

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

1:30 p.m.

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Vacant**

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 is in session and this evening will begin debating the rules package that was delayed as Republicans worked last week to elect Speaker Kevin McCarthy. The Senate is on recess until January 23, 2023.

FY23 Appropriations

Last month, Congress closed out the year by passing the \$1.7 trillion FY23 omnibus spending bill. The \$1.7 trillion fiscal year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations bill includes \$772.5 billion for non-defense discretionary programs, including \$118.7 billion in VA medical care and \$858 billion in defense funding. The bill includes \$44.9 billion in emergency assistance to Ukraine and our NATO allies and \$40.6 billion to assist communities across the country recovering from drought, hurricanes, flooding, wildfire, natural disasters, and other matters.

All earmarks included in the House and Senate bills were also included in the FY23 omnibus. The omnibus spending package includes the community project funding request of \$1.4 million to construct a food hub in Livermore (Rep. Swalwell) and \$2 million to create a national pilot modeled off of Alameda's Food as Medicine program (Rep. Lee).

Speaker of the House Election and House Rules Package

After 15 rounds of voting, late Friday night Representative Kevin McCarthy was officially elected to serve as Speaker of the House in the 118th Congress.

The battle between Mr. McCarthy and the freedom caucus members that were resisting his election led to McCarthy offering a further amended rules package. This package contains highly controversial measures, such as: allowing a single member to force a "motion to vacate" the Speakership, a provision that allows lawmakers to propose amendments to appropriations bills, mandating a 72-hour window for members to read bills before a vote, and a commitment to vote on legislation on term limits for Congressional members.

With the negotiations between McCarthy and freedom caucus members being private, it is speculated that freedom caucus members will receive increased influential committee appointments, such as Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH) who is expected to be the new House Judiciary Committee Chair.

Some of the rumored concessions include:

- Efforts to raise the debt ceiling must be paired with spending cuts
- Move 12 appropriations bills individually instead of an Omnibus
- Restore the Holman Rule, which can be used to reduce the salary of government officials or target a particular program
- More Freedom Caucus representation on influential committees
- Cap discretionary spending at fiscal 2022 levels
- Create an investigative committee to analyze the “weaponization” of the federal government
- McCarthy aligned super PAC agrees not to engage in open Republican primaries in safe seats

Mr. McCarthy will attempt to pass the House Rules package this evening. Following the rules package vote, repealing the funding for the Internal Revenue Service will be their first order of business.

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

The Governor is expected to release the state budget tomorrow, January 10th, as mandated by California’s Constitutional Deadlines. The January Budget will set discussions in motion between the Administration and Legislature. As a reminder, the Governor will submit an updated budget in May, also referred to as the “May Revise.”

Presidential Emergency Declaration

On Sunday, January 8th, Governor Gavin Newsom placed a request to the White House for a Presidential Emergency Declaration. The declaration will allow for the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate all disaster relief efforts and provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures. President Joe Biden has approved the request and “declared that an emergency exists in the State of California.”

Alameda County Delegation

The Senate and Assembly have released committee membership for the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The following Alameda County Delegation Members have been appointed in leadership positions:

- Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Senate Budget Committee, Chair
- Senator Steven Glazer (D-Orinda), Senate Elections Committee, Chair
- Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Hayward), Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair
- Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D-Oakland), Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety, Chair
- Assemblymember Alex Lee (D-San Jose), Assembly Environment Committee, Chair
- Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland), Assembly Housing Committee, Chair
- Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee, Chair

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Governor Must Submit January Budget – January 10, 2023
- Last Day to Submit Bill Requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 20, 2023
- Bill Introduction Deadline – February 17, 2023
- COVID-19 State of Emergency Set to End – February 28, 2023
- Spring Recess Begins – March 30, 2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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