

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

Monday, January 27, 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

Emily DaSilva and John Assini from CJ Lake provided an update on legislative activities in Washington, D.C.

The Senate remains in session, focusing on confirming President Trump’s nominees, including the Secretary of the Treasury and Department of Transportation. The House is in its first recess, with Republicans holding a retreat in Florida to discuss a reconciliation package that includes extending the 2017 tax cuts and potential immigration policies.

Recent executive actions include 42 presidential orders, many related to immigration, such as increased enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico border and limiting asylum cases. Additional funding for immigration enforcement is expected in the budget reconciliation package. Several key confirmations have taken place, with upcoming hearings for Kash Patel, Robert Kennedy Jr., and Tulsi Gabbard.

Other legislative priorities include debates over discretionary spending for FY25, a continuing resolution extending FY24 funding until March 14th, and discussions on the debt ceiling, which has technically expired but is being managed through extraordinary Treasury measures. The political landscape remains tense, with ongoing policy battles over funding allocations and executive orders.

Supervisor Fortunato Bas expressed concerns about how the county’s budget, particularly in healthcare and as a safety net provider, may be impacted by the federal reconciliation process.

The Committee requested the county administrator and state lobbyists to provide insight into how the state budget will be affected by federal decisions and how that will impact county budget planning and projections.

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

Amy Costa, CEO, Full Moon Strategies, provided an update on the Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget, which was unveiled on January 10th. The budget includes a surplus of \$363 million, but only after a \$7.1 billion transfer from the state's Rainy Day Fund. Without this transfer, expenditures exceed revenues by about \$11 billion, and long-term deficits are projected to grow to over \$40 billion by 2028-29.

Economic risks tied to federal policies, including potential trade and immigration policy impacts that could affect state revenues and inflation. The proposed creation of a new Housing and Homelessness Agency to oversee housing-related initiatives.

\$101 million allocated for encampment resolution, but with stricter accountability measures for local governments.

Increased oversight by the State Department of Housing and Community Development on local housing efforts.

Recent special session bills allocated \$2.5 billion for wildfire relief in Los Angeles, with additional litigation-related funding still under discussion.

Legislative deadlines approaching, with affordability (energy, gas prices) and wildfire-related policies as key themes.

The Los Angeles wildfires may significantly impact future state revenue projections due to property tax losses and tax extensions.

More details, including statutory language for the budget, are expected in February.

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None.

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