

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

**Monday, April 26, 2021
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

Schedule

The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will meet for committee work, but no floor votes are planned.

Joint Session of Congress Address

President Biden will address a joint session of Congress on Wednesday. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only around 200 people will attend the event in person. President Biden's main focus will be details of his American Families Plan. That proposal, featuring the biggest expansion of federal support for lower-income and middle-class Americans in decades, will be offset by a series of tax increases on the wealthy.

Build Back Better: The American Families Plan

The White House is preparing to unveil the second half of their Build Back Better agenda in the form of a roughly \$1.8 trillion spending and tax plan this week that includes many of President Biden's campaign promises. When combined with the American Jobs Plan, the approximately \$4 trillion in new spending would amount to being among the most ambitious government overhauls of the economy in decades.

As of now the proposal will include hundreds of billions of dollars for national childcare, prekindergarten, paid family leave and tuition-free community college, among other domestic priorities. The plan would also extend the robust child tax credit included in the American Rescue Plan until 2025, a measure that could cost as much as \$400 billion. As of last Friday, White House officials were planning to include a controversial provision that would provide around \$200 billion to extend an increase in health insurance subsidies through the Affordable Care Act exchanges. The plan will be at least partially funded by about a half-dozen tax hikes on high-income Americans and investors.

President Biden and White House officials have been adamant that the tax hikes used to pay for a portion of the Build Back Better agenda would not hit anyone earning under \$400,000 per year. The key tax changes are expected to include increasing the top tax rate from 37 percent to 39.6 percent; taxing investment gains from capital income at ordinary wage rates for those earning more than \$1 million; and imposing a higher tax on assets when they are transferred at death, among other provisions.

The Biden administration will try to get the Build Back Better agenda through Congress possibly by choosing to package the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan together or pass them individually.

Census Apportionment

Today, the Census Bureau released its count of state populations, reshuffling the 435 House seats among the 50 states to account for population changes over the last decade. Texas will gain two seats. Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon will also each gain a seat. Because the size of the House has been capped since 1911, seven slow-growing states: California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia will each lose a seat. This marks the first time in California's history that the state will lose a seat in the House of Representatives. The apportionment count will also alter each state's representation in the Electoral College.

The average House seat will now represent 761,169 people, up from 710,767 from 2010. The Census also announced that the total U.S. population stands at 331,449,281 people, a 7.4% growth since 2010, but the second-slowest growth decade in U.S. history. The Census Bureau will release data that shows the growth in population centers that will guide states in redrawing their congressional district maps later this year.

Republican Infrastructure Proposal

The main Republican criticism of President Biden's infrastructure proposals are that they are too expensive and too broad. Last Thursday, Senate Republicans outlined their own infrastructure proposal focused solely on transportation, broadband and water systems. The GOP package would cost \$568 billion, only about a quarter of the cost of President Biden's more than \$2 trillion package.

The Republican plan includes:

- \$299 billion for roads and bridges
- \$65 billion for broadband
- \$61 billion for public transit
- \$44 billion for airports
- \$35 billion for drinking water and wastewater systems
- \$20 billion for railways
- \$17 billion for ports and inland waterways
- \$14 billion for water storage
- \$13 billion for safety measures

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

The Legislature's policy committee deadline for all fiscal bills is on Friday, April 30, 2021.

The first batch of the Census data is due to be released later today, the Legislature continues to work on this issue and the impact on locals and elections for 2022.

Monday, April 26, 2021

- The Senate Environmental Quality Committee met to hear the following legislation:
SB 59 (Caballero) Cannabis provisional licenses: local equity applicants. - Position: Priority Watch
Vote: 6-0 moves to Senate Appropriations
- The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 1512 (RBK) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area:
Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. - Position: PAL Support, BOS Pending

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

- The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 244 (Archuleta) Lithium-ion batteries: illegal disposal: fire prevention. - Position: PAL Support
BOS Pending
- The Assembly Public Safety Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) Peace officers: minimum qualifications. - Position: Priority Watch
- The Assembly Health Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry) Telehealth. - Position: Priority Watch

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

- The Assembly Natural Resources Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 7 (Atkins) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental
Leadership Act of 2021. - Position: Priority Watch
- The Assembly Local Government Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 115 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development. - Position: Priority
Watch
AB 339 (Lee) Local government: open and public meetings. - Position: Priority
- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 92 (Budget) Juvenile Justice. - Position: Watch

Thursday, April 29, 2021

- The Senate Housing Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 6 (Caballero) Local planning: housing: commercial zones. - Position: Priority Watch
SB 12 (McGuire) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires. - Position: Priority Watch
SB 63 (Stern) Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire
hazard severity zones: forest management. - Position: Priority Watch
- The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee will meet to hear the following
legislation:
AB 71 (Rivas) Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act. - Position: Support

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. -Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – hearing date
April 28th
- AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency. - Status: Assembly Education Committee – hearing
date April 28th
- AB 924 (Bonta) Alameda Health System: hospital authority. - Status: Referred to Assembly Local
Government Committee – awaiting hearing date
- Assemblymember Wicks will be taking over AB 924

May Revise

The Administration is actively working on the May Revise, which will be released the week of May 10, 2021. Due to the Personal Income Tax deadline being pushed to May 17, 2021, the May revise will not have a complete picture of California's budget situation.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Policy Committee Deadline for fiscal bills – April 30, 2021
- Special Primary Election for AD-54/Kamlager Seat - May 18, 2021
- Special Election – July 20, 2021
- Policy Committee Deadline for non-fiscal bills – May 14, 2021
- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 21, 2021
- Floor Session Only – June 1-June 4, 2021
- House of Origin Deadline - – June 4, 2021

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 328** (Chiu) **Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program**

Recommendation: Support if amended: Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation
Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office

ii. **SB 234** (Wiener) **Transition Aged Youth Housing Program**

Recommendation: Support: Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation
Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office

iii. **State FY2021-22 Budget Request: Flexible Funding for County Human Services Department – Administered Housing Programs**

Recommendation: Support: Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

iv. **State FY2021-2022 Budget: Child Welfare Services- Family First Prevention Services Act**

Recommendation: Support if amended: Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

v. **2021-22 Budget Request –Adult Protective Services (APS) and Home Safe Programs**

Recommendation: Support: Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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