

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire for the August 13, 2019, Fresno City Council District 2 Candidates

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Who are your five largest financial contributors and how much did they give you?
At the time of reporting the campaign has been self-funded.

Please answer YES or NO to the following four questions:

Climate change is an environmental crisis that must be addressed by decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels and increasing solar, wind and other alternative energy sources.

Yes **Yes**

No

I support President Trump's immigration policies and believe his proposed wall at our southern border is needed.

No **No**

I believe in a woman's right to reproductive freedom and will do what is in my power to keep abortion affordable and legal.

Yes **Yes**

The city of Fresno is expected to have a population of more than 600K people from the 2020 census. Are you in favor of expanding the Fresno City Council to nine (9) seats to equitably represent the recent growth in the city?

Yes Yes

Please limit your responses to the following four questions to no more than 200 words per question.

1) 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?

-Have developers in my district agree to build affordable housing in parts of the city that are in need.

-Push to have the unincorporated housing in my district become part of the city.

-I would absolutely support a strengthening of a comprehensive inspection check of rental housing.

2) 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 let petty squabbling, poor policy proposals, and partisanship get in the way of real change.

-I do applaud them for agreeing to accept state money to address the issue.

-I will propose a more comprehensive approach to combat homelessness that incorporates a universal basic income, increased rehab sources, increased access to mental health resources, job-training, and housing assistance.

3) 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 want the citizens, particularly the children, of these neighborhoods to grow up being able to trust the police. With this in mind, I would promote more community policing efforts. I would push to start programs in the schools of these neighborhoods that allow for more positive interactions with police as well as highlight the different careers in law enforcement. The kids that live in these neighborhoods and know these communities the best should eventually watch over them.

4) 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?

-Our city should not cave to the harsh rhetoric or policy coming from the White House

-Housing, businesses, and community inclusion should all be promoted through different policies that afford them proper rights. The legal defense fund that was not passed in 2017-2018 should be a policy the city moves forward with for example.

5) 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?

-Add more services to existing parks. For example, installing free WiFi in each park would address equity issues and be relatively cost effective

-More funds should be allotted from the budget for park maintenance and park activity.

Specifically, more park activities such as sports leagues and cultural events should be both put on and revolved around different parks in Fresno.

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

-I am strongly in favor of unions and unionization.

-In my statement to voters, I stated my desire to increase the relationship between the district and local labor.

-Given Central Unified's lack of local labor use in their projects, I would seek to begin a relationship between my former district and the local labor leaders such as the Central Labor Council.

Please return this questionnaire by e-mail (in either a .docx or .pdf format by May 31, 2019, to mikerhodes@comcast.net.

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