

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

Monday, November 4, 2019

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**

Appropriations Last week, the Senate passed an initial bipartisan package of bills that would fund key parts of the government, including the Department of Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior-Environment, and Transportation-HUD.

However, a second package to fund the Defense, Labor, HHS and Education Departments failed along partisan lines. According to Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL), funding increases for federal health programs and President Donald Trump’s proposed border wall are the greatest sources of disagreement in the chamber.

The current Continuing Resolution (CR) runs through November 21, 2019. At least one more CR will be necessary; the remaining question is the length of that CR. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have signaled a desire to finalize FY20 appropriations by the end of the calendar year, however the CR ultimately may go into the new year.

**Title IV-E Waiver Extension**

The Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees plan to introduce a bipartisan bicameral bill that would extend the Title IV-E waiver at reduced levels for FY20 and FY21, allowing states to better prepare for full implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act. Ideally, the bill would be included in a larger legislative vehicle that would move before the end of the calendar year. The draft proposal is as follows: ● FY20 -- waiver states would receive 90% of FY19 funding ● FY21 -- waiver states would receive 75% of FY19 funding.

**Impeachment**

The House voted on Thursday to set the rules for public hearings that will begin in the next few weeks. The resolution passed 232-196.

At least 10 additional witnesses have been scheduled or invited for closed-door questioning this week in the impeachment inquiry. That list includes former National Security Adviser John Bolton, who has not yet agreed to testify.

Four depositions were scheduled for today. House committees were scheduled to hear from John Eisenberg, deputy counsel to the president for national security affairs and legal adviser to the National Security Council.

In addition to Robert Blair, assistant to the president and senior adviser to the acting chief of staff; Michael Ellis, senior associate counsel to the president and deputy legal adviser to the NSC; and Brian McCormack, associate director for natural resources, energy and science at the Office of Management and Budget. It was reported last night that none of them would show up to testify today.

House officials have started releasing transcripts of private depositions. Today, testimony from former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch was released along with testimony from former senior State Department adviser Michael McKinley.

## Hearings

On Thursday Morning, the Senate Banking Committee will conduct a hearing entitled “Examining Bipartisan Bills to Promote Affordable Housing Access and Safety.”

### Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

### Request for Legislation position – Action Item

- i. [Letter to Census Bureau regarding the count of unhoused residents](#) – continued from October 28, 2019  
*Recommendation: Support:* Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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- Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

### Informational Item

- i. [Emergency submission of a comment letter \(2-Day comment period- due 10/31/19\) to the State Department in opposition to the presidential proclamation on immigrant health insurance](#)  
*Recommendation: Support:* Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

### Week in Review at the Capitol

The Legislature remains on their fall recess and will return to Sacramento in January of 2020. With the business of bill signing behind the governor, the Administration will now look ahead to the 2020-21 budget. The deadline for the governor’s budget to be released is January 10, 2020. The Administration will need to consider the economic forecast which might result in the sunseting of reinvestments in the state if the revenues are significantly reduced.

The Urban Counties Caucus held a strategy meeting last week that both the PS team and Alameda County staff participated. The goal was to look ahead at both the branding of UCC as well as future accomplishments that could be achieved.

## Governor Gavin Newsom

Governor Gavin Newsom last week released a press release outlining the state's efforts to fight wildfires and protect Californians.

The governor has redoubled his call for fundamental change to PG&E and laid out a path forward to ensure the overly broad application of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) will never happen again.

## County Sponsored Legislation

AB 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes: County of Alameda: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. This bill was signed by the governor on October 11, 2019.

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception. The County co-sponsored bill, AB 944 (Quirk) with the Western Center on Law and Poverty was vetoed by the governor on October 13, 2019. The governor was concerned about investing in new programs in California given we are facing some fiscal shortfalls in the coming years.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters: Counties of Alameda and Orange: City of San Jose. The bill was signed by the governor on September 26, 2019.

## Key Dates/Deadlines

- January 6, 2020 – Legislature Reconvenes
- January 10, 2020 – Budget must be submitted by the governor

## Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State update**

## Request for Legislation position – Action Item

- i. **SB 378 (Weiner) Electrical corporations: de-energization events: procedures: allocation of costs: reports and other similar legislation which would allow counties to seek reimbursement for costs incurred during PSPS events**

*Recommendation: Support SB 378 and other measures that would reimburse the County for costs associated with Public Safety Power Shutoff events:* Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, County Administrator's Office

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- Other:

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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