



Low Income Oversight Board: Seeking New Public Member

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is seeking applications from interested individuals to fill one (1) open position on the Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) representing low-income communities. The LIOB is an advisory board to the CPUC on electric, gas, and water policies that benefit low-income utility customers. This is an opportunity to directly influence policies and programs that support low-income households across California.

We are seeking a new member who has expertise in, or experience advocating for the specific needs of low-income communities. Examples of the types of roles where applicants may have gained relevant experience include (but are not limited to):

- Local government representative in an area with a significant low income population.
- Low-income advocate.
- Community organizer.
- Labor union representative.
- Health clinic or social services staff.
- Membership in a community-based organization (CBO).
- Housing assistance professionals.
- Legal aid representative.

Applicants should highlight in their statement of interest how their experience has provided them with insight into the needs and challenges of low-income utility customers, and how they can contribute to shaping California's low-income utilities agenda.

Public Utilities Code section 382.1(b) provides that the LIOB shall be comprised of 11 members, with nine (9) of the members selected by the CPUC, one by the Governor, and one by the Department of Community Services and Development. Current public members are based in Fresno, North Fork, Murrieta, and San Diego. LIOB members are appointed for 2-year terms.

To ensure broad representation, we are particularly interested in candidates from the Central Valley; LA County and the Inland Empire; Imperial County; or any rural areas within the state.

Interested candidates should review [Public Utilities Code Section 382.1](#), which established the LIOB, and the Charter for the LIOB set out in Commission [Resolution E-4095](#), to determine if they meet the qualifications and if any conflicts of interest may prevent full participation on the board.

Background/Role of LIOB:

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 382.1, the responsibilities of the LIOB are to:

- Monitor and evaluate implementation of all programs provided to low-income electricity, gas, and water customers.
- Assist in the development and analysis of any assessments of low-income customer need.
- Encourage collaboration between state and utility programs for low-income electricity and gas customers to maximize the leverage of state and federal energy efficiency funds to both lower the bills and increase the comfort of low-income customers.
- Provide reports to the Legislature, as requested, summarizing the assessment of needs, audits, and analysis of program implementation.
- Assist in streamlining the application and enrollment process of programs for low-income electricity and natural gas customers with general low-income programs, including, but not limited to, the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program and, including compliance with PU Code § 739.1.
- Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with Public Utilities Code § 382.1.

Generally, the LIOB holds four meetings annually with additional subcommittee meetings in between as necessary. The LIOB alternates meeting locations in

different regions of the state. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines. More information about the LIOB, including the Charter, current members, past meeting materials, and more can be found on the CPUC's LIOB web page at <https://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/>.

Instructions for Applicants:

Any person interested in joining the LIOB must submit the following materials to jennifer.gordon@cpuc.ca.gov, by **05/02/2025**:

- Biography or résumé (no longer than one page)
- Statement of interest
- List of three references

Any questions about the LIOB, this position, or the application process can be directed to Jennifer.gordon@cpuc.ca.gov.