property owners, as required by law, and following the joint public hearing, the Planning Commission voted on December 14, 2021, to recommend that City Council should approve the Proposed Rezoning for the Project; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has considered the details of the specific Project represented within the Landowners’ application materials for ZM21-00003; has reviewed the NDS Staff Report, public comments, the Planning Commission’s recommendation, and the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice require the proposed rezoning; that both the existing zoning classification (R-1) and the proposed zoning classification (PUD subject to proffered development conditions) are reasonable; and that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Zoning District Map Incorporated in Section 34-1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, be and hereby is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 34-1. Zoning District Map. Rezoning all of the land designated on City Tax Map 47 as Parcels 470007100, 470011000, and 470008000 (“Subject Property”),

containing, in the aggregate approximately 9.05 acres (approximately 395,298 square feet), from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), subject to the following proffered development conditions (“Proffers”), which were tendered by the Landowners in accordance with law and are hereby accepted by this City Council:

Approved Proffers

The use and development of the Subject Property shall be subject to the following development conditions voluntarily proffered by the Landowners, which conditions shall apply in addition to the regulations otherwise provided within the City’s zoning ordinance. Such proffers shall be binding to the Property, which means the proffers shall be transferred to all future property successors of the land:

1. Affordable Housing Units:

- (a) A minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the residential units built on the Subject Property will be Affordable Dwelling Units (ADU’s) as defined below.
- (b) Affordability of the rental dwelling units shall be defined as dwelling units that are affordable to households with incomes at not more than eighty percent (80%) of the Area Medium Income (“AMI”) and that are committed to remain affordable for not less than thirty (30) years from the date of the issuance of the last certificate of occupancy for multi-family buildings on the Subject Property. The Affordability covenants of this subparagraph (b) shall be recorded in the City land records as deed restrictions in form and substance consistent with the requirements of Virginia Housing as to each affected lot or parcel.
- (c) Each for-sale ADU shall be affordable over a term of not less than thirty (30) years from the date of the recordation of the deed transferring the ADU to the first homeowner. Affordability shall be ensured by means of deed restrictions, which shall provide the seller a right of first refusal to repurchase each ADU and which shall provide that, if the right of first refusal is not exercised by the seller, that any sale of the ADU to a purchaser with household income greater than sixty percent (60%) of the Charlottesville AMI shall require profit-sharing and reinvestment of net proceeds from the sale of the ADU into at least one new ADU in the City. For purposes of this Proffer 1(c), “affordability” means dwelling units that are affordable to households with incomes of not more than sixty percent (60%) of the Charlottesville AMI; the administration of the for-sale ADU’s shall in other respects be governed by the provisions of City Code §§ 344-12(c) and 34-12(g), respectively.

2. Transportation Improvements: Prior to the approval of a certificate of occupancy for the first unit, the Applicant shall construct the following road improvements, as depicted in the development plan:

- i. Relocation of the entrance into the Subject Property to align with Davis Avenue east of Park Street;
 - ii. Removal of fencing and vegetation, and maintenance of vegetation, to improve sight distance for vehicles exiting the Subject Property to turn onto Park Street;
 - iii. Elimination of the driveway directly accessing Park Street on Parcel 47000800 (1021 Park Street);
 - iv. Installation of a “right-out only” direction curb island at the exit from the Subject Property onto Park Street to prevent left turns out of the driveway onto Park Street; and
 - v. Relocation of the existing pedestrian crosswalk across Park Street in accordance with the new entrance alignment, connecting the southern end of the driveway into the Subject Property with the southern end of Davis Avenue. The new pedestrian crosswalk shall consist of high-visibility pavement markings, ADA curb ramps, and advanced signage.
- 3. Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Easement:** The Landowners shall dedicate to the City, at no cost, a permanent public easement for pedestrian and bicycle access in the general locations shown on the Application Plan, as will be determined with specificity during the site planning process and shown on the final approved site for the Subject Property and on the subdivision plat or separate easement plat, providing pedestrian and bicycle access from the public right-of-way/sidewalk system within the development through the Subject Property to the U.S. Route 29/250 Bypass multi-modal trail.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the City’s Zoning Administrator shall update the Zoning District Map to reflect this rezoning of the Subject Property subject to the proffered development conditions.

