



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 15, 2008**

DATE: November 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed Arlington County Board 2009 Legislative Package

C. M. RECOMMENDATION: Hold a Public Hearing on the Arlington County Board 2009 Legislative Package. The County Board will finalize and adopt the Legislative Package at the December 13, 2008 meeting.

ISSUES: Input for this Legislative Program has been solicited from Board Members, County staff, and Boards and Commissions. Regional legislative priorities are incorporated with the Arlington Legislative Policy Priorities. All issues raised thus far have been included in the package.

SUMMARY: Attached is a draft of Arlington's 2009 Legislative Program for the Public Hearing at the November 15, 2008 County Board Meeting. With ongoing work by local, regional and state groups, adjustments will be incorporated as the public review and comment period proceeds. The County Board will adopt the finalized package at its December meeting.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 General Assembly session begins January 14, 2009 and is scheduled to end on March 1, 2009. It is the Assembly's "short session."

The County Board work session with Arlington's legislators is scheduled for December 2, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room

DISCUSSION: The major issue for the 2009 General Assembly session will be balancing the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: Due to the complexities of the General Assembly process, it is impossible to quantify the fiscal impact at this time.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Patricia B. Carroll, CMO