Local American Rescue Plan Guiding Principles

- **Protecting our community from the pandemic is our highest priority**
    o Prioritize investment in direct emergency pandemic response for our community based on and aligned with federal, state and local public health guidance
        ▪ *Examples: supporting costs for vaccination / assessment centers such as tents, traffic management, security; homeless and vulnerable population shelters; response fleet and equipment for Fire, OEM & Public Health; ECC/911 Data Sharing Interface*
    o Further needed investment in pandemic safety for visitors to our public facilities and for our public employees
        ▪ *Examples: HVAC/ventilation/filtration upgrades in Metro facilities; technology and fleet for social distancing*

- **We will mitigate impacts of the pandemic via gap-filling immediate relief needs against federal and state funds, including and via individual assistance, non-profits, small business, workforce and economic recovery**
    o Significant funding circulating in our community; we need to ensure it's getting to those who need it
        ▪ *Examples: funding navigation assistance for individuals and families eligible for federal and state resources*
    o Gap-fill programs if necessary, e.g., identify and address unintended consequences from regulations around the funds
        ▪ *Examples: emergency rental assistance to prevent eviction for those who do not qualify for ERAP*
    o Focus on disproportionate impacts of the pandemic to equitable small business recovery, small venues and workers in arts & hospitality, family safety, vulnerable communities, digital inclusion and youth
        ▪ *Examples: small business and non-profit assistance for disproportionately impacted communities; equity-based economic recovery planning & analysis; tourism & hospitality recovery and planning for small, independent venues, small artists/workers, and equity-oriented, diverse events; family safety support for domestic violence; gap-fill support for homeless population and vulnerable elderly; Libraries digital inclusion*

- **We will invest in evidence-based, proven successes to address fundamental equity disparities made more visible by our states of emergency in the past 18 months. These programs will optimize and align where possible to existing federal and state funding**
    o Health and behavioral health: *examples include mobile dental clinics and health navigators and interpreters*
    o Community safety: *examples include environmental safety projects, MNPD training and use of force alternative, equipment for Metro Animal Care & Control*
    o Affordable Housing: *examples include Barnes Fund, Catalyst Fund*
    o Stormwater & sustainability: *examples include potential infrastructure mitigations, tactical mitigations (litter, street trees)*