

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

**Monday, January 4, 2021  
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**

**Schedule**

The House is in session this week, and is currently voting on House rules for the 117th Congress. Yesterday, the House reelected Nancy Pelosi as Speaker. The Senate convened on Sunday as well, but is out of D.C. until Wednesday when they reconvene in a joint session to formally count the votes of the Electoral College.

**House Rules Change**

The House re-adopts its rules every two years at the beginning of a Congress and the majority usually takes the opportunity to make changes to the chamber's operations as part of that package. This package largely keeps the rules in place from the 116th Congress with a few changes. Several members were pushing for a rules change to eliminate a longstanding pay-as-you-go provision that requires legislation that would increase the deficit to be offset by cuts. The rules package does not get rid of PAYGO, but it does provide the Budget Committee chair with the authority to declare legislation providing economic and health responses to the pandemic, as well as measures designated to combat climate change, as having no cost — effectively a PAYGO exemption.

**Tomorrow's Election**

Tomorrow's election in Georgia will decide the majority in the Senate. Rev. Raphael Warnock faces Sen. Kelly Loeffler, and Jon Ossoff challenges Sen. David Perdue. If both Democrats win, the Senate would be split 50-50, with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris serving as the tie breaking 101st vote.

**Transition**

Most top-ranking positions at major government agencies have been filled. Outstanding announcements include Attorney General (DOJ), Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Secretary of the Department of Labor, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and Director of the CIA.

**1115 Waiver Extension**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration (Medi-Cal 2020), to allow the state and CMS to continue working together on approval of a longer term extension. The waiver will now expire on December 31, 2021.

## Census

The Census Bureau missed its Dec. 31 deadline for reporting data used to determine congressional seats, potentially hindering Trump's effort to exclude some undocumented immigrants from the figures used to divvy up House seats. The Census Bureau said it is aiming to deliver its population counts for House apportionment "in early 2021, as close to the statutory deadline as possible." This is the first time the bureau will miss the deadline since its 1976 implementation. In early December, the House Oversight Committee released documents from the Census bureau showing that the data may not be delivered until late January, after President-elect Biden is inaugurated.

## COVID Relief Bill: Local Government Assistance

Direct aid to state and local governments was not included in the most recent COVID-19 relief package. However, language was included to extend the CRF expenditure deadline through December 31, 2021. There are still funds available for state and local governments.

### *Rental Assistance & Eviction Moratorium*

The package extends the CDC's eviction moratorium until January 31, 2021 and establishes a \$25 billion emergency rental assistance program through the Department of Treasury. Local governments representing populations over 200,000 are eligible for direct allocations. We are still waiting for guidance from Treasury to provide an accurate estimate of the County's allocation. Eligible households are defined as renter households who have a household income not more than 80 percent of the area median income, have one or more household members who can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and have one or more household members who qualify for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic. Assistance would be prioritized for renter households with incomes that do not exceed 50 percent of AMI as well as renter households who are currently unemployed and have been unemployed for 90 days.

### *Food Assistance*

The bill provides \$26 billion for nutrition assistance. \$13 billion is included to increase SNAP benefits by 15% for six months, provide additional funding for food banks and senior nutrition programs, and to ensure college students have access to SNAP.

### *Child Care*

The bill provides \$10 billion in emergency funds for the child care sector through the CCDBG program. These funds maintain the flexibility given to states through the CARES Act and can be used to provide child care assistance to families, and to help child care providers cover their increased operating costs during the pandemic. The bill also includes \$250 million for Head Start providers.

### **Purpose:**

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

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

### Capitol Update

The Legislature was originally scheduled to return today but due to efforts to slow the spread in the Capitol, the Assembly and Senate have pushed back their return date to Monday, January 11, 2021. Although they have set this new date, we are hearing that the start of session may potentially be pushed back again even further.

## Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor must submit the January budget by Sunday, January 10, 2021. Although the deadline is on Sunday, the Governor is expected to release the budget on Friday, January 8, 2021. The PS Team will work with County staff to identify priorities for the County.

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Governor Newsom, joined by California Health & Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, gave an update on the state's continued response to COVID-19. The Governor highlighted issues with oxygen supply and the strain currently being felt in LA and the San Joaquin Valley. Due to this strain, the state has created a state oxygen team and a 5-part Statewide Oxygen Strategy to include mitigation/awareness, technical assistance, bulk oxygen support, home oxygen support and hospital discharge support, and state oxygen system procurement.

Additionally, the Governor shared that California is aggressively working to accelerate the pace of vaccine administration by more directly engaging healthcare system that have additional vaccine distributors to include: dentists, pharmacy tech, National Guard members, a new Pharmacy program, and clinic and doctor partnerships.

### KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Legislature Reconvenes – January 11, 2021
- Budget must be submitted by Governor – January 10, 2021
- Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 22, 2021
- Last day for bills to be introduced – February 19, 2021

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### III. 2021-2022 Alameda County Legislative Platform amendment regarding pretrial funding [Attachment](#)

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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