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Governor Newsom Appoints Linda Serizawa as Director of the Public Advocates Office

San Francisco, November 6, 2024 – Today, Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Linda Serizawa as Director of the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Serizawa has served as Interim Director since March 2024, following the departure of former Director Matt Baker.

With over 30 years of dedicated public service at the CPUC, Serizawa brings a wealth of experience and deep institutional knowledge to the Public Advocates Office. A seasoned advocate for California ratepayers, Serizawa has been a key leader with the Public Advocates Office since 2012, when she was appointed Deputy Director of Energy.

Serizawa's extensive CPUC career began in 1989, and spans leadership roles across telecommunications, natural gas, and electricity policy. She has also served as Chief of Staff to a CPUC Commissioner and later as a CPUC Division Director, where she focused on consumer protection measures, enhancing community outreach, and supporting public participation in the CPUC's forums. She subsequently shifted her focus to consumer advocacy, joining the Public Advocates Office.

Serizawa's leadership marks a continued commitment to advocating for California ratepayers. The Public Advocates Office looks forward to her guidance in championing fair, equitable, and effective solutions to meet the state's climate and energy goals.

For more information on Linda Serizawa's background, you can [read her full bio here](#).

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