

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

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

The House and Senate are in session this week.

Emergency Coronavirus Funding

Lawmakers will ramp up discussions this week of a supplemental spending package to help the Administration prepare for and respond to the coronavirus epidemic. The House and Senate are working to release a bipartisan bill early this week with billions of dollars for vaccine development and masks for health care workers. We expect members of both parties to support these measures. Negotiators have discussed a supplemental funding measure that would provide between \$6 billion and \$8 billion. Speaker Pelosi said in a letter on Saturday that she hopes to bring the measure to the House floor for a vote this week. She stressed that the measure must contain new funding, not transfers from other accounts, and must directly reimburse state and local governments.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee announced it will hold a hearing tomorrow on the outbreak of COVID-19. The briefing will present an opportunity to hear from officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration and HHS about steps that federal, state and local health officials are taking to respond to this public health threat and prevent the potential spread of disease in the United States.

Affordable Care Act

This morning the Supreme Court said it will take up a Republican challenge to Obamacare, likely later this year (possibly fall). A ruling would likely come in 2021, post election. Earlier this year, Democrats requested that the Supreme Court fast-track the case, but that request was denied. This legal challenge was brought by Texas and a coalition of red states in early 2018, after Congress eliminated Obamacare's tax penalty for not having health insurance while leaving the rest of the individual mandate in law. The states argued that made the rest of Obamacare unconstitutional, since the Supreme Court previously upheld the mandate on the basis of Congress' taxing power. A panel of federal appeals court judges found the law unconstitutional but declined to make a ruling that would invalidate the entirety of the Affordable Care Act.

Many legal observers expect Chief Justice John Roberts will join with the court's four Democrat-appointed justices to uphold Obamacare. He wrote opinions affirming the law in the two previous major Obamacare challenges that went to the Supreme Court.

Budget Hearings

Several budget hearings are scheduled for the FY21 appropriations process, including:

Wednesday, March 4

9:30am, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler testifies before the House Interior-Environment Appropriations subcommittee.

10:00am, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao testifies before the Senate Transportation-HUD subcommittee.

10:00am, NIH Director Francis Collins testifies before the Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee.

10:30am, HUD Secretary Ben Carson testifies before the Transportation-HUD subcommittee.

Thursday, March 5

10:00am, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies before the Senate Labor-HHS-Education appropriations subcommittee.

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

Last week the Political Solutions team visited the County and met with Supervisors Carson, Chan, Miley, and Valle, as well as department heads, and CAO staff. The meetings were extremely informative and served as an opportunity for the PS team to learn more about district and department specific priorities.

Budget Subcommittees

This week the budget subcommittees in each house will begin meeting to review the Governor's proposed budget.

Monday, March 2, 2020 The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services will hold a hearing on issues related to the Department of Public Health, including the coronavirus.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety will hold a hearing on issues related to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Election Day.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 The Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, and the Senate Governmental Organization Committee will hold an oversight hearing called "California Is Not Adequately Prepared to Protect Its Most Vulnerable Residents from Natural Disasters."

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services will hold a hearing on issues related to the Department of Developmental Services.

Thursday, March 5, 2020 The Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 on Health & Human Services will hold a hearing on issues related to IHSS, SSI/SSP, APS, and the Department of Aging.

The Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration and General Government will hold a hearing on issues related to the Department of Housing Community Development.

The Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 on Corrections, Public Safety, and the Judiciary will hold a hearing on issues related to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

County Sponsored Priorities

On Friday, February 21, 2020, Assemblymember Bonta introduced AB 3118 – Medically supportive food and nutrition services, related to Food as Medicine (FAM). The Father-Friendly Principles resolution will be introduced in the next few weeks by Assemblymember Chu.

Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor focused this last week on wrapping up his homelessness tour which concluded in San Jose. He joined Mayor Sam Liccardo to meet with residents that recently moved into tiny cabins at a Bridge Housing Community site in San Jose.

Governor Newsom also held a press conference to highlight the state's response to the novel Coronavirus. He was joined by Dr Gilbert, the Department of Health Care Services Director, the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency, Dr. Ghaly, and public health officials.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **AB 2368 (Quirk, Mathis) Contractors: discipline; illegal dumping**
Recommendation: Support: Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors
- ii. **AB 2456 (Ting) Cannabis: model local ordinance**
Recommendation: Support: Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors

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- Other:

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

Informational Item

- i. **SB 803 (Beall) Mental Health Services: peer support specialist certification**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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