

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COG 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES FOR  
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ADVOCACY**

**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 2019 Legislative Priorities have been reviewed by the individual policy committees and the 2019 Legislative Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board has received and reviewed the draft 2019 Legislative Priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft 2019 Legislative Priorities address 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guidelines provide direction for COG boards, committees, and staff on how to support COG positions on legislative, regulatory, and policy matters at the local, state and federal level.

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

The board adopts the 2019 Legislative Priorities and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to distribute the priorities to the appropriate state and federal officials representing areas of the COG member jurisdictions.

The board adopts the Guidelines for Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy and directs immediate implementation by COG staff, boards, and committees.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on January 9, 2019.**

**Laura Ambrosio, COG Communications Specialist**

