

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

**Monday, November 2, 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 not in session through the General Election. The Senate will return on November 9, 2020. The House will return on November 16, 2020. House Republicans have scheduled their leadership elections for November 17th, while Democrats have scheduled their leadership elections for the 18th and 19th. The Senate has yet to schedule leadership elections.

Appropriations and Continuing Resolution

The continuing resolution runs through December 11, 2020. Congress will most likely pass another CR that will run into next year. The Senate Appropriations Committee plans to publish their FY21 spending bills next week; recall the Senate never marked up its bills in committee much less took them to the full Senate. The House passed all 12 of their bills this summer.

Public Charge

A federal judge in Illinois today struck down the Trump administration's "public charge" regulation. The judge said that the rule violates the Administrative Procedure Act. The Department of Homeland Security argued that the rule should only be vacated in Illinois, but the court said that under the APA when an agency violates the statute's terms the rule must be set aside.

The policy took effect in February after the Supreme Court lifted a preliminary freeze while lower court judges determined its legality.

ACA Case

On November 10, 2020, the Supreme Court will hear arguments on two cases addressing the same issue, the constitutionality of the "individual mandate" portion of the Affordable Care Act. The Supreme Court already upheld its constitutionality in 2012, but in 2017, a Republican-led Congress effectively abolished the individual mandate by lowering the penalty for failing to get healthcare to \$0. That change prompted a group of states, led by Texas, to once again challenge the law.

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 General Election will take place tomorrow, November 3, 2020. In California 20 out of the 40 Senate seats and all 80 Assembly seats are up for election, making this a race to watch. The legislature remains on recess until December 7, 2020 when they will return for an organizational session and swearing in ceremonies.

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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