



General Assembly Update

February 26, 2019

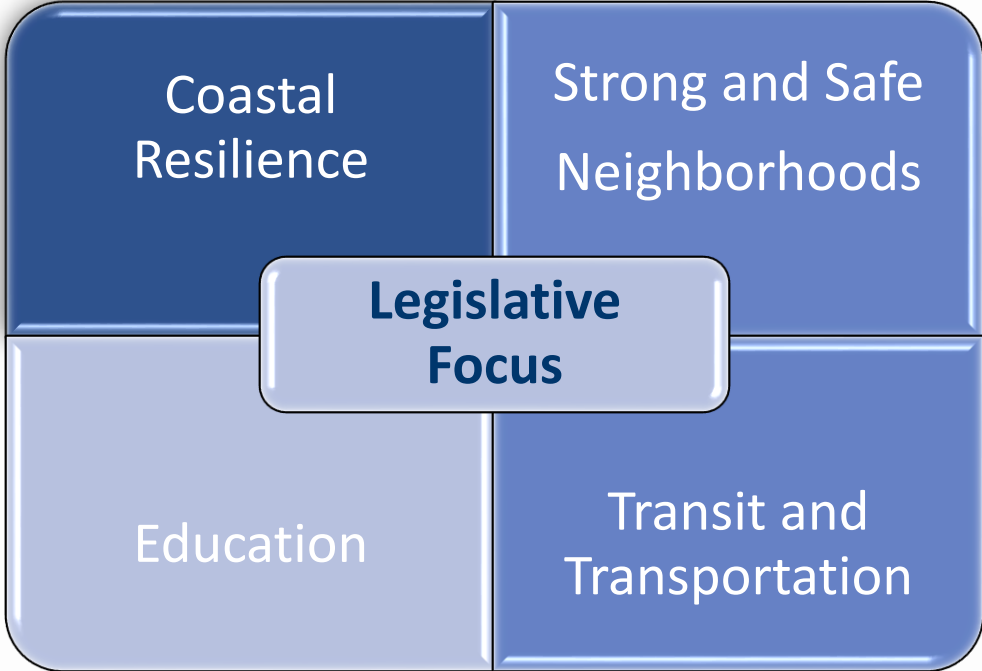
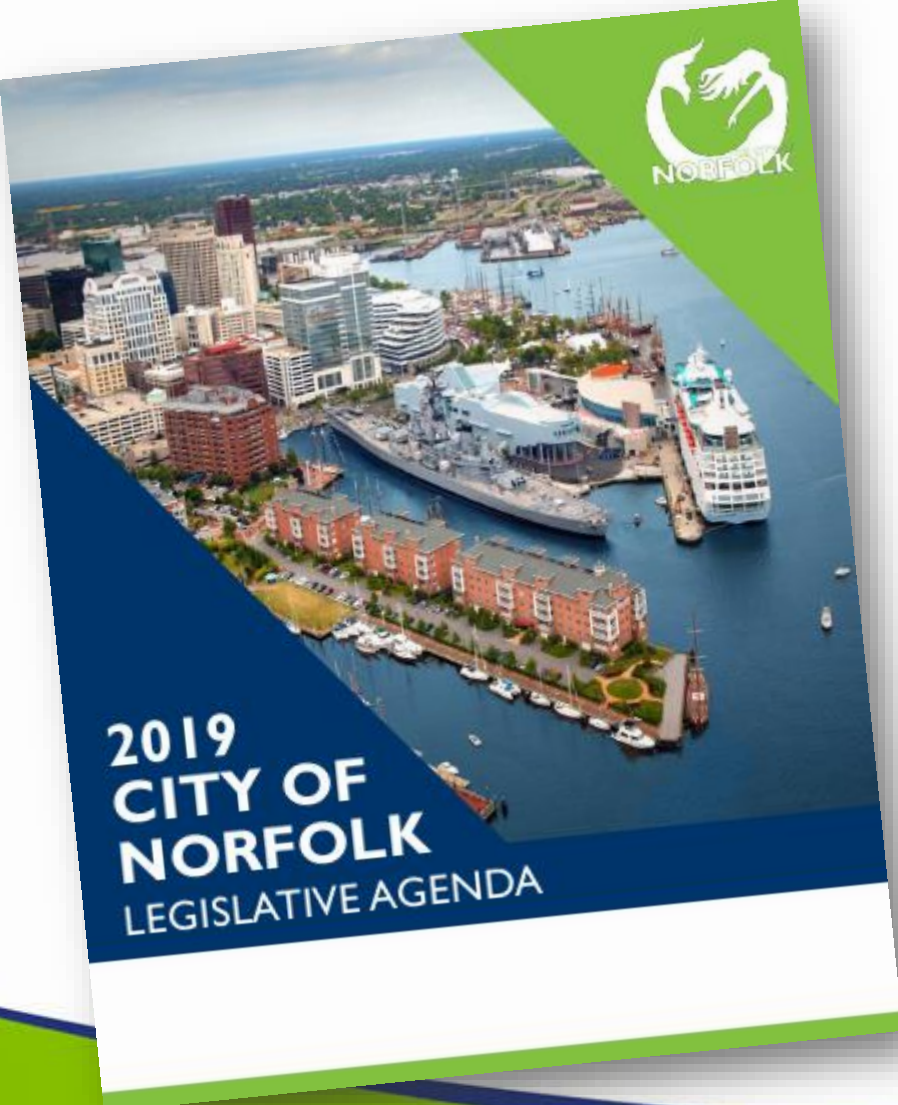
Tax Debate – Foundation for Budget Deliberations

- The Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act impacted state tax policy
- Unprecedented resources available for budget deliberations
- Removal of Governor's priority of refundable earned income tax credit (EITC)
- Tax Compromise – Temporary Tax Relief

