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**PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS RAYNER AND GREWE ATTEND VML 2022
LEGISLATIVE DAY IN RICHMOND**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. February 7, 2022 — On February 3, Council members Erin Rayner and Joel Grewe participated in the annual Virginia Municipal League 2022 Legislative Day.

Councilmember Rayner said, "being part of the Annual Legislative Day is crucial to engage our representatives about bills that impact our town. We need to represent our town's priorities in Richmond."

Councilmember Grewe concurred, "It is crucial that members of the Purcellville Town Council make the effort to engage in the state legislative process. Their decisions have massive implications for Purcellville. We must ensure that our town interests are in the drafting process."

Councilmembers Grewe and Rayner spoke with Delegate LaRock and other members of the House of Delegates, and advocated for the restoration of robust state funding to our police departments. This is a reverse of prior actions which undermined local law enforcement funding.

Rayner and Grewe also spoke with Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Bob Mosier and Colonel Gary Settle, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police who were asked to support state funding for local police departments.

Council member Grewe serves on the VML Transportation Advisory Committee where he advocates for a more responsive approach from VDOT to local traffic needs.

(photos below)



Purcellville Council members Joel Grewe and Erin Rayner



Bob Mosier, Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security, Purcellville Council member Erin Rayner, Leesburg Council member Kari Nancy, Purcellville Council member Joel Grewe



Purcellville Council member Erin Rayner, Leesburg Vice Mayor Marty Martinez, Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk, Leesburg Council members Neil Steinberg, & Kari Nancy, Purcellville Council member Joel Grewe

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14th consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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