

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

Monday, April 20, 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 currently out of session until Monday, May 4. However, the Senate has scheduled a pro forma session tomorrow in the hopes the latest package will be finalized and ready for a vote. Majority Leader Hoyer announced yesterday that the House could be required to return to vote as early as Wednesday.

Coronavirus Relief - Phase 3.5

The House, Senate and Administration continue talks on a package known as 3.5 with the centerpiece being additional funding for the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program. Leadership is hopeful a deal could be finalized in order for the Senate to vote tomorrow during a pro forma session. The House could vote as early as Wednesday.

Menendez/Cassidy Proposal for States and Locals

Last week the National Governors' Association led by Governors Cuomo and Hogan requested \$500 billion in relief for State and local governments to avoid cutting essential services. Today, Senators Menendez (D-NJ) and Cassidy (R-LA) released a \$500 billion proposal for state and local assistance.

The proposed legislation expands eligibility for direct funding to include counties and towns with populations of 50,000 or greater. The current threshold is 500,000. The proposal ensures every eligible entity receives additional funding, increases flexibility for states and local governments to use the funds to plug revenue losses due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and targets additional funding toward coronavirus hot zones to combat the pandemic head-on.

Supreme Court to allow additional brief on coronavirus in DACA case

The National Immigration Law Center, in conjunction with cities, counties, labor unions, and universities, was granted the opportunity to file a supplemental brief highlighting DACA recipients' contributions to "employers, civil society, state and local governments, and communities across the country, and especially by healthcare and other essential services providers," during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Purpose:

- ☐ Report progress
- ☐ Advocacy or Education
- ☐ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- ☒ **Other: Federal Update**

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature and the Administration remain focused on COVID-19 management and response. The Legislature is currently adjourned under a joint COVID-related recess until May 4, 2020, legislators and staff continue working remotely on priority issues. The Legislature is currently set to reconvene on May 4, if necessary, the joint recess may extend beyond that date.

All previously scheduled committee hearings have been postponed/cancelled during the joint recess. As hearings are rescheduled, the PS team will work with County staff to determine the impacts on County priorities related to Vision 2026 and your 10X goals.

At this time, it is still unclear how bill packages, budget items, and the legislative calendar will be affected by the COVID-19 related recess. The PS team continues to monitor the situation and will keep County staff apprised of any new developments.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 6 on Budget Process, Oversight, and Program Evaluation is meeting on Monday, April 20, at 10am. The subject of the informational hearing will be “Oversight of COVID-19 Response Expenditures.” While in person attendance is strongly discouraged, for those that choose to attend, strong physical distancing guidelines will be strictly enforced.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation will meet on April 27th at 10am. The subject of the informational hearing is “COVID-19 Recovery and Economic Stimulus.”

Governor Gavin Newsom

- On Friday, April 17, 2020 signed an executive order that allows for temporary waivers to certain foster youth programs to ensure continuity of care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The executive order will allow county child welfare agencies and probation departments to perform necessary functions using alternative processes other than face-to-face interactions.
- April 18, 2020 announced that the State of California has reached agreement with the Motel 6 chain to make available all of its corporate-owned locations to counties, effective immediately, with a master agreement template. Counties have the option to adopt the operating agreement for the locations within their jurisdiction, if they so choose.
- On Friday, April 17, 2020, CSAC, UCC, and a coalition of county partners sent a letter to the Governor stating the need for federal funds to flow based upon frontline service responsibilities, while reminding the Administration of the fact that counties are the lead safety net provider in the state.

Budget

The Department of Finance will be proceeding with a "workload" budget. Any new budget increases will be examined through the lens of COVID-19 response. The PS team will continue to keep the County apprised of the situation and will provide an update once we have official word on what the budget process will look like, including the schedule.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

DHCS has published additional and/or updated guidance for providers, beneficiaries, and the public related to COVID-19. Additional updates will be posted to the DHCS COVID-19 resource page.

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None.

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