

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

Monday, May 3, 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 is in a committee work week with no votes scheduled. The Senate is out of session.

President's Address to a Joint Session of Congress

Last week, President Biden delivered his first joint address to Congress, highlighting the Administration's actions to vaccinate Americans, deliver help to American families, and make investments to rebuild the economy in the wake of the pandemic.

On healthcare, the President said that he would work with Congress on authorizing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with manufacturers and use savings to shore up the Affordable Care Act. He also said that he supported efforts to permanently extend enhanced tax credits included in the American Rescue Plan and expand Medicare coverage benefits. He also called for the creation of a new agency to develop breakthrough health-related technologies, ARPA-H, modeled after DARPA within the Defense Department.

On immigration, President Biden called on Congress to pass bipartisan reform, including a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants - specifically for Dreamers, TPS holders and for farmworkers - and called for more investment in Northern Triangle countries to address the root causes of migration to the Southern border.

On gun control, President Biden called for legislation to improve policing across the United States and to restrict access to high-powered firearms.

The President also introduced the American Families Plan as part of the Administration's Build Back Better agenda. The plan makes investments in children, families, and America's economic future and focuses on bolstering middle-class prosperity through investments in education, health care, and childcare. In his address, he laid out a sweeping proposal for universal preschool, two years of free community college, \$225 billion for childcare and monthly payments of at least \$250 to parents.

The American Families Plan

The President outlined the second half of his Build Back Better agenda in the form of a roughly \$1.8 trillion spending and tax plan this week that includes many of his campaign promises. When combined with the American Jobs Plan, that accounts for approximately \$4 trillion in new spending. This is a proposal delivered by the president and not legislation introduced in Congress.

For any of these proposals to become law, they would have to pass Congress either through reconciliation or through regular order, subject to the 60-vote threshold in the Senate. Congressional leaders have not yet indicated which direction they plan on taking to pass the President's ambitious agenda.

The proposal includes hundreds of billions of dollars for national childcare, prekindergarten, paid family leave and tuition-free community college, among other domestic priorities. The American Families Plan extends the Child Tax Credit increases in the American Rescue Plan through 2025 and makes the Child Tax Credit permanently fully refundable. The plan also includes a proposal to increase health insurance subsidies through the Affordable Care Act exchanges and calls on Congress to create a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave program.

President Biden laid out a plan to pay for these priorities through tax hikes on individuals earning \$400,000 per year including returning the top marginal 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.

Border Wall Project Cancellation

The Pentagon said Friday it had canceled projects related to the Trump administration's border wall and was returning money that the previous president directed to the project to defense programs. The Department of Defense is proceeding with canceling all border barrier construction projects paid by funds initially intended for other military missions, such as schools for military children, overseas military construction projects in partner nations, and the National Guard and Reserve equipment account.

President Biden halted construction of the border wall through an executive proclamation on the first day of his presidency.

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

This Friday, May 7, 2021, marks the policy committee deadline for non-fiscal bills, hearings including Alameda County priority bills. Additionally, both houses have scheduled budget subcommittees throughout the week.

Monday, May 3, 2021

The Senate Appropriations Committee met to hear the following legislation:

- SB 16 (Skinner) Peace officers: release of records.
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - Outcome: Moved to Suspense File
- SB 32 (Cortese) Energy: general plan: building decarbonization requirements
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - Outcome: Moved to Suspense File
- SB 45 (Portantino) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Floor Protection Bond Act of 2022
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - Outcome: Moved to Suspense File

- SB 234 (Wiener) Transition Aged Youth Housing Program.
 - Position: PAL Support BOS Pending
 - Outcome: Moved to Suspense File
- SB 799 (Glazer) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-tesla Expansion Area.
 - Position: Support
 - Outcome: Moved to Suspense File
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The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety has schedule a hearing related to all departments, including the Department of Justice various budget proposals.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:

- AB 53 (Low) Election Day holiday.
 - Position: Priority Watch
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The Assembly Appropriations 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 Senate Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

Thursday, May 6, 2021

The Senate Budget Subcommittee No 3 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

The Senate Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Corrections has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions.

- Status: Referred to Suspense File

AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency.

- Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – awaiting hearing date

AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority.

- Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County

May Revise

The May Revise is scheduled to be released in the next couple of weeks. California is positioned well financially. With personal income taxes due May 17th, the State will have a better understanding of the over financial picture.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- 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
- Special Primary Election AD-18/Bonta Seat – June 29, 2021

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- Other: State update**

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. AB 1009 (Bloom) Farm to School Food Hub Program

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 3

ii. SB 464 (Hurtado) California Food Assistance Program: eligibility

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 3;
Lori A. Cox, Director, Alameda County Social Services Agency; Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care 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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