



November 22, 2021

Dear Governor Newsom,

With the resignation of Marybel Batjer as the President of the California Public Utilities Commission, we believe you have a critical opportunity and responsibility to move California toward the 21st century energy system California needs: a restructured system that will protect communities from PG&E's fires and failures while advancing a clean energy vision that will meet our state's climate and environmental justice goals. Your appointment of the next CPUC President will determine your legacy on what kind of utility California's future holds: a fiery failure or one that innovates with the people of California.

On behalf of the frontline community leadership of the Reclaim Our Power: Utility Justice Campaign and our allies, we urge you to appoint a CPUC President who has the experience, commitment and vision to drive toward the safe, renewable, affordable, resilient, worker and community controlled energy system the people of California need. Our communities are dying under PG&E's 100-year old collapsing infrastructure and the corporate heads that have chosen to neglect investing in grid safety. We say never again with PG&E's San Bruno explosion, the 84 counts of manslaughter from the utility's Camp Fire, and this year's record-breaking Dixie Fire caused by their faulty wires and negligence. Instead, we want to bloom toward our state's 100% clean energy goals with people-powered solutions.

Reclaim Our Power and our coalition of fire survivors, environmental justice groups, disability justice leaders, local clean energy advocates and youth climate justice organizers urge you to seek the following leadership abilities of the next CPUC President:

LEADERSHIP THAT WILL FIX PG&E FAILURES. Take control of the PG&E problem to ensure the utility doesn't keep burning down the state and shutting off power to our communities. Penalize and withhold safety certification and other allowances if PG&E doesn't carry out its safety plans and mandates. Hold PG&E accountable for its failures and wield the CPUC's 6-step Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement Process to revoke PG&E's operating license if the company cannot operate safely. Stop rescuing PG&E. The CPUC must serve the people of California and control this negligent, delinquent utility.

LEADERSHIP THAT CARES ABOUT COMMUNITIES OVER CORPORATIONS. Make it right for the residents of San Bruno, Paradise, Santa Rosa, Greenville, Ventura, Porter Ranch and other communities who have suffered through horrifying fires and explosions. Support their just recovery. Ensure continuous power especially for disabled and medically vulnerable people to keep life-giving machines in operation. Provide relief for Black, Indigenous, people of color and low-income Californians who are pushed into debt from unaffordable and rising utility rates.

Integrate Indigenous peoples proposals for fire and land stewardship. Prioritize community needs over corporate profits. Make Commission processes accessible and transparent so the public can be engaged in decisions that affect their lives.

LEADERSHIP FOR A 21ST CENTURY CLEAN ENERGY SYSTEM. Deliver on the promises of our golden state to meet bold climate and renewable energy targets, where solar and other energy resources in our communities grow exponentially and people have power in energy decisions. Promote resilient energy systems that combine innovation, climate and fire adaptation, that feature clean community-based microgrids, and leave no communities or tribes behind. Prioritize equity and a strong California workforce for a just transition to a clean energy economy.

Our eyes are on you, Governor Newsom, to choose a candidate that millions of Californians can trust to lead our energy future. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the appointment process for the CPUC President and how it relates to a thriving future for frontline communities.

Signed,

Reclaim Our Power Utility Justice Campaign, and the undersigned organizations.

Reclaim Our Power Utility Justice Campaign is the largest coalition of organizations fighting for a transformation of California's energy system. Made up of environmental justice organizations, clean energy organizations, fire survivors, labor organizations and community groups, the campaign represents over 75 groups from across the state and many thousands of Californians.

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| Active San Gabriel Valley (ActiveSGV) | Movement Generation |
| Asian Pacific Environmental Network | North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE) |
| BARC Barkers Agitating for Reactor Closures | Oakland Climate Action Coalition |
| Bay Area - System Change not Climate Change | Orange County Environmental Justice |
| California Alliance for Retired Americans | Personal Growth Center |
| California Alliance for Community Energy | Planting Justice |
| California Brain Tumor Association | PODER |
| California Green New Deal Coalition | Récolte Energy |
| California Interfaith Power & Light | ReGenerate Coaching |
| CAUSE: Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy | Regenerating Paradise |
| CEJA: California Environmental Justice Alliance | Reimagine Power |

Center for Biological Diversity	Richmond Our Power Coalition
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
Center for Community Energy	Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
Climate Action Campaign	Santa Rosa Junior College
Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas (CFROG)	SLO Climate Coalition
CodePink for Peace, Golden Gate Chapter	Solar Works
Communities for a Better Environment	Solarise
Courage California	SolidarityINFOService
David R. Brower, Ronald V. Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action	Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCoCAN!)
DSA San Francisco's Ecosocialist Committee	Sun Designs
East Bay Clean Power Alliance	Sunflower Alliance
Extinction Rebellion New Chapter	Sustainable Systems Research Foundation
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area	Synergistic Solutions
Food & Water Watch	System Change Not Climate Change
Friends of the Earth	The Climate Center
Frontline Catalysts	Transformative Wealth Management, LLC
Livermore Indivisible	Youth Vs Apocalypse
Local Clean Energy Alliance	350 Bay Area
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy	350 Contra Costa
Microgrid Resources Coalition	

CC: CPUC Commissioners, Senate and Assembly Leadership, Legislative Committees on Energy Policy, Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group