

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

Monday, March 7, 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 House and the Senate will be in session this week. The House will be breaking midweek to attend their respective party retreats.

**Budget & Appropriations**

The federal government is funded through this Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> when the continuing resolution (CR) is set to expire. Appropriators continued to work over the weekend on a 12 bill omnibus spending package. Democrats are planning to file the omnibus either later today or on Tuesday morning. The House is hoping to vote on the omnibus Wednesday morning before they head out to the party retreats. The Senate will likely try to expedite the vote at the end of the week.

Last week the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requested \$32.5 billion in supplemental funding. \$22.5 billion would be used for treatments and additional vaccines, sustaining testing capacity, and research and development to deal with future variants. Republicans have been requesting a full accounting of the \$6 billion in pandemic response funding already approved by Congress and it is unlikely the White House will get all the \$22.5 billion that they requested in new COVID funding.

The Administration also requested a supplemental bill to provide a Ukrainian assistance package. The White House is estimating that they will need about \$10 billion in new funding to assist Ukraine (\$4.8 billion to the Pentagon, \$5 billion for the State Department, and the balance going to the departments of the Treasury, Commerce, Justice and Energy). The funding will be for humanitarian, security, and economic assistance. There is strong bipartisan support for Ukrainian assistance. In terms of next year's budget, the White House is hoping to release the FY23 budget proposal in late March following passage of the FY22 omnibus.

**State of the Union Address**

President Biden gave his first State of the Union address on Tuesday night. He used the opportunity to outline the domestic items he would like to prioritize during his administration. He expressed his support for the innovation and competition bill being negotiated through conference in both chambers. He asked Congress to pass legislation on voting rights, immigration, clearing up the tax code, and committing to new gun control regulations. He also touted a legislative initiative to help veterans suffering from exposure to toxic burn pits.

The Build Back Better Act now appears dead. The President discussed several components of that bill that he would like to see, such as clean energy tax credits, universal pre-K, prescription drug pricing controls and Medicare drug pricing negotiations, investments in physical and mental health, childcare, and nursing home care standards, and a minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour.

## **Slimmed Down Build Back Better**

Senator Manchin outlined a basic party-line package that could get his support, lower the deficit, and permanently fund a handful of new programs, representing the Democrats last best hope of passing a sweeping domestic agenda before the midterm elections. In an interview, Mr. Manchin stated that new revenue would have to be split evenly between deficit reduction and inflation control and new climate and social spending. He also supports partially repealing tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations, acting on prescription drugs, and additional incentive to address climate change. The Senator has been in contact with top White House staff on the outlines of a package.

### **Purpose:**

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

### **Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

#### **i. [H.R. 5723/ S. 3071](#) (Larson/Blumenthal) Social Security 2100L A Sacred Trust**

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

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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**

On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Governor Gavin Newsom will deliver his annual State of the State Address at 5:00pm. The PS Team will cover the event and providing a summary afterwards. As we move into March, policy committee hearings are starting to be set while the Assembly and Budget Subcommittees continue hearing the various budget proposals.

### **Hearings This Week**

Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health & Human Services: Adult Behavioral Health – Monday, March 7

Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration – Tuesday, March 8

Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services – Wednesday, March 9

### **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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- 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 2517](#) (Bonta) California Coordinated Neighborhood and Community Services Grant Program**

*Recommendation: Support:* Supervisor Dave Brown, District 3, Board of Supervisors  
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency  
Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency  
Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

ii. **[SB 20](#) (Dodd) Student Nutrition: eligibility for CalFresh benefits**

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

iii. **[SB 107](#) (Wiener) CalFresh**

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

iv. **[FY 2022/23 State Budget Request – Alameda County Homelessness/Enhanced Behavioral Health Continuum](#)**

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

v. **[Comment Letter – Request for Information \(RFI\) on Strengthening Health Through Technology](#)**

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

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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