

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	6
<b>Meeting Date</b>	June 1, 2009
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Discussion of Legislative Action Requests to be Submitted to the Maryland Municipal League
<b>Background</b>	<p>Each year, the City of Takoma Park submitted Legislative Action Requests (LARs) to the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for consideration as the League begins to decide on its Priority Legislation for the next Legislative Session. LARs are submitted to MML, discussed by the MML Legislative Committee (of which Mayor Williams is a member), and voted on by the member jurisdictions at the MML Fall Conference.</p> <p>Successful LARs are statewide in nature and benefit Maryland municipalities. Takoma Park's recommendations have become Priority Legislation for the MML quite often. Most recently, our recommendations to work for enhanced revenue generation authority and municipal electrical energy aggregation have been MML priorities.</p> <p>Delegate Al Carr has suggested that we may wish to submit an LAR on the creation of a "bag bill" - a charge of five cents on disposable bags from retail stores. Benefits would be a reduction in pollution and increased revenue.</p> <p>At Monday's worksession, Councilmembers may make recommendations as to LARs worth considering. Staff can then undertake any needed research before the Council votes on the LAR submissions on June 15.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council advocates for legislation in the best interest of the Takoma Park community.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	n/a
<b>Attachments</b>	Legislative Action Request form.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Give direction to staff.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	A resolution on the City's LAR's is scheduled for June 15, 2009; LARs must be submitted to MML by June 26, 2009.



