

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

Monday, January 27, 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**

The House returns from a weeklong recess today. The Senate continues proceedings in the impeachment trial.

**Impeachment**

The President's lawyers will continue to make arguments on the Senate floor today. After arguments conclude, members of the Senate will have 16 hours to ask questions to both the House impeachment managers and the President's legal staff. After the question period expires, the Senate will debate for four hours whether to consider additional witnesses and testimony. An agreement to call witnesses would likely extend the length of the trial, while a rejection of the proposal could lead swiftly to votes on a final verdict.

**Infrastructure Plans to be Released**

House Democrats will unveil their infrastructure plans this week. The plan will tie together priorities from the Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce committees, according to an outline of the surface transportation portion of the bill that was released last week. The surface transportation bill will propose authorizing about \$20 billion per year over current spending levels. The Ways and Means Committee meets Wednesday to start discussing financing options for the proposal with state and local officials. Text of the proposed bill will likely not be released for several months.

**Public Charge**

The Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to begin enforcing the public charge rule by a vote of 5-4. Under the rule, immigration officials could deny green cards or visas to legal immigrants if they have used Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers, or other safety-net programs, or if they're considered likely to do so. Roughly 544,000 people apply for green cards annually. According to the government, 382,000 are in categories that would make them subject to the new review. The rule will likely take effect soon, but appeals will on the merits will continue.

**Administration Health Care Threats**

On Friday, the Trump Administration threatened in a violation notice to cut off some federal funds to California unless it drops a state mandate that private health insurers cover abortion. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS determined after an investigation that California violated the law by mandating abortion coverage. Governor Newsom has indicated that the state policy will not change.

If California remains in violation of the Weldon Amendment by ending its requirement that all health care plans cover abortion, this complaint will be forwarded to HHS funding components for “further action under applicable grants and contracts regulations,” which may result in the loss of certain HHS funds.

### **Military Force Authorization Votes**

The House will consider legislation from Rep. Barbara Lee to repeal the 2002 authorization for the use of force in Iraq, which was intended to enable the removal of Saddam Hussein, but is still used today to justify the use of American military force in Iraq. The House will also take up legislation from Rep. Ro Khanna to prohibit the use of federal funds for military action in or against Iran absent Congressional authorization. Both pieces of legislation will be included as amendments to H.R. 550, an unrelated bill. Rep. Lee’s text is based on her earlier bill H.R. 2456, and Rep. Khanna’s is based on his H.R. 5543.

**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.

### **Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

**i. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Rules Regarding the Frequency and Notice of Continuing Disability Reviews**

*Recommendation: **Oppose:*** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

[Attachment](#)

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

## **II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions**

Last week both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees, along with the Legislative Analyst’s Office and Department of Finance, held informational hearings to discuss the Governor’s 2020-21 proposed budget.

On Thursday, January 23, 2020, the Appropriations Committees in both houses held their Suspense File hearings ahead of the two-year house of origin deadline. The Suspense File is reserved for bills deemed to have an annual cost of more than \$150,000. Bills that passed out of committee will be headed to the Floor in their house of origin.

The Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services held an informational hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, on “Rate Study and Reform in the Developmental Services System.”

On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, Supervisor Chan’s office, Political Solutions, and CAO staff held a meeting/conference call to discuss state legislative priorities and advocacy strategy.

## Governor Gavin Newsom

- 1/23/2020 Governor Newsom joined Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, local officials, and over 100 volunteers at the annual Downtown San Diego Partnership and Regional Task Force on Homelessness “We All Count” point-in-time count.”
- 1/22/2020 Governor Newsom announced that Los Angeles County will be the second partner to receive travel trailers and medical services tents as part of his executive order on homelessness. Last week, Oakland received these resources as part of the Governor’s executive order accelerating state action on homelessness.
- 1/21/2020 Governor Newsom visited the San Francisco Transbay Terminal during the National Governor’s Association (NGA) infrastructure summit.

## Medi-Cal Healthier California For All (Formally CalAIM)

Medi-Cal Healthy California for All discussions continued last week. The workgroups were focused on substance use disorder (SUD) issues and how to incorporate those into the new waiver as it relates to behavioral health.

## Behavioral Health Task Force

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, the California Health and Human Services Agency announced the formation today of Governor Gavin Newsom’s Behavioral Health Task Force to address the urgent mental health and substance use disorder needs across California. The panel will advise the Administration’s efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention. Applications for membership to the Behavioral Health Task Force are due by February 7, 2020.

## Master Plan for Aging

The Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee held their third meeting last week. Numerous topics were discussed including Local Plan Models and Long-Term Services and Supports. The California Department of Aging will be more policy focused. The Master Plan for Aging launched a new, user-friendly website which might be a good resource. The address is: <https://www.engageca.org/>

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## Informational Item

- Letter of Support for Emergency Order to Increase Medical Baseline Participation**
- AB 683 (Carrillo) Medi-Cal eligibility**  
*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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