Katie Selenski

Katie Selenski is the inaugural Executive Director of CalSavers, the State of California's pioneering retirement savings program for the millions of Californians who lack access to a retirement plan at work.

Appointed by the State Treasurer in 2017 shortly after legislative passage, Ms. Selenski took CalSavers through design, build, launch, and growth. Ongoing marketing and enforcement aims to engage an estimated pool of more than 300,000 employers and their millions of employees.



Prior to taking the helm at CalSavers, Ms. Selenski was the State Policy Director for pension policy at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, D.C., where she advised policymakers in a dozen states and cities. Previously, she was a senior manager with the nonpartisan public sector consulting firm Harvey M. Rose Associates, based in San Francisco, where she advised municipal leaders on a wide array of budget and management matters, including pensions. Earlier, she was a municipal bond rating analyst at a leading rating agency, a legislative aide in the California Assembly, and the director of an historic non-partisan statewide youth voter turnout initiative.

For her stewardship of CalSavers, Ms. Selenski was awarded the inaugural Best of the States Spotlight Award by Georgetown University's Center for Retirement Initiatives in 2022.

She is a member of the advisory board of the Aspen Institute's Leadership Forum on Retirement Savings and a frequent speaker on retirement savings and has been quoted by dozens of national media outlets. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.