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Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	January 26, 2009
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Discussion Item	Legislative Update
Background	The Maryland General Assembly has convened and the Governor presented his proposed budget to the members on January 21. Ann Ciekot and Michele Douglas of our new lobbying firm, Ciekot and Elliott, will provide a legislative overview on items of interest to Takoma Park and what we can expect this Session.
Policy	The Takoma Park City Council advocates for legislation that is beneficial to the City of Takoma Park.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	Ciekot and Elliott Newsletter; copies of Just Cause Eviction and Program Open Space bills
Recommendation	Hear overview; give direction as needed.
Special Consideration	

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Happy New Year to All!!!

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly update, the Capital Bleat. As we did last year, we will use this channel of communication to keep you abreast of news happening here in Annapolis during these 90 days.

The Governor's FY2010 budget will be introduced this Wednesday. It is highly likely that he will also be announcing additional cuts to the FY2009 budget. As has been our policy in the past, if there is anything specific we think you should be aware of, we will be in contact with you directly.

The Governor will also be giving his State of the State address on January 29.

Committee News

The following are recently announced changes to Committee assignments for the House of Delegates:

Del. Andrew A. Serafini to Environmental Matters
Del. Susan W. Krebs to Health and Government Operations
Del. Joseph C. Boteler III to Ways and Means
Del. Heather Mizeur to Appropriations
Del. Wendell Beitzel to Appropriations
Del. Charles Barkley to Economic Matters
Del. J.B. Jennings to Judiciary
Del. LeRoy E. Myers to Ways and Means
Del. Christopher B. Shank to Ways and Means