

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire for Congressional District 21 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, with a focus that address the needs of rural parts of my district and the country.
- Do you support the impeachment of Donald Trump and his removal from office?
Yes
- Do you Support the Green New Deal?
Yes, with a focus that address the needs of rural parts of my district and the country.

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.
- There is no congressional district in America that has suffered more from the senseless immigration policy of Trump's Administration than California's 21st. In Congress, I will fight to ensure hardworking families don't have to live in fear of being torn apart and are valued for their contributions to our economy and communities. For our local businesses and region to thrive, we need an immigration system that actually works. TJ will work tirelessly for common sense immigration reforms that include a path to citizenship and protections for DACA recipients. TJ doesn't see the diversity of our nation as a problem - but as our promise.
- Do you support raising the federal minimum wage and if so, what do you think it should be?
- I'm the amendment to the Raise the Wage Act and I joined this amendment to look out for the small businesses and the agricultural businesses that are so vital to California's Central Valley and to our nation.

The federal minimum wage has not been raised since 2009. In the decade since, due to inflation and rising costs, the paychecks of millions of hardworking Americans naturally don't go as far as they used to. Every worker deserves a living wage, and this amendment ensures we can give at least 17 million Americans a raise while also protecting farms and small businesses.

We do this by requiring the Government Accountability Office to analyze and produce a study on the impact of the first two scheduled wage increases on our nation's small businesses, our ag industry, and our workers. This study will consider specific effects of raising the minimum wage in each Census tract and rural area so families—like those I serve in the Central Valley—aren't left behind.

If we find the negative impacts are too great, the relevant committees are required to make recommendations to Congress, which may include the actions necessary to delay the next scheduled increases, if necessary.

- What measures would you take to guarantee clean and safe drinking water for all residents in California?
 - Access to safe drinking water was declared a human right by the State of California in 2012. Despite this, more than 300,000 Californians don't have access to clean water. Over 150,000 of them live in Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties. Although the provision of safe drinking water falls mainly to state lawmakers, all elected officials have the responsibility to assure that the basic needs of their constituents are met. The lack of clean water affects mostly rural and poor areas, primarily in the Central Valley.
- What is your plan to end homelessness?
 - I joined on to HR 1978 to fight homelessness in the United States by authorizing a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families.

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.