

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

**Monday, February 22, 2021  
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

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

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake**

**Schedule**

The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will focus on passing a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package, and the Senate continues work on the confirmations of President Joe Biden's nominees.

**Reconciliation Act**

House Democrats begin their final push on a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill this week, in the hopes of getting the package on the President's desk before the March 14<sup>th</sup> deadline when \$300 supplemental unemployment benefits from previous relief legislation are set to expire. The House Budget Committee approved the bill earlier today by a vote of 19-16, and the full House may vote as soon as Friday. Action will then move to the Senate, where Democratic leaders may make changes to get all 50 Senate Democrats on board. Efforts to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour remain a major sticking point, and some Democrat senators have publicly stated their opposition to the increase.

**Next Administration Priorities**

The next phase of President Biden's agenda is taking shape, with an economic recovery package that is anticipated to be larger than the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief plan. The Biden Administration may release their proposal as early as next month, kicking off a process that will likely continue into this summer. The centerpiece of the bill will be an infrastructure package dealing with climate change, roads, bridges, and broadband, among other priorities.

**Infrastructure Hearing**

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has scheduled a Wednesday hearing on transportation infrastructure titled "Building Back Better: Investing in Transportation while Addressing Climate Change, Improving Equity, and Fostering Economic Growth and Innovation." Chair Tom Carper has said he was planning a hearing on the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation programs, and that any proposal will include a strong climate piece. He said he is aiming to report the bill out of committee in May.

## Immigration

Last week, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez and Senator Bob Menendez introduced the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021. The bill creates an earned path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants, providing Dreamers, TPS holders, and some farmworkers with an expedited three-year path to citizenship, and giving all other undocumented immigrants who pass background checks and pay taxes with an eight-year path to citizenship without fear of deportation.

It clears the employment-based immigrant visa backlog and alleviates lengthy wait times for individuals by eliminating employment-based per country limits. It requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Labor to establish a commission involving labor, employer, and civil rights organizations to help improve the employment verification process and grants workers who suffer serious labor violations greater access to U visa relief.

## Nominations and Confirmations

President Biden's nominee for Attorney General Merrick Garland faced the first day of questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee today. He will be back in front of the Committee tomorrow. Republicans, including committee Chair Chuck Grassley, praised Garland, indicating that he will likely be confirmed. Xavier Becerra will testify in front of two Senate committees this week. On Tuesday, he will hear questions from the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and on Wednesday, he will face questions from the Senate Finance Committee. He will likely be confirmed.

Rep. Deb Haaland will face questions from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee tomorrow. It is expected that Republicans will press her on her statements against fracking, her support for the Green New Deal, and the Biden administration's moratorium on new oil and gas drilling on public lands.

Late last week, Senator Joe Manchin announced that he would oppose the confirmation of Neera Tanden to serve as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Without his support, it is unlikely that she will be approved. President Biden has said he will not pull her nomination.

## PPP Window for Small Businesses

The Biden administration announced today that they will give exclusive access to the Paycheck Protection Program to the nation's smallest businesses for two weeks as part of a broader effort to steer federal aid to the most vulnerable parts of the economy. From February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 9, only businesses with fewer than 20 employees will be able to apply for relief through the program.

The White House said it will also recalculate a funding formula to make more money available to sole proprietors, independent contractors and the self-employed, who have struggled to access the program, eliminate a restriction preventing small business owners with prior non-fraud felony convictions from obtaining relief through the PPP, remove a rule preventing small business owners who are delinquent on federal student loan payments from securing a PPP loan., and allow noncitizen small business owners who are lawful U.S. residents to use individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) to apply for relief.

### 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.

## Request for Legislation position – Action Item

### i. [HR 6646](#) (Scott) Relaunching America’s Workforce Act

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

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- Other:

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

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

### Capitol Update

The Legislature is again focused on the budget this week, with the Assembly Budget Committee meeting this morning on several early action budget bills on the agenda. Both houses are expected to then proceed with floor votes. The lobbying team is in the process of going through the legislation introduced at Friday’s bill introduction deadline.

### Immediate Emergency Action Bill Package

- AB 85 / SB 86 “Budget Bill Jr”: Makes necessary bill appropriations of this package as well as other technical fixes.
- AB 88 / SB 88 Golden State Stimulus Trailer Bill.
- SB 87 (Caballero) Small Business Grants Trailer Bill.
- AB 80 (Burke) PPP Partial Federal Tax Conformity Bill.
- AB 83 / SB 94 Small Business Licensing Fee Exemptions Trailer Bill.
- AB 81 / SB 92 General Federal Relief and Cleanup Trailer Bill.
- AB 82 / SB 93 Memorandum of Understanding Trailer Bill.

#### *Monday, February 22, 2021*

- The Assembly Budget Committee met today at 11 am to discuss the Early Action Budget Package.
- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.1 on Health and Human Services will meet today to hold an informational hearing related to the Behavior Health Crisis specifically focused on the Department of Health Care Services, the Department of State Hospitals, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Department of Public Health.
- The Senate Environmental Quality Committee will meet today to discuss the following legislation:
  - o SB 7 (Atkins) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021.

#### *Tuesday, February 23, 2021*

- The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing related to the Department of Developmental Services.
- The Assembly Health Committee has scheduled an informational hearing on the subject of “Telehealth Policy in California Post-Pandemic.”

#### *Wednesday, February 24, 2021*

- The Senate Governance and Finance Committee, the Housing Committee and the Human Services Committee and the Budget and Fiscal Committee No. 3 on Health and Human Services and the budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government have scheduled an informational hearing to discuss "A Perfect Storm: Confronting California’s Homelessness Crisis during the Pandemic."
- The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government have scheduled an informational hearing.

## Governor Gavin Newsom

California Governor Gavin Newsom joined Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Senator Lena Gonzalez, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to announce the opening of a new COVID-19 vaccination site at the Long Beach Convention Center. Mayor Garcia opened the event acknowledging the state's progress in administering the vaccine. As of today, 7.3 million Californians have received, at least, their first dose. Per Mayor Garcia, the city of Long Beach has vaccinated first responders, firefighters, police officers, and nurses, as well as 100% of assisting living facilities located within the city's jurisdiction. Long Beach is now in the process of vaccinating food and grocery store workers, as well as teachers - with an estimated 1,000 teachers set to be vaccinated at the Long Beach Convention Center today. The city of Long Beach began administering doses to teachers a month ago and, as a result, they will be safely opening area schools at the end of next month.

### KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Assembly Spot Bill Deadline to have drafting requests into Legislative Counsel – February 26, 2021
- Senate Spot Bill Deadline to have amendments submitted to Senate Rules – March 10, 2021
- Assembly Spot Bill Deadline to have amendment language submitted to Assembly Rules – March 15, 2021
- Spring Recess begins upon adjournment – March 25, 2021
- Legislature returns from Spring Recess – April 6, 2021
- Policy Committee Deadline for fiscal bills – April 30, 2021

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#### Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. [State FY2021-22 Budget Request: IHSS Collective Bargaining](#)

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

ii. [Request to approve Early Care & Education \(ECE\) Planning Council Letter to Governor and Alameda County's State Delegation on ECE Proposals in the Governor's Budget and ECE Priorities](#)

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

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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