

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire for FCOE Candidates

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

1. Please list your campaign's three highest financial contributors.

Richard Martinez, Steve Fanucci, Ruben Duran

2. Please list any organizational endorsements you have received.

N/A

3. Please describe your top three priorities if you are elected.

Educational Equity, Addressing the comprehensive teacher shortage and Increasing our chronically low academic attainment post k-12 education in the Central Valley.

4. What would you do to reduce the student drop-out rate in Fresno County? Question 10 - addressing social-emotional needs of students through increased personnel in these areas.

5. Should vocational education be expanded? Absolutely, but without sacrifice of a comprehensive base/fundamental education that could lead to tracking and a loss of opportunity for sub-groups.

6. What would you do to better serve students with limited English proficiencies or special education needs? Question 10 - address personnel increases in the trenches.

7. Do you support publicly funded universal pre-school? Definitely, all research and experience shows the need for early education efforts that will help our students gain greater preparation and success in their educational journey through our public school systems.

8. What can you do to help insure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary grade levels? A decrease in wasteful spending at the top. Administrative positions and salaries are increasing in greater percentages than just about everything else in education. Trimming the fat at the top can result in immediate increases in arts programs that are not nearly as expensive as creating another 6 figure

salary. This however requires a strength of character on the part of leadership and elected representatives to point out and cut excess.

9. What can you do to improve the quality of education in Fresno County? Please read the answer to question 10, and I would be more than willing to elaborate in discussion as needed.

10. What would be your recommended spending priorities if each school district were to receive a twenty percent increase in annual funding? A silver bullet that targets two exponentially significant problems in public education – teacher shortage and class/school size reduction. Increasing the teacher pool per school district will decrease class size and immediately better the quality of education for the average student in the classroom. Also, an increase of personnel in the trenches to address social-emotional needs of our student on a day-to-day basis.

11. Do you support or oppose FCOE seeking U.S. Supreme Court review in the case of *Rizo v. Yovino*, No. 16-15372 (9th Cir. Apr. 9, 2018) (en banc) and why? I support equity of pay regardless of race, color, creed or gender, anything leading to this I support, anything not, I don't.

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your answers will be distributed to our members prior to the September 8 endorsement meeting through the CVPPAC Website.

Please return your completed questionnaire by email to Mike Rhodes < mikerhodes@comcast.net >. The submission deadline is Sunday, September 2 at 11:59 p.m. If you have any questions, call CVPPAC President Pam Whalen at (559) 994-9390.