

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

**Monday, January 4, 2016
1:30 P.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

Location: **Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor**
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

The House and Senate held pro forma sessions today to open the 2nd Session of the 114th Congress. The Senate is in recess for the rest of the week. The House will take up a reconciliation measure that would repeal the Affordable Care Act and funding for Planned Parenthood.

Affordable Care Act Repeal

House leaders plan to send budget reconciliation legislation to President Obama that would dismantle key enforcement and financing provisions of the Affordable Care Act and withhold federal funds from Planned Parenthood. House leadership has scheduled a roll call vote for this Wednesday on the reconciliation measure. The vote will be largely symbolic because there are not enough votes to override President Obama's promised veto.

The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow to adopt terms for debating the legislation. The legislation includes a provision to bar federal funds for Planned Parenthood that was kept off the FY16 omnibus spending bill so leadership could avoid any threat of a government shutdown.

On December 3, 2015, the Senate approved the reconciliation legislation that would repeal key pieces of the Affordable Care Act under special budget rules requiring only 51 votes for passage. Some of the key provisions would:

- Repeal the penalties used to enforce the individual and employer mandates, while leaving the coverage requirements intact.
- Repeal tax credits and other programs intended to increase the coverage of individuals under the law.
- Repeal the state expansion of Medicaid.

Although President Obama will veto the bill, Republicans have laid the groundwork for further attempts at repeal should there be a Republican President in 2017.

The House has already prepared to hold a vote to override President Obama's expected veto on January 22, 2016.

Executive Action on Guns

President Obama is expected to announce an executive order this week on specific measures to reduce gun violence.

The President met with Attorney General Loretta Lynch, FBI Director James Comey and other law enforcement officials to finalize a variety of measures that will allow the Administration to sidestep Congress in order to tighten the nation's gun laws.

President Obama did not announce the specific steps he plans to take but said they would be rolled out "over the next several days." He is expected to broaden background check requirements by requiring sellers at gun shows and on the Internet to register as federally licensed gun dealers.

Republicans in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail are expected to say the measures are unconstitutional and outside the scope of his presidential authority.

Upcoming Important Dates

January 12, 2016

President Obama will give his final State of the Union address to the nation. It has been noted that the President will deliver a "non-traditional" speech to the American people that focuses on his vision for the country, rather than a long list of legislative priorities.

January 13, 2016

Congressional Republicans will meet in Baltimore for their annual legislative retreat. Speaker Ryan (R-WI) has signaled two main goals for 2016: He wants the House to serve as a breeding ground for conservative policies that can shape the 2016 election, and he wants to normalize the appropriations process in the chamber.

Some key pieces of legislation Congress may take up this year include:

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Mental Health legislation as a response to recent gun violence
- FY17 Appropriations
- FAA Reauthorization

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal legislative update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Don Perata, Kate Brandenburg, Rosanna Carvacho, Albert Parnell of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck introduced themselves as the new state legislative advocates.

The Legislature reconvened t Rosanna: Legislature reconvened today officially. Today starts the clock on two year bills; any bill that was introduced last year has to be out of its house of origin by January 31, 2016.

Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck will meet with County staff to obtain a list of bills the County took positions on last year that are moving forward in the next few weeks.

Senate President Pro tem Steinberg held a press conference today to propose a \$2 billion dollar homeless package. The proposal will include housing bond money from Prop 63, General fund, SSI and SSP grants for rent subsidies.

Governor's Budget

The Governor will release the State Budget on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The Governor is expected to continue his fiscal prudent policy and maintain a surplus in funding. He will attempt to offset the \$1 billion health care tax.

Initiatives

Assembly member Jim Frazier will introduce a \$6 billion proposal for transportation funding. He will introduce a list of items needing to be funded. The proposal is to increase Cap & Trade funding for transit from 15% to 25%, which is about \$750-\$800 million annually.

Lt. Governor Gavin Newsome will introduce a gun control initiative and also the Legislature will introduce several proposals on gun control.

The Legislature will have a discussion on climate change, specifically how aggressive policies on climate change affect the poor and how can everyone benefit equally from these policies.

Other initiatives forthcoming include:

Reauthorization of Proposition 30

- Minimum wage proposal
- Marijuana proposal
- Tobacco tax proposal
- Water bond proposal

Assembly Speaker

Toni Atkins, the current Assembly Speaker will relinquish her on March 1, 2016 and Anthony Rendon will take over as the new Assembly Speaker.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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