

**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.

A: This is a stain on our country. Seeing kids put in cages is one of those - you know where you were - moments when you first saw the images and heard the stories. The use of private companies is only part of a much larger problem and it has nothing to do with people wanting a better life in this country. No, it has to do with how we treat this process and those who are involved in the process. Keep in mind that these are more times than not, women and children who are fleeing a dangerous country. If the unwritten law of this country is to 'give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe...' then surely the unwritten law as citizens of this country is to accept them.

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

I fully support the Fight-for-15 and the Raise The Wage Act that establishes the minimum wage at \$15 / hour. \$15 per hour by 2024 is completely achievable and even modest as \$15 in 2024 will act more like \$12 in today's compensation. Furthermore, if we kept up with worker productivity, we would see a wage more like \$20. As it stands now, our federal minimum wage of \$7.25 has remained stagnant for over 10 years and desperately needs to be raised to at least \$15 per hour so that working people are able to make ends meet.

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

There are over 1 million people without access to clean drinking water in California right now. As a member of Congress, I would take measures to introduce legislation on water infrastructure, protecting the quality and quantity of groundwater, and adequate funding for our most impacted communities so that everyone can receive clean and safe drinking water.

- What is your plan to end homelessness?

There are thousands of people who are currently experiencing homelessness right now due to a lack of affordable housing, emergency services, or access to mental healthcare services. My plan to end homelessness would look like the following: funding emergency shelters year-round so that people are safe. Increasing the supply of affordable housing units. Working with HUD to increase the number of housing choice vouchers. Supporting rent control to ensure tenants are not being displaced. Supporting rapid rehousing services to lessen the time people are moving from place to place. Moving away from criminalizing people for poverty and instead, expanding crisis response systems and access to mental healthcare services.

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.