

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:

I haven't received any financial contributions, yet. I do expect several this month. I am self-supported at this time.

2. Please list any organizational endorsements you have received.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 701.

Central Labor Council

Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA)

Thus far and more are expected.

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

Insuring that all of the students, in Trustee Area, 1, are reading on grade level. Reading below grade level impact a child's prospects for a successful life.

Through early childhood education, studies have found. That there is a link, when children receive early childhood education, such as Pre-school or transition to kindergarten or (T-K). We find that students are ready for kindergarten. Through this approach we will be setting a course for success, for the students in Trustee Area 1. By being the bridge of collaboration between my (9) Schools Districts and the Unions Apprentice Programs. Through this collaboration , we can creating pathways through education and apprenticeship. Providing skilled future labor and creating prevailing wages for the students and future family support. I am excited with all of the possibilities that we can create, for the future of the children and their families in our Western Communities.

4. What would you do to reduce the student drop-out rate in Fresno County?

When I worked at J.E. Young Academic Center for (5) years at F.U.S.D. Our site was the safety net, of the District. To catch all of the students in the District before they dropped out. You have to meet the student, at their level and work up. Some

students cannot function in a normal school setting. For those students, Independent Studies might be their best fit.

5. Should vocational education be expanded?

YES... YES...YES! For we all know that every student, will not attend college. And for this demographics of students they need to be "Career Ready". As I stated above, through the collaboration with school sites and Union Journeymen Programs. We can give our students a bright future.

6. What would you do to better serve students with limited English proficiencies or special education needs?

Good question! We can better serve our limited English speaking students. By offering Dual-Emersion Programs(where in the classroom both English and Spanish are used to teach the students.) or more assessable English Language Learners {ELL) or English Language Arts (ELA). For parents and students.

I have a strong background in Special Education. I have my Para Profession Social Emotional Certification Training. Which taught me the best way to work with the social emotional needs that our Special Education Students require.

7.Do you support publicly funded universal pre-school?

YES! It is so important to give our student, the very best beginning to their educational achievements.

8. What can you do to help insure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary grade levels?

Make it mandatory, that it is included in the budget, and funded every year. As a former ballerina, I studied the Art of Ballet for (10) years, and I received great joy, from this art form. It is very important to keep the Arts in our schools, our students need to have opportunities of expression and an additional outlet from social media.

Well, it starts with our teachers. If we hire the best, then we can expect the best. I recall one of my Kindergarten teachers saying" Once you stop loving what you do, it's time to retire!" We need to reenergize our staff, and the rest will follow.

9. What would be your recommended spending priorities if each school district were to receive a twenty percent increase in annual funding?

Ordering newer textbooks. Upgrade the electronics, tutoring afterschool in all subjects.

10. 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 bane) and why?

Yes, I support the "Equal Pay Act." It is important that we stay vigilant to this issue. If we do the same work, we deserve, the same pay.

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.