

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire for the Mayor, City of Fresno Candidate

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Who are your five largest financial contributors and how much did they give you?

1. Fiona Ma, \$4,700
2. Kathleen Murphy, \$4,500
3. Cordell B. Jelf, \$3,000
4. Ellen Gavin, \$2,000
5. Fresno Central Labor Council, \$2,000

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 ☒

No ☐

I support President Trump's immigration policies and believe his proposed wall at

our southern border is needed.

Yes__

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 ☒

No__

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_____

No_____

Please limit your responses to the following six 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?

- I plan on working closely with state and local officials to ensure we go after any and all resources available to increase affordable and healthy housing for the residents of Fresno. I believe that a routine interior code inspection program is integral to achieving healthy and prosperous neighborhoods for all.

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.

- In terms of successes, the city has taken steps to end chronic homelessness such as approving a ten year plan and applying for grants. However, the number of homeless individuals has continued to rise which shines light on how much work we still have left to do. I don't have the answers on how to fix this issue, but we know what hasn't worked and I'm all for hearing and trying new approaches. I don't believe the anti-camping ordinance will work. It just pushes the issue from location to the next, it doesn't solve anything.

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?

- We should implement true community policing in the city of Fresno. Police officers should also be educated on the culture and customs of the diverse communities they're assigned to. An independent review of the Fresno Police Department has also suggested FDP adopt de-escalation procedures as formal agency policy which could be another way to increase accountability and trust.

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?

- The City Council should instruct local law enforcement not to comply or work with ICE. We need to show our immigrant community we stand with them.

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?

- First, we need to actually prioritize the issue. Second, we need to develop funding to adequately address it.

6) What is your stand on unions and unionization? What will you do to support workers in the City of Fresno?

- I proudly stand behind unions and unionization. I am endorsed by the Central Labor Council. I will support local hire as a stand alone policy in Fresno and on all public works projects.

Please return this questionnaire by email (in either a .docx or .pdf format by Saturday, August 3, 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.