

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

**Monday, October 26, 2020  
1:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake**

**Congressional Schedule**

The House is not in session through the General Election. The Senate will recess this evening after the vote on the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett. Both chambers could be called back for a vote with 24 hours' notice.

**Supreme Court**

The Senate will vote on the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett this evening. The vote is expected to pass. The Senate held a procedural vote on Saturday, which passed by a vote of 51-48 with Senators Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins voting with Democrats in opposing moving forward. (Senator Harris did not vote).

**COVID-19 Stimulus**

Little progress was made in talks regarding a coronavirus relief package. It is unlikely that a stimulus bill will be written, voted on, and signed into law by President Trump before the election. Speaker Pelosi said she is waiting for another counter offer today from Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, as she and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows accused each other of "moving the goalposts" in negotiations. Congressional committee staff spent much of the weekend writing relief legislation, but aides in both parties said little progress was made despite the pledges from both sides that they want to quickly deliver \$1,200 stimulus payments to most Americans along with aid to struggling businesses.

**USDA Food Box Program**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week that it has authorized \$500 million for a fourth round of purchases for the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program. USDA expects to award contracts by Oct. 30 for deliveries of food boxes from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. USDA has so far purchased just under \$3 billion worth of food.

This program was created in response to significant workforce losses at restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses. USDA has partnered with national, regional and local distributors, to purchase fresh produce, dairy and meat products from American producers of all sizes.

The program supplies food boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat products and a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products. Distributors package the products into family-size boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits.

**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.

*Monday, October 26, 2020*

The Senate held a Joint Hearing with the Education and Special Committee on Pandemic Emergency Response: K-12 Distance Learning: How are students across the state being served and how are they accessing online learning? Find the agenda and background materials [HERE](#). The hearing focused on addressing the digital divide and increasing communication and connectivity between school districts and families. Please find notes attached.

*Tuesday, October 27, 2020*

The following informational hearings have been scheduled, as indicated below. The PS Team will provide summary after the hearing.

- Assembly Budget Sub 2 Education Finance: The Safe Reopening of California’s Public Schools.
- Assembly Health Informational Hearing: Health Care Affordability: How to Control Costs in California?

*Wednesday, October 28, 2020*

An informational hearing for budget has been scheduled. The PS Team will provide a summary after the hearing.

- Assembly Budget Sub 6 On Budget Process, Oversight & Program Evaluation: COVID-19 in Skilled Nursing Facilities

*Thursday, October 29, 2020*

An informational hearing has been scheduled. The PS Team will provide a summary after the hearing. Assembly Select Committee on Incarcerated Women: Women’s Health and Safety within State Facilities.

**Governor Gavin Newsom**

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.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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