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

Monday, April 4, 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. Both chambers will then leave for a two week recess to celebrate the Easter/Passover holidays.

COVID-19 Supplemental

Senators are nearing a deal on a \$10 billion package to fund the ongoing fight against COVID-19. Senator Mitt Romney has been leading the negotiations on this Covid package for Republicans. On the Democratic side, it's been Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, as well as a group of White House and Administration officials.

The bill has been pared down from the original amount that was discussed earlier this year. The White House first requested \$22.5 billion, which was reduced to \$15.6 billion as part of the FY22 omnibus appropriations bill before it was removed due to a disagreement in offsets. The \$10 billion will be used to bolster the federal government's stockpile of tests, vaccines and therapeutics, hoping to get ahead of any new COVID variants.

In order for a bill to pass, 60 votes are necessary in the Senate. Senate leadership hopes to set up a final vote on the Covid bill by the middle of this week. The House aims to send the bill to President Biden to become law before Congress departs on a two-week recess at the end of the week.

HHS stopped receiving claims for uninsured treatments and testing March 22nd and will no longer reimburse vaccination claims after April 5th unless additional funding is appropriated.

U.S. Supreme Court

The Senate Judiciary Committee is meeting today to vote on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. The vote has been delayed due to Senator Padilla having a flight delay today getting back to Washington. The vote is expected to end with a 11-11 tie and will require Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to file a discharge motion to bring the nomination before the full Senate. The vote on the discharge motion is likely to happen late this evening. The discharge motion only requires a majority vote to approve it.

Majority Leader Schumer is also expected to file a procedural motion on Tuesday, as Republicans are likely to filibuster the nomination on the floor on Wednesday. The procedural vote would take place on Thursday and would also only need a majority to pass. Democratic Senators and the White House are hoping for a final vote on Thursday, but will be ready to do so on Friday, before Congress goes out for a two week recess.

Purpose:
Report progress
Advocacy or Education
Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
Other: Federal Update
Request for Legislation position – Action Items
i. H.R. 5129 (Bonamici) Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act of 2021
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Recommendation from the PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. State Legislative Update - Political Solutions

This Week in the Capitol

The Legislature will be adjourning for Spring Recess later this week on Thursday, April 7 they return to action on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Hearings This Week

- Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee Monday, April 4
 - AB 1861 (Bryan) Tax credit: hiring: foster care. Position: Support
- Assembly Public Safety Committee Tuesday, April 5
 - AB 2374 (Bauer-Kahan) Crimes against public health and safety: illegal dumping.
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - AB 2534 (Bryan) Survivor Support and Harm Prevention Pilot Program Act.
 - Position: Watch
- Assembly Appropriations Committee Wednesday, April 10
 - AB 1618 (Aguiar-Curry) Alzheimer's disease.
 - Position: Support
 - <u>AB 1900 (Arambula)</u> Medi-Cal: income level for maintenance. Position: PAL Support BOS Pending
 - <u>AB 2077 (Calderon)</u> Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs. Position: PAL Support BOS Pending
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services Wednesday, April 6

LAO Analysis – State Appropriations Limit Implications

Last Wednesday, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report analyzing the State Appropriations Limit Implications. Of importance, the LAO highlighted budget issues the State could face in upcoming years and provided options to avoid these issues, including rejecting "nearly \$10 billion in Governor's budget proposals."

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. FY 2022/23 State Budget Request – Modernize the California Food Assistance Program Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
ii. FY 2022/23 State Budget Request and AB 2331 (Calderon) Bridge to Recovery for Adul Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior
Isolation
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented about funds for County transit and construction projects comes from the State of California. A transit measure of \$20 million of state funding is going to Dublin for a parking garage. Putting more money into Dublin is irresponsible.

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