

**Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire for Congressional District 16 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.

We must overturn this Administration's policy of cruelty and division by ending private detention facilities that create inhumane conditions and separate families at our border. These private detention facilities are tearing apart families of color and subjecting them to abhorrent living conditions. I support legislation to ban private detention facilities.

Because the Trump administration has no plan for reuniting children with their families and apparently has failed to keep the records necessary to do so, these families may never be reunited. We must hold the Trump administration accountable for the abuse they have inflicted upon migrant families and their children.

We must affirm asylum protections and raise the refugee cap. I am committed to working towards a clear path for citizenship for all undocumented immigrants. We must also address the root causes that drive individuals from their homes and take concrete steps to combat the violence, climate change, and injustice that has displaced millions.

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

I support legislation to make the minimum wage a living wage. Workers should not have to work two or three jobs in order to support their family. Workers working at least 40 hours a week should not be living in poverty and relying on public assistance in order to pay rent and put food on the table. I support increasing the minimum wage to at least \$15 an hour and to indexing the minimum wage to account for inflation so that wages keep up with the cost of living.

I also support federal programs efforts to subsidize jobs. Recently enacted in 39 states and Washington D.C., these programs benefit workers and business by injecting money into hard-hit economies like ours.

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

I support the Water Act that has been introduced in Congress, which includes: (1) providing \$35 billion a year for drinking water and wastewater improvements; (2) creating a water trust fund; (3) creating nearly 1,000,000 jobs across the economy for water projects; (4) prioritizing disadvantaged communities by providing grants and additional support; (5) expanding funding for technical assistance to small, rural, and indigenous communities; and, (6) funding projects to address water contamination from man-made chemicals.

I also believe we need to do a better job enforcing precision practices that reduce the amount of nitrates and phosphates in our water supply. The federal government gives billions in subsidies each year to farmers and we can, and should, ensure environmental protection measures are attached to these funds.

- What is your plan to end homelessness?

I support Bernie Sanders' Housing for All plan, which includes: (1) limiting rent increases to 3% or 1.5% times the consumer price index), which includes waivers if significant capital improvements are made to incentivize landlords to improve their properties; (2) investing \$2.5 trillion to build nearly 10 million permanently affordable housing units; (3) implementing a national rent control standard, including a "just-cause" requirement for evictions, and right to counsel in housing disputes; (4) making Section 8 vouchers available to all eligible families without a waitlist and strengthening the Fair Housing Act; (5) combating gentrification; and, (6) investing \$70 billion to repair, decarbonize, and build new public housing.

I would also like to note that my entire platform is essentially an anti-poverty platform designed to keep Valley residents safe at home. Childcare is often prohibitively expensive and too difficult to access. This creates an impossible bind for working parents who need childcare in order to work and work to afford childcare. A federally funded program can change lives. Further, half a million people file for medical bankruptcies in this country each year. We must remove the profit motive from the healthcare industry if we are going to give Valley families a real shot at economic security.

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.