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

Monday, March 21, 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 Senate is in session this week while the House is in a district work period. House Republicans will attend their issues conference Wednesday - Friday.

#### White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health

The FY22 Appropriations Omnibus bill that was just passed by Congress and signed by President Biden, included funding for the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health. The agreement directs HHS to convene the conference in 2022 for the purpose of developing a roadmap to end hunger and improve nutrition by 2030. The omnibus included \$2,500,000 for this effort. The agreement directs that the conference should examine why hunger and nutrition insecurity persist and how they affect health, including their role in the high prevalence of chronic disease. It should also review existing and cross departmental strategies and consider new approaches to improve health by eliminating hunger, reducing the prevalence of chronic disease, and improving access to and consumption of nutritious foods in accordance with Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The conference should produce a final report with its findings and recommendations.

### **U.S. Supreme Court**

The process to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer officially kicked off today in the Senate Judiciary Committee with the first hearing for the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. Each of the 22 members of the Judiciary Committee have 10 minutes to talk about Jackson's nomination, those providing her introduction have 5 minutes each, and Judge Jackson has 10 minutes to speak to provide her opening statement.

Committee will continue tomorrow at 9:00 AM EST where committee members will each have 30 minutes to ask questions. They will meet again on Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 AM EST where committee members will get an additional 20 minutes for questions. Finally, they will meet on Thursday to hear from the American Bar Association – which unanimously gave Jackson its highest rating - and will hear from other outside witnesses. They will also meet in private to review the FBI background check.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination will not shift the ideological balance of the court. Conservatives currently enjoy a 6-3 advantage, and Judge Jackson replacing Justice Breyer won't change that ratio. As a reminder, the nomination is being conducted by a 50-50 Senate controlled by Democrats, which gives very little room for error.

### FY 2023 Budget

President Biden is expected to release his 2023 budget request next week on Monday, March 28. The budget will provide a look at his Administration's top priorities for the upcoming year and will provide an outline to Congress for the appropriations process and to agencies for the purposes of policy and grants. The budget request is largely aspirational and officially kicks off the FY23 appropriations process.

Lawmakers have been asking for a budget proposal so that appropriators can start negotiating key top-line funding figures for defense and nondefense discretionary spending. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) told reporters last week he hopes for agreement by the end of this month on top-line defense and nondefense spending figures. While that is unlikely, there is a sense of urgency among key appropriators.

Last week, President Biden signed the FY22 Appropriations Omnibus bill which funds the federal government through September. And the Senate just confirmed Shalanda Young as head of the President's Office of Management and Budget. Young had been in that role in the acting capacity over the past year.

Purpose:
Report progress
Advocacy or Education
Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
Other: Federal Update
Request for Legislation position – Action Items
i. U.S. Department of Agriculture Federal Waivers, Child Nutrition Programs
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
ii. H.R. 6532/S. 3544 (DeSaulnier/Wood/Hassan) Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA
Act
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
Purpose:
Report progress
Advocacy or Education
<b>☐</b> Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
Other:

### II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

#### This Week in the Capitol

With policy committee hearings now in full swing, the Legislature will have to juggle bill hearings and the ongoing Budget Subcommittee Hearings for budget proposals. Of importance to Alameda County, the following hearings are scheduled this week.

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

#### **Hearings This Week**

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services: Public Health and Emergency Medical Services – Monday, March 21
- Assembly Health Committee Tuesday, March 22
- o AB 1618 (Aguiar-Curry) Alzheimer's disease- position: Support
- o AB 2077 (Calderon) Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs. Position: PAL Support BOS Pending
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services: Aging and Long-Term Care Human Services Program Wednesday, March 23

## **Upcoming Special Elections**

- April 5 Primary Special Election for AD 11/Solano (Asm. Frazier's seat)
- April 5 Primary Special Election for AD 80/San Diego (Asm. Gonzalez's seat)
- April 5 Primary Special Election for AD 62/LA (Asm. Burke's seat)
- 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 the floor in their house of origin May 27, 2022

• Budget bill must be passed – June 15, 2022
Purpose:  Report progress  Advocacy or Education  Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position  Other: State update
This item was informational only and required no Committee action.
Request for Legislation position – Action Items
i. AB 1861 (Bryan) Tax credit: hiring: foster care  *Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
iii. AB 2077 (Calderon) Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental
<b>needs</b> Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
iv. State Budget Request: Adult Protective Services Training Funding  Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
Purpose:  Report progress  Advocacy or Education  Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position  Other:
Recommendation from the PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.
PUBLIC COMMENT None.

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