



# West

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Have you met CSG West's new team member? Shilpa Patel joins us as a Policy Committees & Programs Coordinator and will be focused on supporting the Health Committee and Public Safety Committee. Additionally, she will serve as the state liaison for our members in Arizona. To help us learn a little more about her background and interests, we asked her a few insightful questions. Check out her answers below and be sure to look for her at our upcoming Annual Meeting!

## **WHAT STEPS IN YOUR CAREER PATH LED YOU TO CSG WEST?**

After law school, I stepped right into policy work at the University of California. I oversaw a broad spectrum of issues associated with the operation of a large public institution of higher learning. However, the scope of my purview was limited to the Academic Senate – the senior faculty population of the University. The work of CSG West broadens that scope considerably and allows me to help effectuate change for a broader swath of our population.

## **WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO AS A MEMBER OF THE CSG WEST TEAM?**

I am excited to learn about how other states outside of California are managing these extraordinary times and how we can collaborate and learn from one another. More importantly, I am looking forward to exploring policy work in a nonpartisan environment. It is important now more than ever.



## WHAT IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW?

I used to ghost write an advice column for the Cal Aggie at UC Davis, Dear Nora. (I based the name on a favorite childhood book – Busybody Nora.)

### IF YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE:

BOOKS OR BINGE WATCHING?	Books
SALTY OR SWEET?	Salty
COMEDY, ACTION OR DRAMA?	Drama
BAGEL OR DONUT?	Bagel