

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

Monday, September 14, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Administration Building

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5<sup>th</sup> floor

County

1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake**

**Congressional Schedule**

Congress has returned from their August recess. Last week the House focused on committee work, while the Senate held a few floor votes. Both chambers will hold floor votes this week and will be in session through September.

**House Agenda**

The House plans a week of votes as lawmakers return to the floor, with plans to consider several measures under expedited procedures. The floor schedule later this week includes three bills from the House Education and Labor Committee addressing diversity in education (H.R. 2639), racial discrimination (H.R. 2574), and pregnant workers' rights (H.R. 2694), as well as a resolution targeting anti-Asian bigotry related to coronavirus ( H. Res. 908 ).

**FY21 Appropriations Update**

A continuing resolution to fund the government through at least the general election may be necessary to avoid a shutdown. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Speaker Pelosi have agreed to a "clean" CR, meaning it will not include items either side would view as political poison pills. Republicans are pushing for a December end date, while Democrats are pushing for a January end in anticipation of a change of Administration. The House will likely take up the bill the week of September 21, 2020.

**Expiring Authorizations**

There are several expiring authorizations that will need to be extended in addition to the CR.

*Sept. 30:*

- Payroll Support Program for aviation workforce under the CARES Act
- National Defense Authorization Act
- Surface transportation authorization (FAST Act) - likely will be a one-year extension
- National Flood Insurance Program
- National Institutes of Health authorization
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Childcare and development block grants
- VA and Labor department authorizations related to veterans' health care and homelessness

Nov. 30:

- Health extenders
- TANF

Dec. 31:

- Alcohol and energy-related tax extenders
- Several coronavirus pandemic response programs

### **Coronavirus Stimulus Discussions**

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin began this month by stating that there was bipartisan support for a coronavirus relief package of some sort, but there have been few substantive conversations. Democrat leaders have agreed to come down to \$2 trillion from \$3 trillion as their topline number for a relief package, but the Senate has been unwilling to budge.

The Senate proposed a “targeted” package last week. While at about \$500 billion it was short of the \$1 trillion the party had previously proposed. The bill did offer supplemental unemployment insurance payments and an extension of help to small businesses trying to minimize layoffs, but it was blocked.

### **Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Changes and Response**

The National Governors Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, International City/County Management Association, US Conference of Mayors, and the Council of State Government wrote a letter on September 10<sup>th</sup> to Department of the Treasury Deputy Inspector General Richard Delmar to indicate their concerns of the oversight and regulatory processes for the Coronavirus Relief Fund which was established by the CARES Act.

The complaint stemmed mainly from the conflicting guidance coming from the Department of the Treasury and the Office of the Inspector General at the Department of the Treasury. Treasury has been publishing rolling guidance that is periodically updated in the form of a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document to address questions or matters regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund regarding conflicting information on payroll costs for public health and safety employees.

### **Hearings This Week**

House Committee on Financial Services Hearing: “Prioritizing Fannie's and Freddie's Capital over America's Homeowners and Renters? A Review of the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” at 12:00 p.m.

#### **Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
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- Other: Federal Update**

### **Informational Item**

- i. Request to Extend Critical Child Nutrition Waivers Through Next School Year**  
[Attachment](#)

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature has completed the 2019-2020 legislative session as of August 31, 2020 and have now returned to their districts. The Governor has until September 30, 2020 to sign or veto any bills (nearly 400 total) that have been sent to his desk. There continues to be speculation about the possibility of a special session. However, the Governor has continued to defer when asked publicly during his press conferences. California continues to wait and see what Congress does related to the \$14 billion that was built into the 2020-2021 budget and the trigger cuts.

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks continues to make headlines after bringing her one-month old daughter to the Assembly Floor for votes and a speech on the last day of session highlighting the complexities of working mothers (in general -- and in the Legislature). She penned a column calling for leave expansion, wage replacement, and job protection, among others.

### Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor has almost 400 bills on the way to his desk for consideration. Additionally, he continues to hold press conferences at noon to update the media and Californians about the state's actions on COVID-19 and the wildfires.

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President Trump visited California today to be briefed on the deadly and destructive wildfires burning across California. He was joined by Governor Newsom as well as other state, county, and local representatives. Governor Newsom and President Trump both stressed that they have a good working relationship despite their differences. President Trump said that he returned Governor Newsom's calls very quickly and took swift action to give major disaster declarations and send in federal resources.

### November Ballot Initiative Numbers

Secretary of State **Alex Padilla** released the official numbers for 2020 ballot initiatives:

**Proposition 14:** Authorizes stem cell bonds.

**Proposition 15:** "Split roll" change to lift commercial property tax

**Proposition 16:** Constitutional amendment to remove voter-passed prohibition on affirmative action in university admissions, public hiring and contracting.

**Proposition 17:** Constitutional amendment allowing felony parolees to vote.

**Proposition 18:** Constitutional amendment allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primaries and special elections if they will be 18 for the general election.

**Proposition 19:** Constitutional amendment allowing elderly and disabled Californians, and wildfire victims, to retain lower property tax rates when they change properties.

**Proposition 20:** Rolls back sentencing and parole reforms enacted via Propositions 47 and 57.

**Proposition 21:** Removes statewide constraint on local governments enacting rent control.

**Proposition 22:** Allows gig tech companies like Uber and DoorDash to continue classifying their drivers/delivery people as independent contractors.

**Proposition 23:** Authorizes new regulation of kidney dialysis clinics.

**Proposition 24:** Expands California's online consumer privacy law.

**Proposition 25:** Referendum to overturn California's prohibition on cash bail.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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