

MAYOR HOVLAND'S PROPOSAL

Motion to support:

Maintain the present geography of each district and the number of districts and district membership on the Metropolitan Council in its present configuration at 16; and

Four-year staggered terms of Metropolitan Council members which would reduce ideological shifts in the make-up of the Council and allow for knowledge and experience continuity of Council members; and

An increase in the number of members on the statutory nominating committee to 15 and an increase in the number of local elected officials on the committee to 8, composed of 4 local elected officials, 3 county elected officials and 1 township elected official. The balance of the nominating committee would be composed of citizens at large and with knowledge of transportation and modal representatives, with all members appointed to the nominating committee by the Governor. This composition of the nominating committee would provide for a higher level of engagement by community members and local officials; and

The nominating committee would submit the names of three finalists from each district to the Governor and the Governor would be required to select amongst the three finalists selected by the nominating committee for each district; and

A public comment period requirement once potential members are nominated and before they are appointed by the Governor to increase transparency in how members of the Metropolitan Council are selected.