Budget Update

- General Assembly adjourned Sunday, February 24th after approval of the budget
- Amendments to the 2018-2020 biennium budget impacted by Tax Policy compromise
 - General Assembly budget has less resources than Governor's Introduced Budget
- Final Budget includes funding for affordable housing, Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, teacher raises, and economic development resources for port host communities

Norfolk's Legislative Focus - Bill Updates



Casino Gaming Update

- Multiple pieces of legislation introduced on casinos and sports gaming
- Compromise casino bill passed the Senate and included casino authorization for Portsmouth, Bristol, Danville, and a tribal casino in Norfolk and Richmond
- Final legislation
 - Limits authorization of casino gaming to five communities
 - Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) Report by Dec. 2019
 - Minimum capital investment of \$200 million
 - Referendum may not occur until after JLARC report, but before Jan. 1, 2021
 - License may not be issued before July 1, 2020
 - Reenactment Clause for the legislation – policy item for 2020 General Assembly

Legislative Updates

- Equal Rights Amendment
- Redistricting Bills
- Moving date of June Primary Election
- SCC Pipeline Reports
- Evictions
- Interstate 81
- House Courts Committee Casualties
 - Cash Bail Reform
 - Reporting of lost and/or stolen guns
 - Suspended Licenses
 - Decriminalization of Marijuana
- Foster Care

Working with Partner Organizations



To defeat unfunded mandates

To maintain local authority

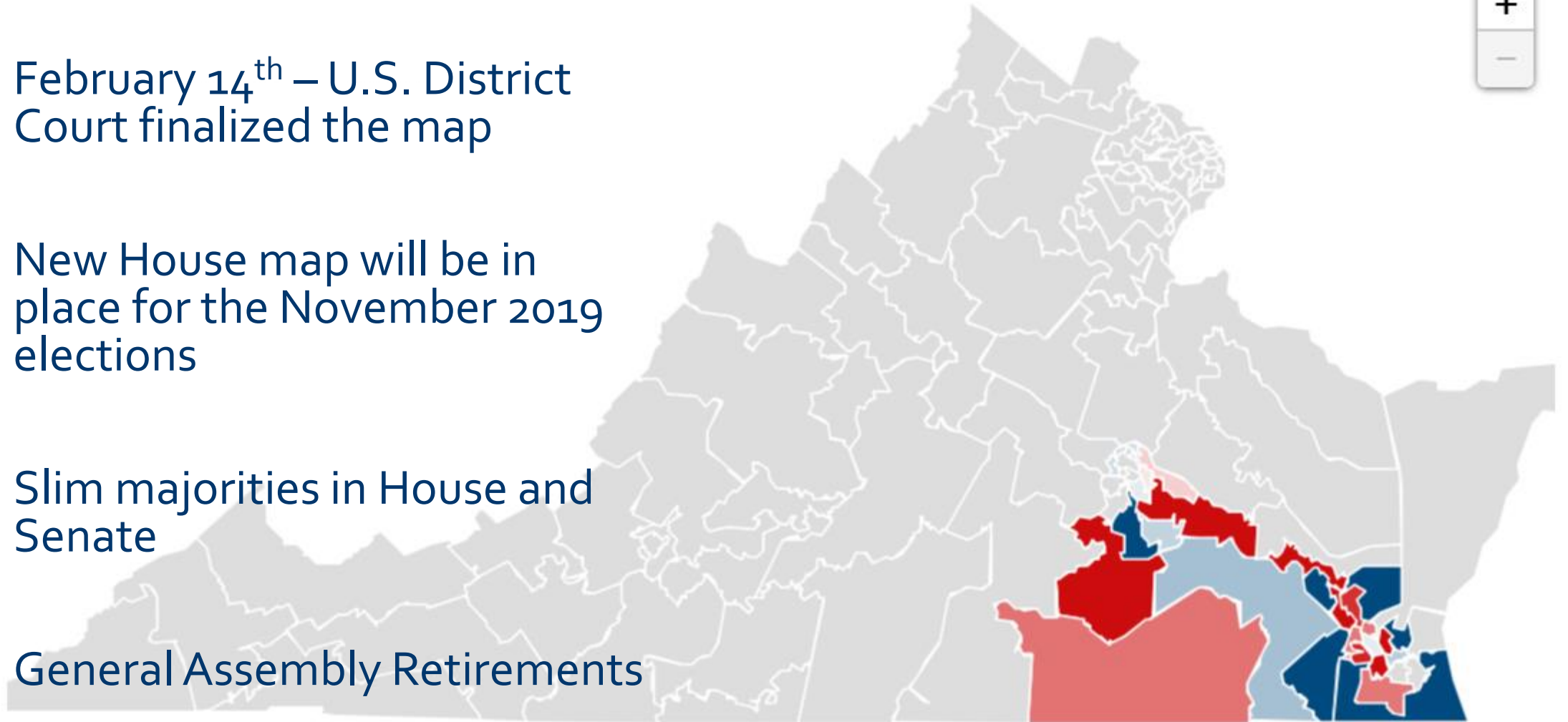
- Scooters
- Parking enforcement

To maintain state funding support

- One year hold harmless for transit
- Removed harmful school funding language

Redistricting and November Elections

- February 14th – U.S. District Court finalized the map
- New House map will be in place for the November 2019 elections
- Slim majorities in House and Senate
- General Assembly Retirements



Source: VPAP - measures the change in the gap between the Republican and Democratic candidates if the 2012 presidential election had been held in the proposed district boundaries

Moving Forward

- Reconvened Session – April 3
- Continuing to share Norfolk’s legislative focus areas
- Opportunities to highlight priorities with Housing Commission and Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding
- Participation in Virginia Municipal League Policy Meetings and Virginia First Cities Workgroups