

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire
Fresno County Board of Education

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For the first 4 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 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.

Privatization is an issue when used in most forms of government. It incentivizes money over service. Government main function is to provide service to the community. A total reforming of our immigration policy is needed. Separating parents from children should be the seldom used exception within any enforced policy, and clear policy for reunification should be implemented when separation is unavoidable. Cages and similar barriers are inhumane and should never be utilized.

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

I do believe that the federal minimum wage should be increased to meet the higher cost of living currently in America. I do not have an informed opinion for a new amount; however, I believe that accompanying changes to public debts should also be considered.

Lowering/eliminating of student debt, lower/free college tuition, lowering mortgage interest rates, instituting higher personal tax rates for people earning over 3 million dollars annually, closing tax loopholes (such with ACA 5), paying essential workers at a higher rate, making major investments into US infrastructure

How would you like to see local police departments, across the nation, changed to reduce violence?

First, police departments across the country must implement a community oversight apparatus. The community must have some say and input to how they are policed. This oversight should be in all areas from hiring to firing.

Second, policing must be removed/reduced from school sites. Schools have a heavy reliance on policing in the Fresno area. Fresno Unified spends millions of dollars on policing annually and Clovis Unified has its own Police Department. Much of those budgets would be better spent in providing Social-Emotional Services to students, families, and staff members.

Lastly, Police Departments need to have their own liability insurance. Their incurred penalties and expenses should be drawn from their department budget and not the overall cities budget.

What is your plan to end homelessness?

I do not believe there is one plan that can end homelessness. As an educator, I believe that education is the ultimate key to raising people out homelessness and many over societal issues. The attainment of formal education provides you with options in life. Education affords people the competitive option to compete for all life has to offer.

As I stated initially, there is no singular plan that will end homelessness. The homeless community has a variety of needs. Mental health support, affordable housing options, progressive politicians, socially engaged populous, and much more are required to overcome our current deplorable circumstances.

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. This questionnaire with your answers will be distributed to our members prior to the July 11, 2020 endorsement meeting through the CVPPAC Website.

Please return this questionnaire by email to Mike Rhodes <mikerhodes@comcast.net>. The deadline is Tuesday, June 30 at 11:59 p.m.