

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

Monday, February 27, 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**

Both the House and Senate return from recess and are in session this week.

**Food as Medicine Roundtable with Secretary Becerra and Congresswoman Barbara Lee**

Last Friday, Congresswoman Barbara Lee hosted HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and a roundtable of panelists at the Wilma Chan Highland Hospital Campus to discuss the successes of Alameda County's food as medicine program, Recipe4Health, and efforts to scale food as medicine at the national level. Supervisor Tam participated as well as Dr. Steven Chen from Healthcare Services and Hilary Bass from DSAL.

**FY24 Budget and Appropriations process**

The FY24 budget and appropriations process is underway with the Biden Administration and with Congress. President Biden is expected to submit his FY24 budget request to Congress next Thursday, March 9th. Congress has also begun their work on appropriations bills and are beginning to set their deadlines for requests over the next month. House Republicans continue to discuss capping spending levels back to FY22 levels, which will require big cuts in discretionary spending and will complicate the process as appropriators will have to find over \$100 billion in cuts.

The Senate Appropriations Committee released its guidance last week, which is very similar to last year. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to release its guidance as soon as tomorrow.

**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.

## Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. [Submit Comment Letter for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\): Revisions in the Women, Infants, and Children Food Packages](#)

*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

- ii. [S. 24 \(Feinstein\) Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act](#)

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

- iii. [Submit Letter of Support for Modification to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program formula to support funding for Energy Programs](#)

*Recommendation: Support:* Kimberly Gasaway, Director, General Services Agency

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

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Almost three years after Governor Gavin Newsom declared a COVID-19 State of Emergency in California the Emergency Order is set to end tomorrow, February 28. This decision was announced in October of 2022 with the intention of allowing health care systems to handle potential surges and giving adequate time for state and local partners to prepare for the phaseout. The Federal Government has also announced their plans to end the COVID-19 National Emergency and Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023.

In Sacramento, Budget Subcommittee Hearings have taken over the daily file as we inch closer and closer to the Governor’s May Revise. Below is a list of hearings this week, of importance to the County:

- Monday – Senate Budget Committee Informational Hearing: Review of Housing and Homelessness Programs in California
- Monday - Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety
- Tuesday - Assembly Health and Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 1 on Health and Human Services Joint Informational Hearing: Mental Health Initiatives
- Thursday – Senate Budget Subcommittee No 3 on Health and Human Services
- Thursday – Senate Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety

### Key Dates & Deadlines

- COVID-19 State of Emergency Set to End – February 28, 2023
- Spring Recess – March 30-April 10, 2023
- Policy Committee Deadline for Fiscal Bills – April 28, 2023
- Policy Committee Deadline for Non-Fiscal Bills
- May 5, 2023
- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 19, 2023

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- Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State update**

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**Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

**i. County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) Legislative Proposal: IHSS Outreach to Immigrant Populations**

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

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- Other: Federal Update

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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