

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

Monday, October 12, 2020
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

Congressional Schedule

The House and Senate are in recess this week, except for the Senate Judiciary Committee which is holding a hearing on the nomination of Amy Coney Barret to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court.

Coronavirus Stimulus/Relief Discussions

Negotiations are stalled between the White House and House Democrats, with the House being told no votes will occur this week. At the same time, Senate Majority Leader McConnell has made clear that his top priority is the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett rather than a stimulus package. The White House responded to the House Democrats' \$2.2 trillion bill with a \$1.8 trillion package on Friday, but Speaker Pelosi has said there are pieces that are still deficient, particularly centered around a national strategic plan for testing, treatment, isolation, and the equitable and ethical distribution of a vaccine once developed.

The Speaker outlined her concerns to House Democrats yesterday:

- Total Funding: The Administration has offered about \$45 billion in new money, which is only about 60 percent of what is needed, according to medical experts. It is not spent strategically.
- Testing: It delays funding to states unless they enter into compacts that require legislative action by each participating state. This will lead to delays.
- Metrics: The definitions for community spread and rate of transmission under the Trump Administration are too low. They are one-tenth of what needs to be recognized to stop the continuing spread of the virus at unacceptable rates.
- Territories and Tribal Communities: The Trump plan offers no support for territories and very minimal support for tribes.
- Communities of Color: The Trump Administration proposal includes nothing to address inequities in COVID incidence and impact on communities of color.
- National Plan: The Trump Administration has no national plan for testing, tracing, and treatment.

SCOTUS Schedule

The Senate Judiciary Committee began the hearing on the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett today. Today's focus was opening statements from all 22 senators, and Ms. Barrett with questioning to begin tomorrow. Hearings are scheduled to run through Thursday if necessary.

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

The Legislature remains on their interim recess until December 7, 2020. Committees are in the process of scheduling and/or holding oversight or informational hearings. Please see below for those that have been set this week.

The Governor continues to hold regular press conferences related to COVID-19 response, wildfire response and management, and beyond. The PS Team continues to monitor and send summaries of these press conferences as the Governor remains incredibly active.

New Department of Public Health Guidance Issued -- Small Group Gatherings

On Friday, October 9, 2020, the State Department of Public Health (DPH) quietly issued guidance for small group gatherings. Up until this point, DPH had indicated that group gatherings were not allowed. Their new guidance says that outdoor, small group gatherings are allowed if attendees are from no more than three separate households -- and that the duration of the event is for under two hours.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, two informational hearings have been scheduled; Senate Labor, Public Employees and Employment Informational Hearing - Moving Beyond Crisis: An Exploration of Ongoing and Future efforts by the Employment Development Department to address the Covid-19 Crisis and Assembly Select Committee on Police Reform Informational Hearing - A Path Forward: Learning from the History of Police Reform.

Governor Gavin Newsom continues to hold regular press conferences throughout the week to update the media and Californians about the state's actions on COVID-19 and the wildfires. On Monday, October 5, 2020, Governor Newsom delivered an update on California's response to the coronavirus, and wildfires.

Governor Newsom discussed how California is working with local governments to combat transmission of COVID-19, which consists of detecting cases with rapid testing, utilizing contact tracing, and offering isolation and quarantine support.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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