

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire Educational Candidates

Candidate Information:

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Please use no more than 100 words to respond to the following:

- Do you support publicly funded universal preschool? Yes
- What will you do to help ensure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary levels? Having a great relationship with the Board is the first step in helping to ensure funding stays with the children in impactful ways. Music and Art are such an important part of education, meeting the artistic, creative and emotional needs of our youth. I will fight to make sure cuts do not come to our current programs, while simultaneously looking for more funding and creating partnerships with the amazingly diverse music and art community in the valley to continue to provide a comprehensive Music & Art program.
- Please describe how you will improve the quality of education (in the district for which you are running)? My top priorities are to increase literacy rates for the most marginalized groups in our district. Homeless, Foster, SPED and African American youth have the lowest literacy rates. We know that low literacy rates impact our kids for a lifetime. We need to have a proactive and reactive response. We also know that those same groups above have the highest rates of suspension and expulsion. The numbers are directly correlated. Once we make it mandatory to look at the whole student, keep them in class and work on meeting their needs, we can then give them a high level of education. The other important piece I want to address is our college/career readiness. While CUSD has a high rate of graduation 81%, we only have 31% of our graduates that are ready for a career or college. That means that 50% aren't ready to go into the world with the skills needed to succeed. We need to reassess our pathways and make sure our kids are ready to enter the world. This might mean adding some pathways, reassessing kids to stay on track or change course, and creating meaningful partnerships with local Tech, Trade and colleges in the Valley.
- What is your plan for reopening schools after the COVID-19 crisis? I like everyone else want our kids to be back in a classroom where they receive the quality public education every child deserves. However I only want to do that when we can ensure the safety of all those involved. That means listening to local doctors, health experts, the state dept of education guidelines & our Governors mandates. With that being said, I believe we will need to transition back to in person learning at a slow pace, with care and concern to not have a spike in cases or deaths. Proper protocol will need to be discussed with the District, Parents, & Teachers to ensure a safe transition. There will need to be creative approaches and a Board that can pivot quickly in this ever-changing environment. Like I have said before, I am a Mom first, these are our children.
- Describe how schools and districts can secure additional social emotional supports via adding counselors, social workers and nurses. To complete the above mentioned goals, we need to pay attention to putting the social/emotional needs of our students at a priority. We can not transition back to in person learning without counselors, social workers or nurses. We will be advocating for more funding and reallocation of current funds to make that happen. We have Prop 15 on the ballot in November, this will bring upwards of 11 million dollars to CUSD. We need to make priorities known, and have a Board willing to fight for what's right.

Candidate Signature: _____

(Use the draw function to sign. Signing confirms candidate's permission to post responses on the CVPPAC Web site.)

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your responses will be posted on the CVPPAC Web site and distributed to CVPPAC members. All completed questionnaire responses are to be submitted to Daren Miller at darenmilleremail@gmail.com by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 (without exception)**. The CVPPAC endorsement meeting will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26, via Zoom**. Contact Daren Miller at 559-382-9909 or darenmilleremail@gmail.com with your questions.

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