

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

**Monday, January 28, 2019  
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

Location: **Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5<sup>th</sup> floor**  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Summary/Action Minutes**

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

The House and Senate are in session this week. This is the first week of the 116th Congress that the government is funded and as a result, we can expect the House and Senate to begin to focus on other issues. The House will focus on passing several non-controversial bills under suspension of the rules. The Senate will vote on S. 1, a package of bills related to the Middle East. Part of the legislation includes a provision that would allow U.S. state and local governments to adopt and enforce measures against entities or contractors that engage in a boycott, divestment, or sanctions (BDS) activity targeting Israel.

The House Judiciary Committee plans to hold a hearing tomorrow on H.R. 1, For the People Act, the House Democrats ethics package intended to undo the effects of recent campaign finance rulings, in addition to addressing gerrymandering, voting rights, election security and the partisan deadlock on the Federal Election Commission.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee is expected to begin holding hearings shortly on climate change, the Affordable Care Act and pre-existing conditions as well as oversight of family separations at the U.S.-Mexico border.

**FY19 Appropriations**

After the President signed the three-week continuing resolution (CR) on Friday evening ending the 35-day government shutdown, negotiations will begin in earnest as Members try to come to an agreement on funding for border security before the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The first formal meeting of the Homeland Security Appropriations conference committee will be on Wednesday. The House and Senate named a total of 17 conferees over the weekend which includes Representative Barbara Lee.

*Federal Employee Back Pay*

Although it depends on each agency and how their payroll is distributed, federal workers will begin receiving their back pay this week. OMB Director and Acting White House Chief of Staff, Mick Mulvaney, indicated that all federal employees should begin receiving their back pay as early as Tuesday with the hope that all employees will be paid by Friday.

*Federal Contractors*

House Democrats, led by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), introduced the Low-Wage Federal Contractor Employee Back Pay Act of 2019 (HR 339) on January 8 to guarantee back pay to low-wage federally contracted retail, food, custodial and security service workers not getting paid during the federal government shutdown. Norton introduced a version of the bill during the last government shut-down and has introduced it in past Congresses whenever a threat of a government shutdown loomed. (Reps. Khanna and Lee have signed on as co-sponsors).

Senate Democrats also introduced legislation on January 16 which would guarantee back-pay for certain government contractors. The Fair Compensation for Low-Wage Contractor Employees Act (S.162) would apply to contractors covered by the Service Contract Act (which governs federal service projects) and the Davis-Bacon Act (which governs federally-funded construction projects). The legislation guarantees up to \$965 per week in back pay to contractors who have been furloughed, laid off, or experienced a reduction of hours or compensation due to the shutdown. The legislation would also restore any leave that contractors were forced to use during the shutdown. (Sens. Feinstein and Harris have signed on as co-sponsors).

### **TANF Extension**

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Extension Act of 2019 (H.R. 430) was signed into law by President Trump on Thursday, January 24. The legislation extends appropriations through June 30, 2019 for TANF program grants to states. The House originally passed the bill on January 14 on a voice vote while the Senate passed it a week later on January 22.

### **Attorney General Confirmation**

The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to hold a vote tomorrow on the nomination of William Barr to be the next Attorney General. Under committee rules, any Senator could request a delay of the vote until the next meeting, or seven calendar days, whichever is later. This is the more likely scenario and we expect the nomination to be considered by the Committee the week of February 4. Mr. Barr's nomination is expected to pass the Committee and will be taken up by the Senate during the week of February 11.

### **Hearings**

The House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing tomorrow on "Examining the Actions of Drug Companies in Raising Prescription Drug Prices." Simultaneously, the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing on "Drug Pricing in America: A Prescription for Change, Part I."

#### **Purpose:**

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

#### **Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

i. **[H.R. 430](#) (Neal) TANF Extension Act of 2019**

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

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

## **II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions**

### **Federal Government Shutdown – Impacts on California**

Speaker Rendon sent a letter to the Governor urging him to address the shortfalls caused by the Federal Government Shutdown. Governor Newsom urged federal workers to apply for unemployment benefits.

The Administration had planned to potentially work with local food banks to ensure that there will be access to food each Friday and had also urged landlords to not take action against their tenants who have not been paid due to the shutdown in an effort to keep federal employees in their homes.

### **Governor Newsom Appointments**

Governor Newsom announced the appointment of California's first-ever surgeon general, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris. Dr. Burke Harris will focus on combating the root causes of serious health conditions and use her office to reach young families across the state.

Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Kris Perry as Deputy Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency for Early Childhood Development and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Implementation of Early Childhood Development Initiatives.

The Governor also announced three appointments to the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery. The five-member commission was established within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research as a result of last year's Senate Bill 901 (SB 901). The Governor appoints three members to the commission while the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint one member.

The Governor's appointees include:

Dave Jones, 57, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery. Jones served as the California Insurance Commissioner from 2011 to 2019. P

Michael A. Kahn, 69, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery. Kahn has been of counsel at Crowell and Moring LLP since 2009 and was senior counsel at Folger Levin and Kahn LLP from 1979 to 2009.

Carla Peterman, 40, of Oakland, has been appointed to the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery. Peterman served as a member of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2013 to 2018.

### **Governor Newsom's Juvenile Justice Reform Proposal**

Governor Newsom's juvenile justice reform proposals are part of his broader "California for All" agenda. The "California for All" agenda is based on his belief that the California Dream should be accessible to everyone, not just the privileged few. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$2 million to provide matching funds for a California/AmeriCorps federal grant. This will support 40 half-time AmeriCorps members in organizations assisting youth released from the Division of Juvenile Justice. The proposed budget also includes more than \$100 million for screenings for adverse childhood experiences and early childhood trauma, and developmental screenings -- early interventions that help keep kids out of the criminal justice system.

### **Addition to the Democrat Party**

Assembly Member Brian Maienschein (D-San Diego) changed his party affiliation from republican to democrat last week. The democrats now occupy 61 of the 80 seats in the California State Assembly. "Leaving the Republican Party is not easy. I can either keep fighting to change the Republican Party or I can fight for my constituents. I choose to use my energy and skills for the people I represent."

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

January 28, 2019 – UCC Board Meeting

January 29, 2019 – Assembly Budget Committee Budget Overview Hearing

February 22, 2019 – Deadline for Bills to be Introduced

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**Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

**i. [AB 143](#) (Quirk-Silva) Shelter Crisis: homeless shelters of 2019**

*Recommendation: Amend to Co-Sponsor and Support:* Alameda County Homelessness Council

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

**III. 2019-2020 Alameda County Legislative Platform – Action item (continued from January 14, 2019)**

*Recommendation: Support and recommend to the full Board for adoption:* Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, County Administrator’s Office

[Attachment](#)

Supervisor Keith Carson thanked the staff for their work on the Legislative Platform.

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**IV. 2019 County Priorities (continued from January 14, 2019)**

*Recommendation: Support and recommend to the full Board for adoption:* Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, County Administrator’s Office

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Supervisor Keith Carson thanked the staff for their work on the 2019 County Priorities.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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