

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

**Monday, February 28, 2022
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor David Brown**

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 both return from recess and are in session this week. President Biden is set to deliver the State of the Union address on Tuesday night.

Budget & Appropriations

The Senate voted to pass the continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding until March 11th. Appropriators and committee staff continued to work over the break on a 12 bill omnibus spending package. It is expected Congress should be able to finalize an omnibus bill close to the March 11th deadline but may need a few extra days to get it through the Senate.

As work is taking place on the omnibus package, The Biden Administration has been telling lawmakers that the country needs more Covid-19 relief funds to deal with the pandemic and will likely be requesting a \$30 billion supplemental spending package to go alongside the omnibus. The funding would be used for treatments and additional vaccines, sustaining testing capacity, and research and development to deal with future variants.

Discussions are also ongoing regarding a supplemental for disaster relief for states such as Louisiana, California, New York, and Kentucky.

And it is likely that there will be a supplemental bill to provide a Ukrainian assistance package. The White House is estimating that they will need about \$6.4 billion in new funding to assist Ukraine (\$2.9 billion for humanitarian and security needs and \$3.5 billion for the Department of Defense).

In terms of next year's budget, the White House is hoping to release the FY23 budget proposal later in March.

State of the Union Address

President Biden will deliver his first State of the Union Address tomorrow night in the House chamber in the Capitol. All members of Congress are able to attend the speech, but no guests will be allowed. The President is expected to cover key political issues facing both the nation and the world. This will include the changing geopolitical landscape with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the economy and the impacts of inflation, and progress on the Covid-19 pandemic.

U.S. Supreme Court

On Friday, President Biden announced that he will nominate Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court; the first black woman justice. Jackson went through a confirmation process last year to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the nation's second-highest court. If confirmed, she will succeed retiring Justice Stephen Bryer, for whom Jackson once worked as a law clerk. She holds two degrees from Harvard University, has been a federal judge for almost a decade, will be the first public defender nominated to the Supreme Court, and spent time in private practice.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will likely begin hearings the week of March 21st. It is expected the full Senate would then immediately move to confirm Jackson in early April. Because of the Democrats' slim majority in the Senate, they should be able to confirm Jackson with support from their own party and with Vice President Kamala Harris serving as the tie-breaking vote.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This Week in the Capitol

Today, California Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly announced that effective March 1st, public indoor masking will not be required in California, though is strongly recommended for vaccinated people; unvaccinated persons will still be subject to mask requirements.

Additionally, effective March 11th, schools and childcare centers will also be allowed to move from a masking requirement to a recommendation. Acute and long-term care facilities, as well as jails and prisons will still keep mask requirements in place.

Hearings This Week

The Legislature continues to be focused on budget subcommittee hearings as they discuss the Governor's budget various proposals. Priority hearings being held this week are noted below.

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety – Monday, February 28
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration – Tuesday, March 1
- Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 on Health and Human Services – Tuesday, March 1
- Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety – Wednesday, March 2
- Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration – Wednesday, March 2
- Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 on Health and Human Services – Thursday, March 3

On Thursday, the Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 on Health and Human Services held a hearing related to the Department of Health Care Services. Of importance to the County, the implementation of Cal AIM was discussed.

Friday afternoon, the Governor's office sent out a press release announcing the rollback of numerous executive orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. "The remaining provisions include maintaining California's ... testing and vaccination programs, protecting hospital and health facility capacity [and] key components of the state's SMARTER Plan."

Upcoming Special Elections

- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 11/Solano (Asm. Frazier’s seat)
If needed, special election held on June 7
- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 80/San Diego (Asm. Gonzalez’s seat)
If needed, special election held on June 7
- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 62/LA (Asm. Burke’s seat)
If needed, special election held on June 7
- April 19 – Special Election for AD 17/SF (Asm. Chiu’s seat)

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Spring Recess begins upon adjournment – April 7, 2022
- Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess – April 18, 2022
- Policy Committee deadline for fiscal bills – April 29, 2022
- Policy Committee deadline for non-fiscal bills – May 6, 2022
- Last day for Policy Committees to meet – May 13, 2022
- Fiscal Committee Deadline – May 20, 2022
- Floor Session Only – May 23-27, 2022
- Deadline for bills to pass off of the floor in their house of origin – May 27, 2022
- Budget bill must be passed – June 15, 2022

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 470 (Carillo) Medi-Cal; eligibility**

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Social Services Agency

ii. **FY 22/23 State Budget Augmentation for Public Guardian and Public Conservator**

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Social Services Agency

iii. **FY 22/23 State Budget Request for additional child support funding**

Recommendation: Support: Phyllis P. Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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