

**Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee**  
**Endorsement Questionnaire for Fresno City Council Candidates**

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**Please limit your responses to no more than 300 words per question.**

- 1) As a City Council member, describe what you will do in each of the following areas:
  - a) Improving air quality by planting more trees and to create more green spaces.
  - b) Improving Fresno's public transportation levels of service by offering green means of transportation, such as electric bicycles and electric cars.
  - c) Reducing urban sprawl to encourage more green forms of transportation, such as car-pools.
  - d) Supporting high-speed rail Yes, I support high-speed rail. It will be an essential form of transportation to connect Southern California to Northern California. Many residence work in the Bay Area and live in Fresno. It would provide an over-due connect between the two.
- 2) What specifically do you plan to do to ensure that Fresno's stock of affordable, safe and decent housing increases significantly while you're on the City Council? Include in your answer if you support and would you strengthen a comprehensive routine interior code inspection program for rental housing? It is important to increase the building of safe affordable and low income housing .To meet the needs of our homeless and low income families. Yes, I support the current comprehensive routine interior code inspection program. But, improvements can always be made by inspecting all of the individual units instead of a small percentile.
- 3) Evaluate the successes and failures of City Hall's approach to ending homelessness and what, if anything, you would do differently. Include your position on the new anti-camping ordinance. City Council has not been able to fix the homelessness situation in District 3. It seems as District 3 has been designated, as the dumping area for this City wide problem. Being that the MAP point is located in District 3, with the location of the Poverello House. Police officers do have the authority to give fine of \$1,000.00 for violating the anti-camping ordinance. But it is a catch 22, there isn't enough housing to solve the problem.

- 4) What do you see as the most important components in cultivating a productive and cooperative and useful relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the City Council? The two have to work together for good of its citizens, within the boundaries of its own duties and regulations.
- 5) Police accountability in Fresno has been a longstanding concern of the progressive community. What exactly do you propose to require greater accountability of the police to the citizenry of Fresno, especially in interactions within neighborhoods of color and the LGBTQ community? Mandatory sensitivity training. The increase of hiring of officers from the African-American and the LGBTQ community.
- 6) Given national attacks on immigrants, what steps should the City Council take to support our vibrant immigrant community, especially our undocumented neighbors and DACA recipients? There needs to be pathway to citizenship. It doesn't make sense to separate the financial support of the family structure. By relocating them away from their family. Then the burden of care of the family is placed on the tax payers. It is important to keep the family structure together.
- 7) The city has uneven park and green space distribution. What are two specific ways to address this issue, ensuring more access to green space, particularly in low-income neighborhoods? The lack of green spaces is huge in District 3. Children in District 3 need several locations in their community, where they can just be kids and play. Through working with the TCC one of the main improvements to District 3. is to implement the planting of trees and to create many more green spaces. Which would also help with the air pollution problems that we have here in District 3.
- 8) What is your stand on unions and unionization? What will you do to support city workers? I am a union member through CalPERS. We are greater in numbers. It is important to hear of suggestions that our city workers have. And to keep the means of communication open by supporting our city workers.
- 9) What is your position on medical marijuana and recreational marijuana dispensaries within the city?  
I agree with medical marijuana being used to assist with a medical conditions and to assist with the side effects of certain medical treatments. Although, a dispensaries would bring added income to our city. I'm not sure if that financial gain, would be the best thing for our community. I would be concerned with driving under the influence, and being that there isn't a test for, officers out in the field, to make that determination for arrest.
- 10) In conclusion, tell us what you consider to be the top three progressive priorities of your campaign (these can include issues addressed above, or add details not yet addressed in this questionnaire).  
My passion is to help District 3 build and reach its fullest potential. I am concerned with the disconnection with our homeless citizen's. There are 3 categories of homelessness. 1) Situational Homeless 2) Mental Illness and Addiction 3) Urban Campers and Criminals. I would like to purpose a joint task team to offer a complete package of transformative supportive services. From mental health assessments and treatment, job training, sober counseling and affordable housing.

Concurrent with this program I would purpose a Neighborhood Watch Task Team Program. To offer supportive services working from the Maslow's Hierarchy of needs. This Task Team will consist of a community advocate, a police officer, a social worker and a local minister. With a safety day and night patrols, through neighborhood

collaboration. We can't be afraid to engage one another in our communities! We have to take our streets back!

And finally, I would like to implement mentoring programs, such as POP'S Program for the young adult males and an etiquettes program such as Color Me Beautiful for our youth, including job training programs. It is important to invest in our children, for they are our future.

*Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your answers will be distributed to our members prior to our March endorsement meeting through the CVPPAC Web site.*