

**Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire for Congressional District 22 Candidates**

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For the first 5 questions answer yes or no:

- Do you support Roe v. Wade in which the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction?
Yes
- Do you support overturning Citizens United?
Yes
- Do you support the single payer healthcare for all model?
Yes
- Do you support the impeachment of Donald Trump and his removal from office?
Yes
- Do you Support the Green New Deal?
Yes

Please limit your responses to no more than 800 words for the following 4 questions (200 words per question).

- Please comment on the use of private companies for detaining immigrants and your reaction to separating children from their parents and putting them in cages.

The practice of private companies running prisons should be eliminated entirely, including those that are detaining immigrants. California recently moved to end the use of private prisons by prohibiting the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to renew or enter into new contracts with a private company to run a state prison. We should take the same action at the federal level. My reaction to the separation and caging of children is that it is immoral, criminal, and unnecessary. We need to reunite these families and stop criminalizing border crossings by repealing U.S. Code 1325.

- Do you support raising the federal minimum wage and if so, what do you think it should be?

Yes, I support a federal minimum wage that is \$15 an hour.

- What measures would you take to guarantee clean and safe drinking water for all residents in California?

The Clean Water Act (CWA) needs to be amended by Congress in a comprehensive fashion and we cannot rely on the whims of any Presidential administration. Congress last made major changes to the CWA 32 years ago and could not predict the problems we are currently facing. The law does not adequately deal with nonpoint source pollution like excess fertilizers or toxic chemicals from urban runoff. The CWA also needs to be updated to deal with regulation of fracking wastewater, how climate change and extreme drought will impact drinking water, and the environmental injustice and inequalities in our water system. America must also invest in repairing our water infrastructure by replacing deteriorating pipes and updating antiquated water treatment facilities. Federal funding will need to be readily available because local communities often do not have the resources to make those investments.

- What is your plan to end homelessness?
We need to provide housing solutions that are appropriate for the needs of the different populations of homeless persons. For the majority who will be homeless for short periods of time, we need to make sure we have temporary and transitional housing available. We can also work on providing space for those that do not want traditional housing spaces to live freely in safe environments. For the chronically homeless, we must support programs that provide permanent supportive housing and fully fund programs that provide medical, mental, and substance abuse treatment on site. Lastly, we must invest in programs to assist in homeless prevention, providing support to those that are living in circumstances that are on the verge of becoming homeless; for instance, providing a living safety net for those that may lose their living arrangements because of financial/employment instability or no longer being accepted by their family.

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your answers will be distributed to our members prior to the December 7, 2019 endorsement meeting through the CVPPAC Website.

Please return this questionnaire by email to Mike Rhodes <mikerhodes@comcast.net>. The deadline is Wednesday, November 27 at 11:59 p.m.