

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: Support the utilization public/mass transportation; support the expansion of BRT into southwest Fresno; ensure the implementation of Fresno \$70M TCC grant and support future grants; support in-fill and transit-orientated development.
 - b) Improving Fresno's public transportation levels of service: Expand BRT; explore ways to include WIFI at stops or buses; work with FAX and the Police to ensure safety for passengers and drivers.
 - c) Reducing urban sprawl: We have suburban sprawl. We need urban in-fill development. I will continue to support the enforcement of the 2035 General Plan and neighborhood-specific plan (Tower, Fulton, SW Fresno).
 - d) Supporting high-speed rail: Encourage HSR activity from the City Council; encourage the utilization of local and diverse contractors and workers; support the application from the City for HSR- related grants and resources for infrastructure, the Fresno station, and the surrounding area.
- 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?

I am in support of housing that people in the district and the City can afford. In district 3, there is a saturation of affordable and public with little neighborhood-affordable market rate housing. 1) I would encourage more mixed-income housing development near transits and jobs centers; 2) I would encourage and support mixed-income housing throughout the City—not use south Fresno; 3) I support the City’s Rental Inspection Ordinance. Throughout good data collection, I would work with the Administration on ways to improve potential challenges like spot-checking in large complexes and exploring way to supports improvements through a city-sponsored small owner rental housing improvement fund in partnership with banks and community development financial institutions (CDFIs).

- 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.**

As one that has assisted family members and friends who have been homeless, I understand the struggle of this crisis. The challenge of assisting homeless individuals and helping them connect to services is something greater than what the City of Fresno can do alone. An enforcement strategy must be accompanied by access to services and housing to be effective. A property owner have recourse for someone sleeping or encamped on their property-yes but at the same time the City must partner with the County, the Housing Authority, the Continuum of Care, and nonprofit organizations through resources like MapPoint to connect individuals to support. I support the effort between the City and County Administration to convene a Homeless Taskforce to collective leverage funding, connect homeless resident and their families to services, and support mixed income (homeless accepting) housing resources like housing vouchers and the development of permanent housing for the chronic homeless and rapid response services.

- 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 City and County must establish aligned goals. This doesn’t mean they will agree on everything but they can on those things they do. The City-County *Street 2 Home* homeless initiative is a good example of that. Having the right persons from municipality at the table is critical to moving the aligned goal or agenda forward. Neither party can have a “my way or the highway mentality” but in transparency and open dialogue address issues but refocus on the goal. My experience working in the community economic development field with banks, regulators, nonprofits and the community has provide me with the experience of negotiating partnerships between parties with different views on how to achieve an outcome. I would utilize those skills and relationship building experiences to work the various parties to support collective outcomes.

- 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?

I truly support “safety for all” communities are a part of Fresno. I will continue to support the funding of units in the police department that focus on prevention and investigation of hate crime and domestic violence issues. A part of my ‘safety for all’ plan, I will encourage the expansion of community policing as a standard for police department which include more patrolling officer to address neighborhood level issues while aligning the officer performance standards with that. I would encourage citywide adoption of practices in the Southwest Policing District that fosters positive relationships between the police and community beyond calls for service. I support the department investment in professional

development and training for officers, body cams, and regular reporting of department activities to the council and public. I would work the City administration, the police department to ensure the department is reflective of the community it serves. In addition, I would work to build greater foundation of trust in the community through regularly neighborhood-level outreach and communication through my Community Advisory Council and quarterly in-neighborhood meetings with residents, city leadership and myself to answer questions and get input on community priorities and needs.

- 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?

I support that the federal government need to create a clearer and faster pathway for future immigrants and current undocumented residents. We must hold our federally-elected official accountable for legislating a pathway. As councilmember, I will work to ensure the City maintains its policy of not actively or intentional go after undocumented residents.

- 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?

As part of the Southwest Specific Plan and TCC Committee Member, I have advocated for good green space and parks in our city, especially in district 3. I support the implementation of the Parks Master Plan and the concept of a park bond or sales tax to support. In District 3, the main issues are maintenance of facilities in SW Fresno and increasing the number of parks or green space in the Tower or Central West area. I would also hold developers responsible for incorporating green space in the projects.

- 8) What is your stand on unions and unionization? What will you do to support city workers?

I support city-unionized staff.

- 9) What is your position on medical marijuana and recreational marijuana dispensaries within the city?

I believe, like alcohol and tobacco, it should be highly regulated by local and state laws. This would include the concentration of dispensaries in low-income neighborhood and how is allowed to sell it LMI and communities of color. I also support equity-based practice for licensing and use of sales tax.

- 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).

- 1) The creation a small, diversity business ordinance that increase the City's utilization of diverse businesses and their workforce in the community.
- 2) Safety for all regardless of one neighborhood, ethnicity/race, gender, sexual orientation or documentation status.
- 3) Setting a 10-15% local/neighborhood hiring goal for projects receiving funds or reduced fees from or through the City of Fresno.

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.