

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

Monday, October 2, 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 returns to session today and the Senate will be back in session tomorrow. The House canceled its recess and plans to work on appropriations bills this week and next.

**Government Funding**

House Speaker McCarthy (R-CA) moved a clean continuing resolution (CR) to the floor, it passed with bipartisan support under a suspension vote (avoiding a rules battle that the Speaker most likely would have lost). The measure was signed into law by President Biden before the fiscal year deadline, temporarily averting a government shutdown. The bill funds the government through November 17th, while also reauthorizing statutory authorities of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the end of the calendar year, several health care extenders (including funding community health centers) and extending the flood insurance program. The measure includes \$16 billion for disaster relief but removed any funding for Ukraine.

The bill passed the House 335-91, with 90 Republicans and one Democrat voting against the measure. The Senate voted 88-9 to pass the bill late Saturday, with nine Senate Republicans voting against it.

**Motion to Vacate the Chair**

The House will now try to focus on considering their remaining Appropriations bills. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) is threatening to offer a Motion to Vacate the Chair. This motion would spur a vote for McCarthy's removal, and with this tight majority, just a few Republicans joining with Democrats could unseat him. Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) says they have not given it any thought. Speaker McCarthy has support from a large majority of his Conference, the question remains whether the Democrats all vote in favor of the motion. Then, Rep. Gaetz will only need three other Members (barring any absences) to succeed.

**Senator Dianne Feinstein Passes Away at the Age of 90**

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), the longest-serving female US Senator, died on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. Governor Gavin Newsom has quickly announced that Laphonza Butler will replace the late Senator. Butler is currently the president of Emily's List and has been a longtime Democratic activist. She has been a labor leader in California, including serving as president of SEIU Local 2015 and as a partner at political consulting firm SCRB Strategies, in which she advised and represented Uber in its dealings with organized labor. The appointee will fill the remainder of the term running through next November's election.

The Governor's office said that there will be no precondition that this appointment is a caretaker role, and that Ms. Butler is free to run for a full term if desired. Ms. Butler is expected to be sworn in by midweek.

Currently, Democratic Congress Members Adam Schiff, Barbara Lee and Katie Porter are among those running for the Senate seat.

**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 – WITHDRAWN**

**Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

**i. AB 781 (Maienschein) Accessibility to emergency information and services: shelters: persons with pets**

**Recommendation: Support:** Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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