

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

Monday, October 16, 2023

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 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 Senate will work on nominations and confirmations, including a new U.S. Ambassador to Israel. House Republicans will try to elect a speaker. The House has been without a Speaker for the past 13 days.

Speaker of the House

Last week, the House Republican Conference selected Majority Leader Steve Scalise as their nominee for the speakership. He defeated Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan. The House Republican Conference held a new vote on Friday to determine their next nominee and selected Jim Jordan (124-81) over Representative Austin Scott. Jordan is pushing for a floor vote on his speakership bid tomorrow regardless of whether Jordan has 217 votes in his favor. The plan is to get members on record on how they will vote. There are 433 actively serving members of the House, 221 Republicans and 212 Democrats. If every member votes, the threshold for a victory for either side is 217.

Over the weekend, there was some discussion that moderate Republicans could join with Democrats and coalesce behind a compromise candidate. There have been few substantive discussions about this over the weekend, and it still remains unclear how many Republicans would be on board with the idea as well as what concessions Democrats would request. If Jordan fails to secure the votes for the speakership, these talks may gain ground.

Senate Action on Israel

This week, the Senate is expected to take actions related to the war between Israel and Hamas. On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to hold a confirmation hearing for Jack Lew, the President's nomination for U.S. Ambassador to Israel. There will likely be some opposition from some Senate Republicans as they feel like the Biden Administration has taken too soft of a stance on Iran and Jack Lew's work on the Iran Nuclear deal will likely come up. Mr. Lew held several positions in the Obama Administration including OMB Director, Chief of Staff, and Secretary of Treasury.

The Biden Administration is also scheduled to provide a classified briefing to the entire Senate on Wednesday on the conflict in Gaza. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) announced over the weekend that he will work with the Administration on an aid package supplemental. Leader Schumer just returned from traveling to Israel where he met with top officials including the Prime Minister.

IRS Postpone Tax Deadlines for CA Taxpayers

Today, the Internal Revenue Service again postponed tax deadlines for most California taxpayers to November 16, 2023 for their 2022 returns. The deadline had originally been pushed back to October 16 as a result of last year's natural disasters, including severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. Fifty-five of the state's 58 Counties (excluding Lassen, Modoc, and Shasta counties) qualify. To check if your address qualifies for tax filing relief, the current list of eligible localities can be found [here](#)

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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