

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

Monday, October 5, 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 Senate is scheduled to meet today. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said over the weekend he will seek consent from Democrats to put the chamber on hiatus for the next two weeks. The change comes amid an outbreak of the coronavirus at the White House and on Capitol Hill. The House is not in session this week, but some committee work is scheduled in both chambers.

Coronavirus Stimulus/Relief Discussions

On Saturday, The President pressed for a deal on another round of pandemic aid to jolt the U.S. economic recovery, saying the country “wants and needs” a fiscal stimulus. Trump tweeted from Walter Reed Hospital about the weeks of partisan deadlock over another stimulus bill. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Friday that negotiations with the White House will press ahead and Trump’s Covid-19 diagnosis might change the tenor of the talks by underscoring the seriousness of the pandemic. Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Sec. Steven Mnuchin spoke by phone today for about an hour, discussing “the justifications for various numbers” in a potential stimulus package and have agreed to talk again tomorrow.

The two sides remain far apart on how much of a boost to provide and what it should target. Democrats in the House on Thursday passed a \$2.2 trillion package, down from the \$3.4 trillion plan they passed in May, as their latest offer. Mnuchin has proposed a plan of about \$1.6 trillion.

Speaker Pelosi said Friday that she would support an extension of relief for airlines either as part of a broader package or as a standalone bill. She previously had resisted any piecemeal approach to the stimulus. Sharp disagreements remain on components of pandemic aid including funding for: state and local governments, testing and tracing, and the level of appropriations in general. There is also disagreement as it relates to Unemployment Insurance, the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.

Census

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh ruled the Commerce Department repeatedly violated her order to keep the census count going until the end of the month. Late Friday, at Koh’s order, a Census official sent a text to all field staff charged with counting the U.S. population to continue operations through Oct. 31, 2020. Commerce Secretary Ross had earlier announced on Twitter that census collection data would end October 5, 2020.

SCOTUS Schedule

Three GOP senators have tested positive for the coronavirus in the past few days and at least eight others are known to have had direct exposure. Several are in self isolation. The infected senators also attended a Senate Republican lunch last week and committee meetings, raising the risk of even wider contagion.

Majority Leader McConnell on Saturday said the fast-track schedule for confirming President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee won't be affected. He said, "The Senate's floor schedule will not interrupt the thorough, fair, and historically supported confirmation process previously laid out" by Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham. Republicans are still planning to hold hearings starting the week of October 12, 2020 and have a vote before the November 3, 2020 election.

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 oversight or informational hearings.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Two informational hearings have been scheduled, as indicated below.

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4 on Budget State Administration — Informational hearing on Employment Development Department: Strike Team Assessment and Recommendations.
- The Senate Special Committee on Pandemic Emergency Response — Oversight hearing on Workplace Health and Safety Issues during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor 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.

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Governor Newsom nominated Judge Martin Jenkins to serve in the California Supreme Court. Last year, Judge Jenkins came out of retirement to serve as the Governor's judicial appointment secretary and, pending confirmation, he will now fill the vacancy left by Justice Ming Chin. In addition to the surprise announcement of his newest appointee to California's Supreme Court, Newsom also shared his expected updates on the state's progress with wildfires, as well as the pandemic.

LAO Overview of CA Spending Plan

The legislative analyst's office has released their yearly California Spending Plan, providing a summary for the 2020-21 Budget Act. Overview includes events throughout the budget process and the figures reflect the administration's estimates of actions taken through June 30, 2020. Find the report [HERE](#).

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Ramos Yamaguchi commented on legislation AB 828 which relates to a foreclosure moratorium.

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