

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

Monday, March 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**

Both the Senate and the House are in session this week.

**FY 2023 Budget**

President Biden released his FY23 budget request earlier today, which officially kicks off the FY23 appropriations process. The President proposed a \$5.8 trillion budget, which is \$200 billion less than what he proposed last year. It includes a \$109 billion increase in discretionary spending from the recent FY 2022 omnibus spending deal that was recently passed. The FY23 budget request shifts some of the President's priorities, including a new tax on billionaires, a renewed focus on inflation, increased funding for local police departments and on national defense. It also maintains many of his campaign promises including enacting policies that bolster and expand the national EV charging network, drive down the cost of prescription drugs, and large increases in funding to support domestic and global climate policies.

This budget request is largely aspirational. Senate and House Democrats hold only narrow majorities, and members of both parties have made clear they are unlikely to adopt President Biden's proposals in full. The administration's priorities of addressing climate change and equity are woven throughout the budget document.

**Decriminalize & Tax Marijuana**

The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday to set the terms of floor debate for a modified version of H.R. 3617, The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (also known as the MORE Act), which was introduced last year. Under this bill, marijuana would be decriminalized and will be removed from the federal list of controlled substances. It would apply retroactively to prior marijuana convictions, including pending cases and would expunge and seal federal marijuana convictions.

Regarding taxes, this legislation would tax marijuana producers and importers. Revenue generated would then be used to support people arrested for drug offenses, including those with prior convictions who want to participate in the marijuana industry. Wednesday's meeting is to set the terms of floor debate and therefore only needs a simple majority for passage.

Summary of additional changes from the bill:

- replaces statutory references to marijuana and marihuana with cannabis,
- requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to regularly publish demographic data on cannabis business owners and employees,
- establishes a trust fund to support various programs and services for individuals and businesses in communities impacted by the war on drugs,
- imposes an excise tax on cannabis products produced in or imported into the United States and an occupational tax on cannabis production facilities and export warehouses,
- makes Small Business Administration loans and services available to entities that are cannabis-related legitimate businesses or service providers,
- prohibits the denial of federal public benefits to a person on the basis of certain cannabis-related conduct or convictions,
- prohibits the denial of benefits and protections under immigration laws on the basis of a cannabis-related event (e.g., conduct or a conviction),
- establishes a process to expunge convictions and conduct sentencing review hearings related to federal cannabis offenses, and
- directs the Government Accountability Office to study the societal impact of cannabis legalization.

**Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

**Request for Legislation position – Action Items**

- i. **H.J.R. 48 (Pramila) Proposing amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only**

*Recommendation: Support:* Keith Carson, President, Board of Supervisors, District 5

- ii. **H.R. 6405 (Panetta) Marriage Equality for Disabled Adults Act**

*Recommendation: Support:* Keith Carson, President, Board of Supervisors, District 5

- iii. **S.J.R. 8 (Cabellero) Social Security Disability Insurance: disabled adult child benefit**

*Recommendation: Support:* Keith Carson, President, Board of Supervisors, District 5

- iv. **FY 23 Federal Budget Community Project Funding Request: Livermore Food Hub**

*Recommendation: Support:* David Haubert, Board of Supervisors, District 1

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- Other:

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

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

### This Week in the Capitol

#### Rent Relief/Eviction Protection

Last week, Assemblymembers Grayson and Wicks introduced AB 2179 COVID-19 relief: tenancy, which would extend eviction protections through June 30 for those who are participating in rental assistance programs.

Given that the sunset date for Eviction Protections is just three days away, March 31st, the Legislature hopes to quickly move the bill through. AB 2179 was taken up in Assembly Judiciary Committee this morning where it passed through to the Assembly Floor. With a 60-0 vote on the Assembly floor this afternoon, the bill now heads over to the Senate.

AB 2179's next stop is the Senate Judiciary Committee followed by Senate Appropriations Committees. The Political Solutions Team will continue to keep the County updated on action related to this bill.

#### Hearings This Week

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health & Human Services: Cal AIM – Monday, March 28
- Assembly Judiciary Committee – Monday, March 28
  - [AB 2179 \(Grayson\)](#) COVID-19 relief: tenancy.
    - Position: Priority Watch
    - Outcome: Passes to Assembly Floor
- Senate Human Services – Tuesday, March 29
  - [SB 861 \(Limon\)](#) Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program.
    - Position: Support
- Senate Judiciary – Tuesday, March 29
  - [AB 2179 \(Grayson\)](#) COVID-19 relief: tenancy.
    - Position: Priority Watch
- Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Informational Hearing: Master Plan on Aging – Tuesday, March 29
- Senate Appropriations Committee – Wednesday, March 30
  - [AB 2179 \(Grayson\)](#) COVID-19 relief: tenancy.
    - Position: Priority Watch
- Senate Education Committee – Wednesday, March 30
  - [SB 1481 \(Becker\)](#) Preschools, child daycare facilities, and Trustline providers: meals.
    - Position: Priority Watch

#### 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

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**Request for Legislation position – Action Items**

- i. **AB 1900 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: income level for maintenance**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- ii. **SB 1178 (Bradford) Criminal procedure: sentencing**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Keith Carson, President, Board of Supervisors, District 5
- iii. **Budget request – Workforce: building capacity of Masters of Social Workers**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- iv. **Budget request – Fully fund the Resource Family Approval Workload in the Continuum of Care Reform True-Up**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- v. **Budget request – Child Welfare Services: Build upon the Continuum of Care reform**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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