

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

Monday, February 8, 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 and Senate are in session this week. The House is in a committee work week and will focus on markups of the pandemic relief package, and the Senate will see the beginning of President Trump's second impeachment trial and continue working on the confirmations process.

**Presidential Cabinet Confirmations**

Last week, the full Senate confirmed Pete Buttigieg to be Transportation Secretary (86-13) and Alejandro Mayorkas to be Homeland Security Secretary (56-43). Senate Committees held confirmation hearings last week for Miguel Cardona for Education Secretary, Michael Regan for EPA Administrator, and Marty Walsh to be Labor Secretary. Linda Thomas-Greenfield for UN Ambassador, Jennifer Granholm for Energy Secretary, Tom Vilsack for Agriculture Secretary, Gina Raimondo for Commerce Secretary, Denis McDonough for Veterans' Affairs and Marcia Fudge for HUD Secretary were advanced to the full Senate for confirmation. Neera Tanden's hearings to be director of the Office of Management and Budget are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

**COVID Relief Package and Budget Resolution**

The House voted 219-209 on Friday to adopt the same budget resolution senators had approved 51-50 early that morning. The resolution serves as an outline for Biden's coronavirus relief plan, providing reconciliation instructions that could allow senators to pass the final bill with a simple majority rather than 60 votes. With the budgetary portion of the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package completed, House and Senate committees will spend this week marking up the legislation itself. Twelve House authorizing committees are directed to draft their portions of the bill and send it to the Budget Committee by Feb. 16, with an expectation of a floor vote by the week of February 22.

The current schedule for the House panels is as follows:

- Education and Labor: Feb. 9th, afternoon
- Transportation and Infrastructure: Feb. 10th, 11 a.m.
- Financial Services: Feb. 10th, 12 p.m.

- Agriculture: Feb. 10th, 2 p.m.
- Small Business: Feb. 11th
- Veterans Affairs: Feb. 11th
- Energy and Commerce: Feb. 11th
- Oversight and Reform: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ways and Means: Feb. 10th, 11th and 12th

Speaker Pelosi has expressed confidence that the House will be done with their work and ready to send the bill to the Senate by the end of next week. The rapid pace is due in large part to the fact that Democrats want to provide boosted unemployment benefits by the time current measures expire on March 14. So far, House committee prints have been released by the Committees on Education and Labor, Financial Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

The House Education and Labor Committee have also released a Fact Sheet and a Section-by-Section document. The Ed and Labor section of the reconciliation package includes a provision that would increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25/hour to \$15/hour by 2025 and guarantees that tipped workers, youth workers, workers with disabilities are paid the full federal minimum wage. It is unlikely if this increase will pass muster under the Byrd rule. The draft also includes \$130 billion to help K-12 schools safely reopen, extend P-EBT by \$5 billion, and subsidize COBRA insurance for newly unemployed individuals.

The House Financial Services Committee draft includes \$10 billion to use the Defense Production Act to produce masks and other Covid-19 equipment, \$25 billion for rental assistance, and \$5 billion in emergency housing vouchers and \$5 billion in homelessness assistance.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee draft includes \$30 billion in additional relief for the transit sector, \$1.5 billion for Amtrak and \$8 billion for U.S. airports as part of the stimulus package The

### **Child Tax Credit**

Democrats will be taking the next steps in their effort to expand the Child Tax Credit this week. Today, top Democrats will today introduce a one-year measure that would allow for monthly payments to families with children, worth \$300 per child for kids under 6, and \$250 per child for dependents between 6 and 17. Democrats will also introduce a permanent expansion of the child credit along those same lines. The Democrats' one-year proposal would delay any payments until July, to give the IRS time to get into position to deliver monthly payments. It is believed that this might be included in the budget reconciliation process that Democrats are using to pass the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill.

#### **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**

For the Legislature, budget subcommittee hearings are scheduled throughout the week. The hearings on the Assembly side are noted as "informational" meaning no action will be taken.

Also of note is the informational hearing scheduled for Wednesday where the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review and Assembly Emergency Management Committees will delve into COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Legislators continue to introduce bills as we head toward the February 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Governor is scheduled to hold a press conference today at the San Diego mass vaccination site. Proposed budget trailer bill language continues to be released and can be accessed on the Department of Finance web site.

*Monday, February 8, 2021*

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health & Human Services has scheduled a hearing on the subject of “Health Focus: Pandemic Response and Readiness – Public Health Infrastructure: Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Authority, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Department of Health Care Services.”
- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 On Public Safety has scheduled an Informational Hearing on “Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of the Inspector General.”
- The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 5 has scheduled a joint informational hearing on the “Audit of Employment Development Department’s Performance and Management Related to Californians Unemployed by COVID-19 Shutdowns.”

*Tuesday, February 9, 2021*

- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration has scheduled an Informational Hearing on a number of budget issues related to various state departments.
- The Assembly Elections Committee will meet on Tuesday to hear the following urgency legislation:
  - o SB 29 (Umberg) Elections: vote by mail ballots.
  - o Position: Priority Watch
- The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing to discuss the Department of Social Services: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Housing and Homelessness Programs.

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*

- The Assembly has scheduled a Joint Hearing with the Accountability and Administrative Review and Emergency Management Committees on the subject of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.
- The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government has scheduled a hearing to discuss the following items: State Treasurer, Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, CA Achieving a Better Life Experience Act Board, Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Franchise Tax Board, Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee number 5 on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor, Employment and Transportation will hold a hearing related to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

*Friday, February 12, 2021*

- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee number 3 on Health and Human Services will hold a hearing related to the Department of Public Health specifically focused on the Center for Infectious Diseases, the Center for Health Care Quality, the Center for Healthy Communities, the Center for Family Health and the Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

## **Governor Gavin Newsom**

Governor Gavin Newsom joined local San Diego officials in a visit to the region's Petco Park – the site of the California's first COVID-19 vaccination superstation. Accompanied by Mayor Todd Gloria, County Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten, County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, San Diego Padres CEO Erik Greupner, as well as Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly, Newsom reviewed progress with the state's vaccination efforts and also shared the latest information on California's struggle with the pandemic.

## **LAO Publication on DPH's COVID-19 Response**

The Legislative Analyst's Office has posted a report titled "The 2021-22 Budget: California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Response."

## **KEY DATES & DEADLINES**

- Last day for bills to be introduced – February 19, 2021
- Spring Recess – March 25, 2021

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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