

## Mayor Report (October 2022)

### Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (September 27, 2022- October 27, 2022)



#### 1. Accomplished:

##### a. Resolutions/Council Actions:

- i. ARPA project manager of the ARPA Funds reporting with HR action taken to move forward.
- ii. City Manager Consuella Barbour resignation 18 Oct 2022; job posting for a new City Manager – HR action started 19 Oct

##### b. The Mayor's Office has supported/fielded 14 office calls/meetings.

- i. Mentor session returning citizens Jude House, Bridge Center, Employ Prince George's.
  - ii. Growing Green with Pride at JSWES – City in partnership with JSWES (Saturday, October 15, 2022
  - iii. Per city council direction on call with CM cancelled American National Fitness parks \$30,000 Grant on the 7<sup>th</sup> street resolution.
  - iv. Projected costs and community service providers support upcoming Harvest Day Rewind at the Glenarden Municipal Center Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (11:00am -3:00pm).
  - v. Held staff meetings with City Manager, Treasurer, and Chief of Police.
  - vi. Attended NAACP Prince George's meeting discussing Annapolis Legislation communication/ Nov 8th voter registration strategy.
  - vii. Attended Charter Review Committee - Public Hearing October 20, 2022.
  - viii. Reviewed the City of Glenarden's Treasurer tax differential submission
  - ix. Engagement and Outreach (E&O) In-Person Committee Meeting at Maryland Municipal League - October 26, 2022
  - x. Supported four returning citizens outreach engagements.
  - xi. Call with Maryland Senator Joanne C. Benson.
- c. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum "What's in a Democratic System " October 25, 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOM-bW-nyag&feature=youtu.be> Talk with Mayors of nonpartisan municipalities.
- d. American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maryland Juniors annual Fall Conference on October 23, 2022, at Reisterstown American Legion Post 116.

- e. Mayoral Community outreach program expansion: Partnership building in the coming FY23 legislative year from the Prince George's County to Annapolis.
2. Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is now open – with many exciting and new additions this year! This grant program encourages on-the-ground restoration activities that improve communities, improve water quality, support the County's Climate Action Plan, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County. Example projects include rain gardens, stormwater management practices, native plant gardens, tree canopy education, specimen tree preservation, tree plantings, outreach, and community engagement, and more! **Applications are due January 3, 2023, at 4pm EST.**

Applicants can request funds from the following project tracks.

- Track 1: Water Quality Implementation (\$50,000 to \$150,000)
- Track 2: Building Community Resilience: Installation of Small to Medium Scale Climate Resilient Practices (\$150,000 to \$550,000)
- Track 3: Tree Planting (\$50,000 to \$150,000)
  - 3a: Urban Tree Canopy: Outreach, Maintenance, and Education
  - 3b: Increasing Tree Canopy by Subwatershed
  - 3c: Preserving Tree Canopy Pilot Program
- Track 4: Community Awareness and Engagement (\$10,000 to \$60,000)

This program funds projects within Prince George's County, Maryland, excluding the City of Bowie. The City of Bowie manages their stormwater program independently of the County and therefore projects in the City of Bowie are not eligible for funding in this program. All projects are done in Prince George's County and support citizens in Prince George's County.

### 3. Annapolis Legislative communication/ attendance strategy.

- a. November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election
- b. January 11, 2023, First day of the 2023 session of the General Assembly
- c. Upcoming holidays:
  - i. November 11 Veterans' Day\* 24 Thanksgiving Day\* 25 American Indian Heritage Day\*
  - ii. December 19 First day of Hanukah 26 Last Day of Hanukah 25 Christmas Day 26 Christmas Holiday
- d. MML Priority Recommendations: At the September 6th meeting of the MML Legislative Committee, the members of the committee unanimously recommended that the League adopt on priorities for the 2023 legislative session. This item still needs to be considered by the Board. The recommended priority is to ensure municipalities have the option of creating their own Police Accountability Boards and Charging Committees. Members of the Committee also adopted two strategic initiatives this year:
  - i. Expanding Municipal Revenues Sources, and

- ii. Focus on Communication, specifically the intersections of transparency, notifications, and privacy.
- e. Engagement and Outreach (E&O) Committee - Maryland Municipal League “If I were mayor” statewide essay Contest prep to Municipal Month which is November.
- f. **TO THE GOVERNOR:**

HB0001

CH0045

REVIEW IN  
ORIGINAL CHAMBER  
**Passed Both  
Chambers**  
CONF. CMTE  
(IF NECESSARY)

**TO GOVERNOR**

**Title**

Constitutional Amendment - Cannabis - Adult Use and Possession

**Sponsored by**

Delegate [Clippinger](#)

**Status**

Assigned a chapter number, enactment subject to constitutional referendum - Chapter 45

**Analysis**

[Fiscal and Policy Note \(Revised\)](#)

[Racial Equity Impact Note](#)

**Synopsis**

Establishing that, on or after July 1, 2023, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may use and possess cannabis.

