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

Monday, April 3, 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 are in recess and will return on April 17.

Debt Ceiling Negotiations/Appropriations process

With both chambers out on recess for the next two weeks, upon their return we expect their focus to be on debt ceiling negotiations, the FY24 Republican Budget proposal, and FY24 appropriations bills. Last week Congressional Offices were busy preparing their requests for FY24 appropriations bills, with many of the subcommittee deadlines taking place at the end of last week and into the next week or so.

Last week Speaker Kevin McCarthy sent a letter to President Biden insisting negotiations start on raising the debt limit. The letter outlined proposed spending cuts and regulatory changes requested by House Republicans, including reducing non-defense spending to "pre-inflationary levels", limiting out-year growth, reclaiming unspent COVID funds, strengthening work requirements for individuals without dependents, energy permitting reform and measures to secure the border.

The White House responded to the letter, challenging Republicans to provide a public budget plan before departing for two-week Easter recess, which did not occur. Though the White House and House Republicans are far apart on a deal to raise the debt ceiling, House Republicans remain internally split on agreeing to a FY24 budget. As it stands, negotiations remain at a standstill, and a short-term agreement may be the likeliest solution to avoiding default.

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.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature is now on their Spring Recess until Monday, April 10. Once they return, the daily schedule will be action packed as they work to meet the policy committee deadline at the end of the month.

Additionally, the budget subcommittee hearings have a packed schedule as they attempt to work through the Governor's budget as well as the legislative leadership's priorities.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

Alameda County is sponsoring the following bills:

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program.
 Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 18.
- AB 1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management and visitation services. Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee on Tuesday, April 25.

Key Dates & Deadlines

- 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
- Floor Session Only May 30- June 2
- House of Origin Deadline June 2
- Budget Bill Deadline June 15

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented on the County's reparations committee and District 5 attendance at the Board Planning meetings.

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