

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

Monday, July 29, 2019

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 of Representatives is in recess and will return to the Capitol on September 9, 2019. The Senate will be in Washington this week before heading into recess until September 9, 2019.

Budget Deal and Appropriation

Congress and the White House came to an agreement on a budget deal last week. H.R. 3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 will suspend the federal debt limit through July 31, 2021, increase discretionary spending caps \$320 billion over two years, and avert the final two years of automatic discretionary spending cuts under the 2011 Budget Control Act. The Senate will take up the bill this week before Senators leave for their August recess and send it to the President to be signed into law.

Once the Senate returns to Washington after Labor Day, the Appropriations Subcommittees will begin work on fiscal year 2020 spending bills. Lawmakers have until September 30, 2019 to pass all 12 spending bills or pass a continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown. The House has passed 10 out of 12 of those bills.

SNAP/TANF Rule Changes

The proposed rule change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) requirements was published last Wednesday. The Trump administration is framing it as closing an administrative loophole in the food stamp program. State governments have been allowing what they have called a “broad-based categorical exemption” that allows for a much greater number of people to qualify for food stamps.

Food stamp benefits were set for those making no more than 130% of the poverty level. “Broad-based categorical eligibility” allows for people who receive other benefits to automatically qualify for SNAP benefits. Estimates show that this rule change would force as many as 3.1 million people off of food stamps. The new rule restricts automatic eligibility to those who receive at least \$50/month in TANF benefits.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released its draft of the surface transportation bill today. The bill would authorize \$287 billion in highway spending, 90 percent of which - \$259 billion - would be distributed to States under formula allocations. They will mark it up tomorrow before the Senate leaves for the August recess. No Senate vote is expected to occur before they leave for recess.

The bill funds infrastructure improvements, safety developments, infrastructure resiliency programs, and emissions reduction and carbon sequestration efforts, among other things. The bill also includes \$1 billion in grant funding for charging stations for electric vehicles and alternative fueling infrastructure.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

Request for Legislation position – Action Item

i. Comment on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) – Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA Programs or Activities

Recommendation: Oppose rule change: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Wilma Chan, District 3, Board of Supervisors

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Week in Review at the Capitol

The Senate and Assembly continue to be on their summer recess with the Legislature reconvening on August 12, 2019. Upon their return in August, they will have until September 12, 2019, to complete their business for the first year of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session.

Last week there were questions pertaining to how funding will be rolled out as a result of AB 101, the housing and homelessness budget trailer bill. The Governor's staff has shared with the lobbying team that they are working on a rollout plan with NOFAs expected this fall. Homelessness will be dependent on HUD's release of the official PIT counts, which will likely be in October/November.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Late last week, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a press release in which he condemned news that the Trump administration plans to resume executions in federal prisons.

The Governor issued a press release last week regarding clean emissions standards. As the Trump administration prepares to roll back emission standards for light-duty cars and trucks, a consortium of automakers and California have agreed on a voluntary framework to reduce emissions that can serve as an alternative path forward for clean vehicle standards nationwide. The framework supports continued annual reductions of vehicle greenhouse gas emissions through the 2026 model year, encourages innovation to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles, and provides industry the certainty needed to make investments and create jobs.

County Sponsored Legislation

AB 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes: City of Fremont: County of Alameda. e AB 723 has been successfully amended to include the County in this bill, which will allow the County to go to the voters should it decide to increase sales and use tax by .5%. This bill passed out of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, and will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee when they return in August.

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKS: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.

The County's co-sponsored bill, AB 944 (Quirk) with the Western Center on Law and Poverty, was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 1, 2019, and was referred to the Suspense File, which will be taken up prior to the August 30, 2019, fiscal deadline.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters: Counties of Alameda and Orange: City of San Jose.

The County's co-sponsored bill, AB 143, was heard on May 1, 2019, in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, on the consent calendar. The bill was double referred to Senate Housing Committee and Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The bill was heard on Monday, July 1, 2019, in Senate Appropriations Committee and placed on the Suspense File to be taken up prior to the August 30, 2019, fiscal deadline.

The Political Solutions team continues to work with Assemblymember Eggman's office on identifying a legislative vehicle related to the Valley-Link issue (amendment to AB 758) in concert with Supervisor Haggerty's staff.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **AB 175 (Gipson) Foster care: rights**
Recommendation: Support if amended: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
- ii. **AB 189 (Kamlager-Dove) Child abuse or neglect: mandated reporters: autism service Personnel**
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
- iii. **AB 593 (Carrillo) Unemployment insurance: use of information: public workforce development programs**
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Phyllis Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services
- iv. **AB 807 (Bauer-Kahn) CalWORKs eligibility, income expenses**
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
- v. **AB 1019 (Frazier) Apprenticeship: developmentally disabled persons**
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- vi. **AB 1118 (Rubio) Land use: general plan: livability for older adults**

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

vii. [AB 1377](#) (Wicks) CalFresh

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Phyllis Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services*

viii. [AB 1382](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Master Plan for Aging

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency*

ix. [SB 611](#) (Caballero) Housing: elderly and individuals with disabilities

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

x. [SB 228](#) (Jackson) Master Plan for Aging

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position

Other:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Rodriguez spoke about representing her aunt who is under the care of the Public Guardian, she is alleging abuse and isolation. Supervisor Carson directed her to Social Services Agency staff and the Social Services Committee. The Social Services Agency will follow up after the meeting.

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