

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

**Monday, November 30, 2020
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

Congressional Schedule

The Senate is in session and scheduled to be in Washington until December 17. The House was scheduled to return on Tuesday, but instead will return on Wednesday. House Majority Leader Hoyer requested that members remain in Washington through the weekend to complete all legislative business before the end of next week.

Appropriations

The continuing resolution funding the government runs through December 11. Appropriations Subcommittee and Committee staff are working in earnest to complete the appropriations process. It is anticipated that they will reach agreements on some, but not all, of the appropriations bills and may need a continuing resolution (CR) for some of the more controversial appropriations bills, like DHS. There is a bipartisan group of moderate Senators who are calling for additional COVID-19 relief to be included in this round of appropriations, though a large spend is unlikely.

Census

The Supreme Court heard arguments today on whether President Trump will be able to exclude undocumented Americans from the census population count. Three lower Federal courts in New York, Maryland, and California have already ruled that President Trump lacks that authority. During arguments this morning, several of the court's conservative justices seemed highly skeptical of the constitutionality of the president's move. The Constitution requires the counting of "the whole number of persons" in each state.

Last year the Supreme Court rejected Trump's efforts to add a citizenship question to the census, Trump issued a memo in July asking the Census Bureau to subtract undocumented immigrants from the count for the purposes of the reallocation of the nation's House districts. Advocates sued, and after a lower court blocked Trump's memorandum, the president went directly to the Supreme Court.

Biden Transition Announcements

President-elect Biden received his first daily intelligence briefing today. He also announced the first ever all-female White House Communications team and confirmed that Janet Yellen would be his pick for Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

Purpose:

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

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

The Legislature has announced that the Assembly will be holding their swearing-in ceremony at the Golden One Center in Sacramento while the Senate will conduct the ceremony in the Senate Chambers. Guests and family members will not be permitted on the Senate floor for the ceremony. The Legislature continues to hold informational hearings on a variety of topics, those scheduled this week have been noted below.

Additionally, the Urban Counties Caucus will hold their Board meeting this week on Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:00pm.

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The Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management held an informational hearing “Emergency Response to Disasters – Emergency Alerts and Evacuations.” The panel provided consisted of Tina Curry from the Governor’s office on Emergency Services along with multiple fire chiefs, Butte County Sheriff, City Manager of Malibu representing the League, Sonoma Supervisor for CSAC and Nevada County emergency staff for Rural Counties. Throughout the presentations we heard state and local perspectives on current alert warning and evacuation methods, issues with these systems and how they can be improved.

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Legislature Meets for Organizational Session/Swearing-In Ceremonies – December 7
- Statutes take effect – January 1, 2021
- Legislature Reconvenes – January 4, 2021
- Budget must be submitted by Governor – January 10, 2021
- Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 22, 2021

Monday, November 23, 2020

The Senate Health Committee held an informational hearing titled “COVID Care: The Role of Private Insurance.” The focus of the hearing was largely on how different COVID guidance’s from multiple departments have led to confusion on billings and who determines whom is an essential worker. Also, of importance was discussion on vaccine storage, distribution, and health plan coverage.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Dr. Ghaly provided an update on the state’s COVID-19 response, announced tier changes, reviewed potential impacts on hospitals and went over guidelines for the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Ghaly remains concerned as cases are growing faster than ever.

In addition to the regular Tuesday tier update, Governor Newsom hosted a virtual Social Innovation forum this afternoon. The Governor was joined by philanthropic and corporate leaders during the symposium. During the symposium the Governor issued the first-ever Social Innovation Impact Report – the report highlighted public-private partnerships which have supported the state’s housing efforts and COVID-19 response efforts.

Governor Gavin Newsom

With the spike in COVID-19 cases, 51 counties have been moved backwards in the tiered reopening plan and the Governor has instituted a statewide curfew for purple-tier counties from 10 pm to 5 am. The Governor continues to hold regular press conferences related to COVID-19 response and beyond. The PS Team continues to monitor and send summaries of these press conferences.

Monday, November 30, 2020

Governor Newsom provided an update on COVID-19 case rates, vaccine distributions, the state's health care capacity, current county tier statuses, and the amount of state relief that will be provided to California businesses.

Current projections show that roughly 12% of daily COVID-19 cases will be hospitalized 2 weeks after reporting. Also, hospitalizations could increase 2-3 times the current amount in only one month. 10-30% of current hospitalizations will eventually require ICU care and respiratory support. If these trends continue, California will take drastic action, including a potential Stay-at-Home Order for regions with concerning hospitalization and ICU capacities.

Approximately 327,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses are expected to be distributed in mid-December and the second dose is expected to be available within three weeks after the first.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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