

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

Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Impeachment

Congress will return tomorrow, and leaders remain at a stalemate regarding terms for the impeachment trial. The Senate had set aside January to complete the trial, but negotiations about witnesses are ongoing, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has not sent articles of impeachment to the Senate for consideration.

USMCA

The renegotiated, House-passed US-Mexico-Canada agreement is scheduled for a Senate Finance Committee markup tomorrow. At the end of last year, Republican Senator Chuck Grassley stated that he hoped to get the agreement on the President's desk early this year.

War Powers

House Democrats responded to several of the President's tweets over the weekend with a plan to vote to limit President Trump's war powers. Pelosi said in a letter to colleagues last night that the House this week will introduce and vote on a war powers resolution that would limit Trump in any potential military actions regarding Iran. Pelosi said the legislation is similar to a resolution introduced by Senator Tim Kaine in the Senate and states that "if no further Congressional action is taken, the Administration's military hostilities with regard to Iran cease within 30 days."

Census

After the Census citizenship question was disallowed by the Supreme Court, the administration published an executive order that compelled the Census Bureau to collect citizenship information through administrative records from federal agencies and state governments. In a December 27th regulatory document, the Department of Homeland Security announced plans to share data with the Census Bureau. US Customs and Immigration Services, Customs and Border Protection, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, will also be involved in the data sharing agreement.

Despite ongoing legal challenges to the Executive Order from groups in Texas and Arizona, the regulatory document states that the agencies noted above will share administrative records to aid the Census Bureau in determining the number of citizens and non-citizens who are in the US, as well as the number of residents who live in the US without legal permission.

Hearing

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform Hearing will hold a hearing on Thursday titled: "Reaching Hard-to-Count Communities in the 2020 Census."

NEPA

The White House's Council on Environmental Quality will release a proposed rule as soon as Wednesday to overhaul the National Environmental Policy Act provisions on environmental review processes for major infrastructure projects including building roads, bridges, and pipelines, cutting forests, and expanding broadband, among others.

It is expected that the Council will remove requirements that climate change impacts be considered. The proposal will also limit the scope of projects that require environmental impact studies and will increase the number of projects that can be excluded from NEPA reviews. The changes also will alter the definition of environmental effects to clarify that "effects" must be reasonably foreseeable and require a reasonably close causal relationship to the proposed action.

Infrastructure

There is talk on Capitol Hill that Chairman Peter DeFazio from House Transportation and Infrastructure committee will release an infrastructure package this month.

We have activated our hill contacts and will update you as we gather information. We expect infrastructure to be a priority this year, as the FAST act expires at the end of September, although we may see an extension as the deadline approaches. The Senate Committee on Finance will be tasked with finding a way to fund any infrastructure package that is released.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Week in Review at the Capitol

The Legislature returns today, January 6, 2020, to begin the second year of the 2019-2020 legislative session. The month will be very busy as legislators attempt to move their two-year bills forward. Many of those bills will be amended to reflect any negotiations reached over the fall recess or just as a "Hail Mary" to get the bills out of their first house.

Today, SB 793 was introduced by Senator Jerry Hill and a coalition of 30 legislators to ban flavored tobacco sales statewide. The proposed legislation does not address cannabis products and comes a month after the Board approved a ban on flavored tobacco sales in all unincorporated areas of the County.

The staff of Senator Scott Wiener is convening a briefing for local government lobbyists only today on SB 50, which seeks to eliminate certain zoning restrictions near major transit centers and job hubs. SB 50 was held in Senate Appropriations Committee last year. It will be heard this month and must move off the Senate Floor by January 31, 2020. Political Solutions will be attending the briefing and will report back.

County Sponsored Legislation

The PS team has been reaching out to the County delegation to share with them the legislative proposals for 2020. Political Solutions is also working closely with them to ensure we stay on track for implementation of the 10x goals and Vision 2026.

Budget

California has a potential issue with the Trump Administration that will require some negotiations on the MCO Tax, which could create a \$1.5 billion hole in our budget, if it is not resolved.

Negotiations are happening with CalAIM and the County's two waivers for the Medi-Cal system, 1915B and the 1115. California is also facing a potential financial crisis if the Trump Administration implements the Special Rule related to Medicaid and it goes into effect prior to October; which could potentially create a budget shortfall of billions of dollars.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Governor Newsom will release his budget this week, thus beginning the start of the budget discussions. While it is tentatively scheduled to be released on January 10, 2020, although it may be released on Thursday. The LAO did release numbers in December stating that the state has a surplus of \$7 billion however, that is far less than the \$21 billion surplus the Administration had last year.

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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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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