

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

**Monday, November 10, 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 remains in session and could vote as soon as later today on a bill to end the government shutdown. Speaker Mike Johnson has told his members to return to Washington to vote on the Senate-passed bill later this week.

Government Shutdown

Last night, the Senate voted 60-40 to proceed in its consideration of an agreement to re-open the government. Eight Democrats joined Republicans in voting “yay” on this measure, which is the first movement towards ending the shutdown in 41 days. The following Democrats voted with Republicans: Shaheen (NH), Hassan (NH), Durbin (IL), Kaine (VA), King (ME), Rosen (NV), Cortez-Masto (NV), Fetterman (PA). These members are either retiring or are not up for reelection until 2028 or beyond.

The agreement includes the following:

- A continuing resolution that would fund the government through January 30th
- A minibus of three FY26 bills to include Agriculture, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and Legislative Branch. A quick note - the Agriculture Appropriations bill funds the SNAP and WIC nutrition programs.
- A guarantee to hold a Senate vote in December related to an extension of the ACA subsidies.

Additionally, the package would reauthorize several provisions through January 30, that have previously been tied to the length of Continuing Resolutions:

- TANF
- Funding for Community Health Centers
- Prevention of Medicaid payment cuts to disproportionate share hospitals

Even with this first successful vote, it is still unclear how long it will take to reopen the government. We expect the Senate could vote as soon as this evening. House Members are being told that they will be called back to the Capitol 36 hours in advance of consideration of the Senate passed bill. If the Senate passes the bill tonight, we can expect a vote in the House as soon as Wednesday.

Government shutdown impacts on federally funded programs continued to deepen over the past week. As we have discussed previously, SNAP recipients did not receive their full benefits on November 1, and there is still confusion regarding when they may receive partial benefits due to several lawsuits and administrative actions.

At the same time, last Friday the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began implementing flight-traffic reductions at 40 airports due to staffing shortages exacerbated by the prolonged funding lapse. Since then, airlines have delayed or cancelled thousands of flights nationwide. This started with a four percent reduction

in domestic flights at major airports and increases by one percent each day until it reaches ten percent or the government reopens.

Again, it is important to remember that even with Congressional action occurring, the shutdown is still in effect until President Trump signs the bill to end it.

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

On November 4th, Election Day, California voters passed Proposition 50. All 18,399 precincts (100.0%) reported results, showing that the measure received strong support from voters. The Yes side garnered 5,686,430 votes (63.8%), while the No side received 3,220,449 votes (36.2%), for a total of 8,906,879 votes cast statewide.

Twelve hours after the polls closed, California Republicans filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging Proposition 50. The suit argues that the measure violates the 14th and 15th Amendments by establishing districts that favor Latino voters over other racial and ethnic groups. Meanwhile, incumbents and challengers across both parties are scrambling to stake their claims in whichever newly drawn districts they believe offer the best shot at victory, setting the stage for potentially tense and costly intra-party election battles.

Governor Gavin Newsom urged Democratic-led states to follow California's lead after voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 50, which allows the state to redraw its congressional maps ahead of the 2026 midterms. Speaking from Sacramento, Newsom called on leaders in Virginia, Maryland, New York, Illinois, and Colorado to "meet this moment head-on," arguing Democrats must counter Republican gerrymanders in Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, and Ohio. Framing the move as essential to defending democracy against Donald Trump's "authoritarian overreach," Newsom said control of Congress is at stake and urged Democrats to abandon reluctance over partisan redistricting. He warned that Republicans will "inevitably" push further in states like Florida, where Democratic Party Chair Nikki Fried said California's outcome could shape GOP strategies.

Fresh off redistricting win, Newsom heads to climate talks in Brazil

Governor Gavin Newsom is currently out of the country, traveling to Belém, Brazil, to attend a global climate summit. His visit coincides with the United Nations climate talks, where he's expected to highlight California's leadership on emissions reduction and climate action. While he won't be part of formal negotiations reserved for national leaders, Newsom's focus is on showcasing California's progress, encouraging international collaboration, and reinforcing the state's role as a global model for climate policy at the subnational level.

Californians were beginning to see funds on their SNAP (CalFresh) cards following a major legal victory against the Trump Administration last Thursday. The U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island ordered the Administration to immediately issue 100 percent of funding for the state's 5.5 million SNAP recipients, restoring more than \$1.1 billion in food assistance that had been unlawfully withheld during the nearly month-long federal government shutdown. As a result, benefits began to be reloaded onto Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards late last week, allowing families access to food.

Then on Saturday, November 8, the USDA released new guidance, claiming that sending full SNAP payment files "was unauthorized" and directs states not to transmit complete benefit issuance files to EBT processors. Instead, states are instructed to continue processing and loading partial issuance files that reflect the 35-percent reduction in maximum allotments outlined in the November 5 guidance. The USDA further

instructed states that have already issued full benefits to “undo any steps taken to issue full benefits,” warning that failure to comply may result in federal enforcement actions, including cancellation of the federal share of state administrative costs and holding states liable for any over-issuances resulting from noncompliance.

In response, Attorney General Rob Bonta co-led a coalition of 23 attorneys general and three governors in filing a further motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. In a press conference held this morning, the coalition noted their TRO request was that the USDA has failed to explain how states that sent full benefits during the Rhode Island District Court’s order were in effect and how states can “undo” the issuance of those benefits. The coalition announced that the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted its request to pause the USDA’s November 8 guidance document from taking effect and set a remote hearing for today at 12:30 PM PT.

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None.

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