

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

**Monday, October 6, 2025
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Lena Tam, Chair
Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas**

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

The Senate was in session last week before briefly adjourning on Thursday and returning on Friday to close out the week. Senators returned to session today, Monday, October 6, 2025. The House remains out of session until Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Speaker Mike Johnson has indicated members could be called back to Washington ahead of October 14th with 48 hours' notice.

Shutdown: Day 6

The federal government has been shut down for six full days without a funding agreement. The debate will continue this week between the GOP lead “clean” CR and the Democrats’ version, which would extend Obamacare subsidies.

Three Senate Democrats, Fetterman, Cortez Masto, and Angus King, joined Republicans in supporting the House’s stopgap bill, though it still failed to secure passage. The Senate is scheduled to vote again tonight, marking the fifth attempt to advance the measure.

The White House has cancelled billions in federal funding for energy and infrastructure projects in blue states and signaling that it will move forward with mass layoffs of federal workers. Those cancellations were primarily targeted to primarily states represented by Democrats in the Senate.

The administration has indicated that without a funding agreement in place, certain public services and programs will become increasingly strained, potentially impacting taxpayers nationwide. The WIC program could quickly run out of contingency funds, with experts estimating that it will be about two weeks before the vital program runs out of cash.

TANF and Title IV-B will be unable to issue first-quarter payments because authorization for the program expired on September 30, 2025, and needs to be reauthorized by the next funding bill. SNAP will be able to operate at least through October 2025 using multiyear carryover funds and contingency reserves.

Movement on Appropriations Minibus

Today Speaker Mike Johnson committed to Senate Appropriations Ranking Member Patty Murray to pass a three-bill minibus to fund Military Construction-VA, Agriculture-FDA, and Legislative Branch bills. House and Senate appropriators have collaborated on a bipartisan package that is likely to pass both chambers by wide bipartisan margins.

National Guard and Federal Overreach Issue

Concerns about an emergency court order blocking deployment of California's National Guard to Oregon, has been called an overreach by the administration. The issue could tie into the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) reauthorization, where Congress might clarify limits on federal use of state National Guards.

Supervisors discussed drafting a letter to federal representatives (Rep. Latifah Simon, Sen. Padilla, Sen. Schiff, and Rep. Swalwell) urging action to protect local autonomy and immigrant/refugee communities.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Legislative Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update

Governor Newsom has until Monday, October 13, 2025, to decide which of the hundreds of bills passed by the Legislature in the final weeks of the 2025 session will become law. Last week, he issued signing and veto decisions on just over 100 bills, leaving more than 600 measures still awaiting action. His current veto rate is just over ten percent (10%).

Newsom to Democrats: 'Stand Firm' in Shutdown Standoff

Governor Gavin Newsom urged Democrats to hold their ground during the federal government shutdown, warning, "You lose leverage, you lose this country." The Governor dismissed the idea of trusting President Donald Trump or congressional Republicans to negotiate in good faith. The shutdown has stalled Congress, with Democrats pushing to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies and Republicans blaming Democrats for allowing undocumented immigrants access to Medicaid. Trump and Speaker Mike Johnson accused California of using federal funds for immigrant health care, a claim Newsom called false.

State Revenues Remain Strong, But for How Long?

The Department of Finance's September 2025 bulletin shows a strong month for state revenues. In August, General Fund receipts were \$1.7 billion above projections, driven by higher personal income tax (+\$1.1B) and corporate tax (+\$286M) revenues. Since April, total revenues have come in \$4.4 billion above forecast. It should be noted that any revenues derived from stocks are highly volatile, so they do not represent certainty in overall state revenue trends.

However, sales tax receipts were slightly lower, down \$27 million for August and \$169 million below the forecast since April. A review of the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index for California shows a 4% drop from August to September. Over the past year, Golden State confidence has declined 23% and sits 9% below its 2007 average. These declines in confidence are evident in the lower sales tax numbers seen recently. The upcoming weeks will be critical for revenue tracking, as Los Angeles County's delayed tax deadline (October 15) could shift more collections into next month's report.

Judge Blocks Trump's Attempt to Deploy California National Guard

Governor Gavin Newsom celebrated a legal win Sunday after a federal judge again blocked President Donald Trump from sending the National Guard into Oregon, including 300 California troops Trump had federalized without Newsom's approval.

U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut ruled that Trump’s move to deploy troops from California and Texas violated her earlier order blocking the use of Oregon’s National Guard.”

Newsom praised the ruling as a “victory for American democracy,” saying California’s troops would return home soon. State Attorney General Rob Bonta also condemned Trump’s actions. The Trump administration has asked the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for an emergency stay, continuing the legal battle.

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