

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

**Monday, January 11, 2021
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

Schedule

Although originally scheduled to be out of Washington, the House is in session this week. The Senate is not in session.

House 25th Amendment and Impeachment Actions

The House will spend the majority of this week responding to the violent takeover of the Capitol last Wednesday. Their efforts began today, with Representative Jamie Raskin introducing a resolution giving Vice President Mike Pence a 24-hour timeline to invoke the 25th amendment and remove the President from office with the support of a majority of senior members of the Trump cabinet. The House attempted to pass the resolution by unanimous consent, but it was blocked in the House by Representative Alex Mooney, forcing a vote that has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

House Democrats also formally introduced an Article of Impeachment today. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced that the House will meet Wednesday to vote on impeaching the President.

Georgia Election Results

Senator's Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue have conceded their elections to Senators-elect Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff. They will have to wait until Georgia's election results are certified later this month before they can be sworn into office. Georgia law gives Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger until Jan. 22nd, to certify the results. Senator David Perdue's seat is vacant as of January 3, and will remain vacant until Senator-elect Ossoff is sworn in. Once they are sworn in, the Senate will be split 50:50, with Vice President Kamala Harris casting the tie-breaking 101st vote in her role as Senate President.

Election Implications - Budget Reconciliation

Under almost all circumstances, legislation in the Senate requires 60 votes before they are considered on the floor. Budget reconciliation presents Democrats with an opportunity to pass legislation with only a simple majority in the Senate. Because Congress did not pass a budget resolution in 2020, Democrats will have two opportunities in 2021 to pass legislation with a simple majority. Priorities for Congressional Democrats include COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus, tax policy, healthcare, and infrastructure.

As a reminder, Republicans used reconciliation in 2017 in an unsuccessful attempt to repeal most of Obamacare and then later to successfully pass their massive tax overhaul.

Transition

Attorney General (DOJ) - Judge Merrick Garland

Secretary of the Department of Commerce - Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo Secretary of the Department of Labor - Boston Mayor Marty Walsh

Small Business Administration Administrator - Isabel Guzman CIA Director - William Burns

Biden COVID-19 Relief Proposal

President Elect Biden will unveil a stimulus proposal on Thursday of this week. The measure will include funding to improve the vaccine rollout, extending unemployment benefits set to expire in March and April, action on housing and rental relief, additional aid for small businesses, and sending out \$2,000 stimulus checks. President-elect Biden also said his relief package would focus on investments regarding infrastructure and health care.

SBA Reopens PPP Portal to Community Financial Institutions

Today, the Small Business Administration re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan portal today at 9 am ET for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs), Certified Development Companies (CDCs) and Microloan Intermediaries for First Draw PPP. A First Draw PPP loan is for those borrowers who have yet to receive a PPP loan before the program closed in August 2020.

On Jan. 13, 2021, participating CFIs may begin submitting application information to SBA for Second Draw PPP loans. A Second Draw PPP loan is for certain eligible borrowers that previously received a PPP loan, generally have 300 employees or less, and have suffered a 25% reduction in gross receipts. At least \$15 billion is set aside for additional PPP lending by CFIs. Additional lenders will be able to submit First and Second draw PPP loan applications to SBA in the coming days.

Emergency Rental Assistance

The Department of the Treasury released initial guidance on the Emergency Rental Assistance portion of the latest COVID-19 relief legislation. The guidance is limited in scope, and further information is expected with FAQs from Treasury in the coming days and weeks.

Ninety (90%) percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs and arrears, and other expenses related to housing. The remaining 10% of funds are available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, as well as administrative costs. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional 3 months if the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability. Funds must be used by December 31, 2021.

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

Capitol Update

The Legislature has returned to the Capitol today following the adjournment of session back in August, and have already scheduled floor sessions and committee hearings throughout the week.

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The Assembly Budget Committee has scheduled a hearing with the subject of “Governor’s Proposed 2021-22 Budget Overview Adoption of Committee Rules.”

Thursday, January 14, 2021

The Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee has scheduled a hearing for Thursday, January 14, 2021, to hear urgency legislation, SB 29 (Umberg) Elections: vote by mail ballots.

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee has scheduled an information hearing on the “Overview of the Governor’s 2021-22 Proposed Budget.”

Department of Finance – Trailer Bill language

The Department of Finance has posted proposed trailer bill language for the Governor's education proposal, fee waivers for Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, fee waivers for certain licensees of Dept. Alcoholic Beverage Control, Child Care Family Fee & Extended Care Clean-Up, Reallocation of Unspent COVID Relief Funds, and Golden State Stimulus.

Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor’s Budget was submitted on Friday January 8, 2021, two days before the constitutional deadline. The PS team is now working with County staff to review the impacts this budget has on County constituents and will reach out to the delegation to make them aware of any considerations related to this budget.

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Governor Newsom delivered his virtual COVID-19 update alongside CHHS Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly and Government Operations Agency Secretary Yolanda Richardson. The Governor highlighted 1,878 state and federal staff have been deployed to support the state’s COVID-19 response, to date, with an emphasis placed on expanding the availability of contract staff to support inundated hospitals around California.

To date, 2,466,125 vaccine doses have been shipped to sites throughout California, and 783,456 doses have been administered. The state has set a goal to administer an additional 1 million vaccinations by this coming weekend. Doses will be administered to vulnerable populations and essential workers – specifically healthcare workers, vaccinators, and residents of long-term care facilities. Newsom also released an updated list of providers authorized to administer vaccinations including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, dentists, National Guard strike teams, paramedics, and EMTs.

California Health and Human Services Agency

The California Health and Human Services held a stakeholder conference including last Friday that included Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly and Department Directors. The topic of the meeting was to discuss Governor Gavin Newsom's 2021-2022 Budget.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 22, 2021
- Last day for bills to be introduced – February 19, 2020

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III. Proposed County sponsored/co-sponsored legislation – *Action Items*

i. Food Prescription Pilot

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

ii. Hospital Authority Enacting Legislation

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

iii. Alameda County Individual Subsidized Child Care Pilot through Urgency Legislation or State Budget

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services, Agency

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 Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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