

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

**Monday, February 5, 2018
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

The House and Senate are in session this week. It will be a short legislative week as the House Democrats hold their annual policy retreat starting Wednesday afternoon. Before leaving town, Congress will focus on passing another continuing resolution (CR) as the current funding expires on February 8, 2018.

Budget/Appropriations

Congress will need to pass a CR this week to give appropriators enough time to craft a two-year budget deal. It is unlikely that the government would shut down this week as several Senate Democrats said last week they would vote to continue to fund the government if a deal on DACA is not reached by the deadline. House Republicans are meeting tonight to decide the exact length of the CR and whether it could include provisions to raise the debt ceiling. The CR could run through March 23, 2018.

Negotiators are still trying to reach a deal on raising the budget caps for discretionary spending, though we are hearing talks did slow last week. Republicans are still hoping to raise the caps for defense by as much as \$70 billion from current levels and nondefense around \$45 billion, although Democrats would like to see that number closer to \$60 billion.

Immigration

The White House, Senate, and House all made a push last week on their own proposals for a DACA fix. Senators continued to negotiate behind closed doors, but both Democrats and Republicans are saying that progress is being made. On the House side, Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte and Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul introduced their proposal which clears a path to citizenship for DREAMers, increases border security, implements mandatory E-Verify, and makes substantial changes to the farmworker visa program. However, the Administration indicated they would not be supporting the House proposal because they do not support including mandatory E-Verify in the first phase of immigration reform. Meanwhile, the White House has pushed its own proposal which includes making DACA permanent, increasing border security, ending the diversity visa lottery, and ending family reunification, “chain migration” legal immigration.

Senators John McCain and Chris Coons plan to introduce the bipartisan Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act today that would offer protections to DREAMers and commission a plan to secure the border. The legislation would not immediately fund a border wall. President Trump rejected the legislation this morning saying, “Any deal on DACA that does not include strong border security and the desperately needed wall is a waste of time.” Senator Coons described the legislation as a possible “base bill” that could be placed on the floor and shaped by amendments in the Senate. The McCain/Coons bill is the companion to legislation in the House introduced by Reps. Will Hurd and Pete Aguilar.

Although text for the McCain/Coons legislation has not been released, we expect the bill to look almost identical to the Hurd/Aguiar bill in the House. At the same time, talk has begun on a simple one-year extension of the March 5th deadline if Congress is unable to reach a deal in the next few weeks.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal legislative update**

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

The Legislature will be working diligently over the next 2 weeks to introduce bills before the February 16th deadline. The deadline for 2-year bills to pass out of their respective house of origin was January 31 – hundreds of 2-year bills are now dead and will not move forward in 2018.

June 2018 Ballot Measures

On January 29, the Senate and the Assembly passed a state constitutional amendment which will place on the June 5th statewide ballot a measure to provide a property tax exclusion for the construction or addition of a rainwater capture system. SCA 9 (Glazer) is part of the state’s ongoing effort to promote water conservation.

Last week, Secretary of State Alex Padilla released the Proposition numbers that will be assigned to the June 2018 ballot measures. Below are the assigned numbers:

- **Proposition 68:** SB 5 (de León) – California Drought, Water, arks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.
- **Proposition 69:** ACA 5 (Frazier) – Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures: appropriations limit.
- **Proposition 70:** ACA 1 (Mayes) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund.
- **Proposition 71:** ACA 17 (Mullin) – Ballot measures: effective date.
- **Proposition 72:** SCA 9 (Glazer) – Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system.

Universal Health Care

Today, the Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage will hold an informational hearing exploring implementation considerations for universal coverage. As part of this presentation before the committee, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) released a report examining potential financing options for potential health care policy change. The report presents several key public financing considerations, including the following:

- Larger health care financing packages will be subject to greater uncertainty in estimating revenues raised from the policy change.
- Consider and minimize taxpayer behavioral response to tax increase, by potentially increasing revenues from multiple taxes.
- Minimize revenue volatility by establishing a predictable revenue source, minimizing disruption in services.
- Establish a budget reserve.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the federal agency charged with the goal of reducing the impact of substance abuse and mental illness, has announced the availability of several grants available to counties for fiscal year 2018.

- \$14.5 million in Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness grants, to provide technical assistance for the implementation and provision of evidence-based treatment and recovery support programs for individuals living with serious mental illness.
- \$52 million in available grants, under the Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness program, to help local service providers offer behavioral health and recovery support services to people experiencing homelessness along with a serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.
- \$13.4 million over the next five years for the Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnerships for Early Division grant program, to establish or expand programs that divert adults with a serious mental illness or a co-occurring disorder from the criminal justice system to community-based services prior to arrest and booking.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. H.R. 620 (Poe) ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017

*Recommendation: **Oppose: Co-Sponsors:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, **Endorse:** Willie A. Hopkins, Jr., Director, General Services Agency*

ii. AB 11 (McCarty) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program: screening services

*Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency*

iii. Adult Protective Services Home Safe Budget Proposal

*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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