RESOLUTION
Approving names for newly acquired and developed City parklands

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Parkland Naming Policy, names for parklands recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are to be approved by City Council,

AND WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved by votes the names listed below

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Charlottesville approves the following names recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for new parklands.

The properties and proposed names are as follows:

- 32 acres along Moores Creek near Azalea Park – Azalea Park West
- 20 acres along Moores Creek near Jordan Park and Avon Street – Mill Park
- 142 acres (+ 5 additional acres) adjacent to Ragged Mtn – Heyward Community Forest
- 8 acre addition to Northeast Park with rectangular field – Unity Field at Northeast Park
- 42 acres of land north of McIntire Park and Melbourne Road – Butterfly Greenway
- Pocket Park at corner of 8th and Albemarle near Westhaven – Jenkins Park

RESOLUTION

**Revitalization Area Certification for CRHA 6th Street site/715 6th Street SE
Parcel Number: 270019000**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the CRHA 6th Street site is located within a Revitalization Area, defined by the Virginia Housing Development Authority as any area that 1) the industrial, commercial or other economic development of such area will benefit the city or county but such area lacks the housing needed to induce manufacturing, industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, entertainment, community development, healthcare or nonprofit enterprises or undertakings to locate or remain in such area; AND 2) private enterprise and investment are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the construction or rehabilitation of decent, safe and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and families in such area and will induce other persons and families to live within such area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in such area.

RESOLUTION

**Financial Resolution Supporting CRHA 6th Street - Phase 1
Parcel Number: 270019000**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby commits up to \$3,000,000 in the form of grants for the redevelopment of Phase 1 of the redevelopment of the 6th Street site (715 6th Street SE) subject to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority satisfying the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the City and the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The commitment of up to \$3,000,000 will help to subsidize this first phase of the project which in turn will create approximately 50 new affordable housing units in the City of Charlottesville. This commitment will be made to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

RESOLUTION
Approving the FY 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant
Substantial Action Plan Amendment
of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville City Council hereby approves the FY 2018 – 2019 Substantial Action Plan Amendment of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The reprogrammed 2018 CDBG budget will be added into the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan to meet HUD spending deadlines under 24 CFR 570.902(a). No changes to the HOME budget will be made at this time.

To: All members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates

RE: Climate and Energy Policy

As a community of Virginia municipalities, we are proud of the progress our Commonwealth has made toward climate sustainability. We share a common goal to protect the health and vitality of our Commonwealth. Climate change poses a significant risk to the health, livelihood, and economic stability of our communities. Recognizing these risks, our communities are making ambitious commitments and taking action to improve energy efficiency, adopt clean energy, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

In the 2022 General Assembly session, we urge you to maintain the following major initiatives:

- Keep Virginia in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and maintain the current funding allocations of the program. The 2020 funding of residential energy efficiency programs and local resilience projects to protect low-income residents from the effects of climate change are good for both our residents and our infrastructure. The Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) and High innovation Energy Efficiency (HIEE) funds are deploying these funds statewide.
- Keep Virginia on the path to a 100% zero-carbon electricity grid by maintaining the policy commitments of the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA). The VCEA is already spurring investments in solar, wind, battery storage, and energy efficiency. Continuing the path toward a zero-carbon electricity grid allows our localities to meet our own commitments to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Keep Virginia's Clean Car standards in place and fund the electric vehicle rebate program. Transportation is the leading source of carbon pollution in Virginia. The Clean Car standards and electric vehicle rebates will help Virginians access cleaner, more efficient vehicles while reducing pollution in our communities.
- Maintain the most recent Capital Assistance Rule of the of Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) that includes funding for Battery Electric Buses and the installation of their electric charging structures. Accessible, clean transit is a high priority for communities across the Commonwealth, and state funds must match clean bus investments with at least the same rule as they fund fossil-fuel-powered buses, in order to eliminate market bias and enable cities and counties to develop modern and efficient transit systems, which are critical for reliable workforce transport and access to essential services.

Thank you again for your past commitment to this important issue. We encourage you to continue making progress on climate and protect the policies above which support healthy communities in Virginia. We are excited to work with other leaders to move our whole Commonwealth forward to a cleaner future.

Sincerely,