

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

**Monday, October 11, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

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

Location: County Administration Building Room 255
1221 Oak Street, 2nd floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

The House will return from recess tomorrow to vote on the Senate-passed debt ceiling deal. It will resume the planned recess on Wednesday. The Senate is out of session this week.

Debt Limit

On October 7, the Senate reached a deal to vote on a short-term extension to raise the debt ceiling by \$480 billion, setting the new deadline to December 3 and avoiding a default on the federal government's loans. The full Senate passed the debt ceiling measure on October 7, 2021. The House is disrupting its scheduled recess to return tomorrow to vote on the measure. This action punts the crisis until roughly December 3, coinciding with the expiration of the current CR. There is no set strategy on how the debt ceiling will be suspended or lifted after December 3, 2021.

Reconciliation/Infrastructure

Votes on both the reconciliation package and the infrastructure bill were delayed last week after Democratic party divisions threatened the needed consensus. Senator Joe Manchin stated the most he would support spending on a reconciliation package is \$1.5 trillion. The reconciliation package is currently \$3.5 trillion. Senator Kyrsten Sinema has also opposed the reconciliation package as currently drafted and has, so far, slowed down a path to passage. Majority Leader Schumer set a deadline to get both bills passed by the end of the month, but that looks increasingly unlikely as Democrats remain far from a deal. Progressives and moderates have drawn redlines on tax increases, climate provisions, and means testing, but have remained committed to passing a bill. It is possible that healthcare measures, subsidies for EV cars, and social programs included in the earlier version of the bill would be cut or otherwise impacted to reduce overall cost.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Governor Gavin Newsom had until Sunday, October 10, 2021, to act on the bills that made it to his desk. In total, the Governor signed 772 bills and vetoed 66. The Legislature has adjourned for the year and will be returning on Monday, January 3, 2022.

The Administration continues to work with CMS on the CalAIM proposal. With the newly appointed Department of Health Care Service Director, Michelle Baass and some changes at the Department of Health and Human Services they will continue to work out the details.

The Governor has appointed Kim McCoy-Wade to be his Senior Advisor on Aging, Disabilities and Alzheimer's, a newly created position this year, and Susan DeMarios as the Director of the California Department of Aging. McCoy-Wade was formally the director of the California Department of Aging and DeMarios was the California State Policy director for the Alzheimer's Association.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. Status: Held in Committee
- AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot. Status: Enrollment, on the way to the Governor's desk
- Alameda's Child Care Pilot extension was included in budget bill AB 131 - signed by the Governor
- AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority. Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County

Alameda County Priority Bills

The Governor took final action of the 2021 legislative session and signed the following Alameda County Priority bills:

- AB 43 (Friedman) Traffic safety. Position: Support
- AB 118 (Kamlager) Department of Social Services: C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program. Position: Priority Watch
- AB 480 (Carrillo) Hazardous materials. Position: Support

The Governor vetoed the following Alameda County Priority bills:

- AB 369 (Kamlager) Medi-Cal services: persons experiencing homelessness. Position: Support if amended
- AB 1487 (Gabriel) Legal Services Trust Fund Commission: Homelessness Prevention Fund: grants: eviction or displacement.

Key Dates and Deadlines

Governor's Sign/Veto Deadline – October 10, 2021

Legislature Returns – January 3, 2022

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Request for Legislation position – Action Item

i. [Comment letter on Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility.](#)

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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Recommendation from the PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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