

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

Monday, November 25, 2019

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Congress will be in recess until December 3, 2019.

FY2020 Appropriations

Congress passed a second continuing resolution (CR) and President Trump signed it into law before the previous one expired on November 21, 2019. The CR included a few anomalies, including a delay of reductions in Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital allotments, repeal of over \$7 billion in FAST Act highway rescissions and a \$2.5 billion boost for the Census Bureau. The second CR funds the government through December 20th, giving Congress until then to complete the appropriations process or agree to another CR.

Census Funding

The CR funds the Census Bureau at a \$7.3 billion annual rate, about twice the Bureau's current funding rate. Of that funding, the CR includes language stating \$90,000,000 is for the delivery of Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers.

Appropriators reached a deal on spending allocations for all 12 appropriations bills. Reaching a deal on topline spending levels for each bill was a critical first step in finalizing appropriations bills.

Impeachment

The House Select Committee on Intelligence held five days of public hearings with nine witnesses on the impeachment inquiry of President Trump. Chairman Adam Schiff has said that while the investigation has not officially ended, the Intelligence Committee is compiling a report that will be sent to the House Judiciary Committee shortly after Congress returns from the Thanksgiving recess. If the Judiciary Committee finds sufficient evidence of wrongdoing, it will draft and vote on articles of impeachment. The articles of impeachment will then be sent to the House floor if they pass Committee. Democrats have stated that they are hoping to complete the impeachment process before the 2020 presidential primaries begin in February and well before the height of the campaign season.

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

Week in Review at the Capitol

The Legislature and Governor continue to prepare for the 2020 legislative session. The Department of Finance is working closely with all state departments to ensure the Governor's budget is completed so it can be released before the January 10, 2020, deadline. The LAO released their annual fiscal outlook this week which shows a budget surplus of \$7 billion.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Last week Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statement regarding the Legislative Analyst's Office's annual state budget outlook, including the following: "California is now the fifth-largest economy in the world. Our state is proving what big-hearted, progressive governance can look like – all without breaking the bank. President Trump talks a lot about America's economic growth under his presidency, but when you look behind the numbers, you see that it's California's growth that has provided the economic rocket fuel for the nation."

County Sponsored Legislation

Political Solutions has received the PAL agenda for today's meeting and are actively reviewing the County's priorities and legislative proposals for the coming year. Once these proposals are adopted by the PAL Committee and the Board, the team will meet with the County's legislative delegation to identify authors for County sponsored legislation as we move closer to the Legislature's return on January 6, 2020.

Key Upcoming Dates

- January 6 – Legislature Reconvenes
- January 10 – Deadline for Governor to submit proposed budget
- January 17 – Policy Committee deadline for two-year bills tagged fiscal
- January 24 – Deadline for two-year bills in their house of origin to be sent to the Floor
- January 24 – Deadline to submit bill drafting requests to Legislative Counsel
- January 31 – Deadline for all two-year bills to pass off the Floor in their house of origin
- February 21 – Bill introduction deadline

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Request for Legislation position – Action Item

- i. [Community Letter to Bay Area Air Quality Management Board and the California Air Resources Board \(Community Air Protection Program and AB 617\)](#)

Recommendation: Sign on to advocacy effort: Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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

Proposals for County Sponsored Legislation

- i. [Making the "Individualized County of Alameda Child Care Subsidy Plan Program" under 2015's AB 833 permanent](#)
Recommendation: Support: Willie A. Hopkins, Jr. Director, General Services Agency
- ii. [State of California adoption of the Father-Friendly Principles and use of the Father-Friendly Organizational Assessment and Implementation Tools](#)
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. [Change the medical expense verification requirements to allow more efficient use of the CalFresh Standard Medical Deduction Demonstration Project](#)
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
- iv. [Re-submit the CalWORKs: Sponsored noncitizen indigence exception as both a budget request and a bill](#)
Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
- v. [Funding for an expanded Medically-Supportive Food Pilot and effectiveness study](#)
Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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