

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COG 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities have been reviewed by the individual policy committees and the 2026 Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board has received and reviewed the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities addresses the main issues the COG Board of Directors wants to communicate to state and federal officials as important concerns during the upcoming legislative session; and

WHEREAS, in order to communicate the annual priorities in a consistent manner staff developed Guidelines for Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy to ensure that all advocacy efforts are under the direction of the COG Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The board adopts the 2026 Legislative Priorities and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to share and advocate on these priorities at the state and federal level.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Resolution R9 -2026 was approved by the COG Board of Directors on January 14, 2026

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