

Public Requests for Legislation and Position Statements at October 5th Town Hall

The Frederick County Executive's Office held a town hall on October 5th to collect public input on legislative recommendations for the 2024 Maryland Legislative Session. The following recommendations were presented to the County Executive at the legislative townhall by the public.

Speaker: Sea Raven

Summary: There should be a process established in law to allow the public to remove the Sheriff. Supports legislation to establish this process and wants the full Frederick County Delegation to support it. This may require a change to the Maryland Constitution.

Speaker: Brentt Simmons

Summary: Supports HB647 from 2023, which decouples state itemized deductions from the federal process. This would help people who use federal standard deduction but want to use the MD itemized deduction. This change is necessary due to the federal tax changes that occurred during the Trump Administration. Shared resources from the Maryland Bureau of Revenue Estimates and the Tax Policy Center.

Speaker: Annette Breiling

Summary: Supports increased affordable housing, particularly in relation to veteran housing. Supports caps on rents.

Speaker: Mary Ann Ford

Summary: Supports remarks from previous speakers about laws to remove a Sheriff. Supports legislation to better define the rules and responsibilities of the sheriff and how to remove one.

Speaker: Milton Hellen

Summary: Supports efforts to combat climate change including bicycle and pedestrian paths and infrastructure, flood mitigation, stormwater infrastructure. Also wants to see more support for farmers and local food systems.

The following recommendations were sent to the County Executive after the deadline and were not included in the packet of recommendations available at the town hall. These recommendations were still considered by the Office of the County Executive.