**Details**

Constitutional Bill

Bill File Type: Pre-Filed

Contingency - on a referendum

HB0006

CH0302

REVIEW IN  
ORIGINAL CHAMBER  
**Passed Both  
Chambers**  
CONF. CMTE  
(IF NECESSARY)

## TO GOVERNOR

### Title

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults

### Sponsored by

Delegates [Cullison](#), [McKay](#), [Pendergrass](#), [Pena-Melnyk](#), [Bagnall](#), [Belcastro](#), [Bhandari](#), [Carr](#), [Chisholm](#), [Hill](#), [Johnson](#), [Kaiser](#), [Kelly](#), [Kerr](#), [Landis](#), [R. Lewis](#), [Rosenberg](#), [Szeliga](#), and [K. Young](#)

### Status

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 302

### Analysis

[Fiscal and Policy Note \(Revised\)](#)

### Synopsis

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning January 1, 2023, and subject to certain limitations, to provide dental services, including diagnostic, preventive, restorative, and periodontal services, for adults whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level; and repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation of a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the Program.

### Committees

Original:

[Health and Government Operations](#)

Opposite:

[Finance](#)

### Committee Testimony

[Witness List](#)

### Details

Cross-filed with: [SB0150](#)

Bill File Type: Pre-Filed

Effective Date(s): January 1, 2023

[HB0006](#)

[CH0302](#)

REVIEW IN  
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**Committee Testimony**

[Witness List](#)

**Details**

Cross-filed with: [SB0150](#)

Bill File Type: Pre-Filed

Effective Date(s): January 1, 2023

[HB0069](#)

[CH0644](#)

REVIEW IN  
ORIGINAL CHAMBER  
**Passed Both  
Chambers**  
CONF. CMTE  
(IF NECESSARY)

**TO GOVERNOR**

**Title**

State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Real Property Assessments and Appeals

**Sponsored by**

Delegate [Amprey](#)

**Status**

Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 644

**Analysis**

[Fiscal and Policy Note \(Revised\)](#)

**Synopsis**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish on its website certain information in plain language relating to the assessment process and methodology used in determining the value of real property; allowing certain authorities to consider certain criteria when hearing an appeal related to the valuation of real property; and requiring the appeal authority to

notify, within 10 days after a decision regarding commercial property, the governing body of a county and municipal corporation in which the property is located.

#### **Committees**

Original:

[Ways and Means](#)

Opposite:

[Budget and Taxation](#)

#### **Committee Testimony**

[Witness List](#)

#### **Details**

Cross-filed with: [SB0247](#)

Introduced in a prior session as: [HB1290](#) Session: 2021 Regular Session

Bill File Type: Pre-Filed

Effective Date(s): October 1, 2022

[HB0086](#)

REVIEW IN  
ORIGINAL CHAMBER  
**Passed Both  
Chambers**  
CONF. CMTE  
(IF NECESSARY)

**TO GOVERNOR**

#### **Title**

Landlord and Tenant – Residential Leases – Tenant Rights and Protections (Tenant Protection Act of 2022)

#### **Sponsored by**

Delegate [Stewart](#)

#### **Status**

Vetoed by the Governor (Duplicative)

#### **Analysis**

[Fiscal and Policy Note \(Revised\)](#)

#### **Synopsis**

Requiring a landlord to make a certain disclosure to prospective tenants if the landlord uses a ratio utility billing system; making a certain lease provision unenforceable if the landlord fails to make the disclosure; requiring a landlord to document a bill for certain utilities; providing that a tenant organization has the right to assemble during reasonable hours and on reasonable notice to the landlord; expanding certain provisions of law regarding the rights of certain tenants to include certain victims of stalking; etc.

#### **Committees**

Original:

[Environment and Transportation](#)

Opposite:

[Judicial Proceedings](#)

## Committee Testimony

[Witness List](#)

### Details

Cross-filed with: [SB0006](#)

Introduced in a prior session as: [HB0050](#) Session: 2021 Regular Session

Bill File Type: Pre-Filed

Effective Date(s): June 1, 2022

[HB0449](#)

[CH0329](#)

REVIEW IN  
ORIGINAL CHAMBER  
**Passed Both  
Chambers**  
CONF. CMTE  
(IF NECESSARY)

## TO GOVERNOR

### Title

Property Tax - Renters' Property Tax Relief Program - Application Period

### Sponsored by

Delegate [Smith](#)

### Status

Approved by the Governor - Chapter 329

### Analysis

[Fiscal and Policy Note \(Revised\)](#)

### Synopsis

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the property tax relief program for renters within 3 years after the calendar year for which property tax relief is sought under certain circumstances; and applying the Act retroactively to affect all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

### Committees

Original:

[Ways and Means](#)

Opposite:

[Budget and Taxation](#)

### Committee Testimony

[Witness List](#)

### Details

Bill File Type: Regular

Effective Date(s): June 1, 2023