

Legislation – partial list

(October 2015 to May 2018)

1. Inclusiveness and equity
 - a. Affordable housing
 - i. [BL2016-133](#) (Allen, Mendes – drafted in part), inclusionary zoning, preempted by State
 - ii. [BL2016-334](#) (Mendes, Allen – drafted), rework legislation approving payments in lieu of taxes for affordable housing to require tighter coordination among Finance, MDHA, and Planning
 - iii. [BL2016-342](#) (Pridemore, Allen, Bedne, Mendes – drafted Amendment No. 2), Housing Incentive Pilot Program to provide grants for affordable and workforce housing
 - iv. Mayor's Transit and Affordability Taskforce; Chair of Neighborhoods And Preservation Of Housing Subcommittee; lead author of subcommittee report included in the [full report](#)
 - v. Ongoing
 1. Donelson Transit Oriented Redevelopment District, strengthening and clarifying affordable housing requirements. Current list of changes accomplished [here](#)
 - b. Traffic stops
 - i. [RS2016-459](#) (Mendes, Gilmore, et al. – drafted), require response to Gideon's Army report
 - ii. [BL2016-483](#) (Mendes, Gilmore, et al. – drafted), require annual statistics to be kept by MNPd about racial break-down of traffic stops
 - c. Immigration
 - i. [BL2017-739](#) (Mendes, Sledge, et al. – drafted in part), Metro not spend money and resources on federal immigration enforcement; this was withdrawn after pressure from State, Mayor's Office, & Metro Legal
 - d. Hospital
 - i. [RS2018-1032](#) (Shulman, Weiner, Mendes, et al.), helped draft language establishing strategic committee for Nashville General Hospital; chairing that committee now
 - ii. Pursued multiple budget amendments to increase funding for NGH

- e. Ft. Negley – Joined other At-Large CMs to push for administration to have Metro conduct the archeological survey before taking any further steps. This study effectively ended the development process.

2. Transparency and accountability

- a. [BL2016-157](#) (Mendes, Gilmore, et al. – drafted), transformed tax increment financing reporting and requirements
- b. [BL2016-416](#) (Mendes, Cooper, et al. – drafted), all reports required to be given to Council by Metro must be put online and also be searchable
- c. [BL2017-612](#) (Cooper, Mendes), all board and commission agendas are to be online
- d. [BL2017-726](#) and [-949](#) (Mendes – drafted), required an update of Metro's debt management policy including a requirement for more details about how the level of long term debt is set
- e. [BL2016-220](#) (Pulley, Mendes, et al.), require quarterly litigation reports to Council
- f. Floodwall out of annual Capital Improvements Budget – lead sponsor 2016, 2017, 2018
- g. [RS2016-306](#) (Dowell, Mendes, et al.), Council must approve location of the new Sheriff administrative HQ before Metro spent any money on the project
- h. [BL2017-560](#) (Mendes), fixed error in Metro ethics law
- i. [BL2017-939](#) (Mendes, Vercher, et al. – drafted), required a Transit Improvement Program to be approved by ordinance (instead of a resolution) with 21 votes (instead of a simple majority)
- j. [BL2017-952](#) (Mendes, Vercher, et al.), limit the ability of pre-bid consultants from being hired for the actual project later
- k. [Substitute Resolution No. RS2017-910](#) (Soccer stadium bond resolution), provided the language for most of the changes reflected in administration substitute bill – including the condition added for an owner guaranty and the condition that a vote to demolish Fairground buildings is required before bonds can be issued.
- l. [BL2017-790](#) (Mendes, Freeman, et al. – drafted), attempt to make Council post-retirement insurance benefits more closely match what other Metro employees receive – this was withdrawn due to lack of support in the Council
- m. Special Committee related to former mayor (Vercher, Mendes, et al. – drafted)
- n. Ongoing

- i. [BL2018-1171](#) (Glover, Mendes – drafted in part), requires an MOU between Metro departments approved by the Council if they are doing work for each other worth a total of \$500,000 over two years

3. Livability

- a. Short term rentals – filed the first STR bills this term and helped get the ball rolling on Council's 18 month path to the final legislation
 - i. [BL2016-373](#) (Mendes, Sledge, et al. – drafted), permit number required in online advertising
 - ii. [BL2016-374](#) (Mendes, Sledge, et al. – drafted), add requirement that STR application must be under oath
 - iii. [BL2016-375](#) (Mendes, Sledge, et al. – drafted), would have dropped max occupancy from 12 to 8, was indefinitely deferred in October '16
 - iv. [BL2016-382](#) (Mendes – drafted)
 - 1. Would have reduced number of investor-owned units in neighborhoods from 3% of units to 1% of units per census tract, with grandfathering
 - 2. Was deferred indefinitely in October '16 – but would have been LESS restrictive than what was finally passed in 2018.
 - v. [BL2016-381](#) (Allen, Mendes) and [-492](#) (Mendes, Allen), wholesale clean-up of STR ordinance
- b. Arts – co-sponsor budget increases in Metro Arts Commission budget, including \$300,000 increase in 2016