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## **CPUC PRESIDENT REAPPOINTED BY GOVERNOR**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30, 2020 - Today Governor Gavin Newsom [reappointed](#) Marybel Batjer as President of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Governor Newsom first appointed President Batjer on July 12, 2019. Since that time, President Batjer has led the CPUC through important consumer protection initiatives, including mitigating the impacts of utility Public Safety Power Shutoffs, ensuring an enhanced oversight and enforcement process resulted from the conclusion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy proceeding, taking actions to ensure reliable electricity for the state, and establishing customer protections during the COVID-19 pandemic, including placing a moratorium on utility disconnections.

“It is a privilege to lead the CPUC in fulfilling its critical role in our state and the daily lives of many Californians,” said President Batjer. “Since I assumed office in August 2019, I have focused on ensuring those we regulate live up to their duties and commitments to reliably provide high-quality services Californians can depend on. Much work remains as we respond to the enduring impacts of the pandemic and confront the acceleration of climate change. It is our commitment to safeguard Californians’ access to safe, reliable, and affordable services.”

Prior to joining the CPUC, President Batjer served as the first Secretary of the California Government Operations Agency. In this role, she led efforts to revamp how the state manages and utilizes data and technology, modernized the civil service system, and led the implementation of key initiatives to green state government and promote renewable energy.

Commissioners are appointed to the CPUC for six-year terms and require Senate confirmation.



The CPUC regulates services and utilities, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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