

## [It's one of the most important jobs in California. No one seems to want it](#)

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We're barely a few months out from the November 2024 election and there's already a long list of candidates clamoring to become California's next governor in 2026 when Gavin Newsom terms out of office. Yet while everyone from Vice President Kamala Harris to former Rep. Katie Porter are weighing potential bids for the state's top job, another key open role isn't seeing the same level of interest:

California insurance commissioner.

Once a relatively chill launching pad for ambitious politicians eager to boost their statewide profile, insurance commissioner is now arguably the state's least desirable job — and that was before historically destructive wildfires blazed across Southern California this month. As of Thursday, the conflagrations had killed at least 25 people and destroyed more than 12,000 structures.

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