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**UNION UPDATE**



# PURAs: Leading the way for California consumer protections

## Beware of last-minute changes to CPUC

Local 1000 members provide an endless variety of critical services that directly benefit our state and our communities.

Among our 95,000 unionwide state workers who keep our communities healthy, safe and strong are the Public Utilities Regulatory Analysts, or PURAs.

PURAs play a critical role in ensuring our state moves to renewable energy sources, has safe water delivery and access to vital services – such as the ability to dial 911 - for all California families, regardless of income.

Through research, policy and public engagement, PURAs help make services and renewable energy sources affordable and accessible to families throughout the state, including to rural and disadvantaged communities, so that everyone has equal access.

They are focused on closing the digital divide through helping to provide affordable telephone access, broadband infrastructure and by administering funding programs so that public schools, community colleges, public housing



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And PURAs are leading the way to keep it that way.

They are currently active in speaking with legislators about a harmful bill that would strip authority from the consumer protection commission and give more power and influence to industry lobbyists.

The bill would open the door to deregulation and give corporations like AT&T more political influence.

And no one is more equipped to speak on this issue than PURAs.

PURAs regulate the very companies that provide electricity, water, transportation services and telecommunications such as broadband to our homes and businesses.

and rural communities can obtain affordable broadband services.

PURAs also help ensure that water service delivery from water utilities is consistent with state public health standards, helping to keep Californians healthy and safe.

From developing charging stations for electric vehicles to designing programs and incentives for people to actually afford and access renewable energy, PURAs help to reduce air pollution and combat climate change so that our kids, grandkids and future generations have a safe place to live.

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# MEMBER LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## BUILDING A STRONGER UNION THROUGH MEMBER LEADERS

As a strong member led union, our member leaders are vital to the continued growth and success of our union. It's what makes us truly unique.

Our Local 1000 Member Leader Development Program (MLDP) is aimed at developing more member leaders throughout the state to continue the work of building a union of the willing. Members that come into the program receive in-depth training in organizing, building worksite strength, developing leadership strength and channeling political power.

Each member in the program is immersed in all the resources available to Local1000-represented

employees, giving them a wide breadth of knowledge to become better advocates and organizers at their worksites.

"The MLDP has given me the skills necessary to lead with a vision and purpose," said Sarah Kelly, a recent MLDP graduate. "By becoming a more knowledgeable resource to my coworkers, I'm able to relate to and connect with them in a more meaningful way."

Each MLDP graduate continues to build leadership throughout our union. Part of their training is to identify other potential member leaders and provide them the mentorship they need to become leaders in their own right.

"I always keep an eye out for potential member leaders, and there are many," said another recent MLDP graduate, Carey Wilson. "There are so many people who want to get involved, but they just don't know where to start. I get a lot of joy out of helping our future leaders start their journey."

Together our MLDP graduates are strengthening the fabric of our union by organizing worksites and building tomorrow's member leaders.

### Become a Leader

To learn how you can become involved in the MLDP program, call the MRC at 866.471.SEIU (7348).

### Resource Center

Monday-Friday  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
866.471.SEIU (7348)

### Website

seiu1000.org

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## LOCAL 1000 MEMBERS GIVE BACK

### TOILET PAPER DRIVE A SUCCESS

Local 1000 members collected more than 1,000 rolls of toilet paper and member contributions for Loaves and Fishes, a homeless shelter located in the Sacramento area.

The donation of this day-to-day resource helps the non-profit use their small budget to provide vital services that many in the community need. We're proud to give back to an organization that

shares the sentiment of our purpose statement, ensuring that all Californians have an opportunity to have a good life.

If you would like to organize a community service project with fellow union members in your area, call the MRC at 866.471.SEIU (7348) to connect with your organizer.

