



**Central Valley Progressive- Political Action
Committee
Endorsement Questionnaire- County Candidates**

Candidate Profile:

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CVPPAC Core Values

Please answer YES or NO to the following 3 questions.

1. Climate change is an environmental crisis that must be addressed by decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels and increasing solar, wind and other alternative energy sources.

Yes XXX

No_____

2. Should government enact and/or support increased corporate taxes, increased income taxes on wealthy individuals, taxes on global wealth, and commercial property taxes based on market values to fund services such as childcare, public education, and public health?

Yes XXX

No_____

I am open to consideration of new revenues to pay for new services like childcare, education and health, and wealthy individuals and large corporations should pay their share.

3. I believe in a woman's right to reproductive freedom and will do what is in my power to keep abortion affordable and legal.

Yes **XXX**

No _____

County Candidate Questions

Please limit your responses to the following questions to no more than 200 words per question.

1. Tell us about your positions on the environmental problems facing Fresno County. For example, what actions should the Board of Supervisors take to be more proactive in addressing air-quality and water issues in the Central Valley? Do you support "fracking" regulations or a ban on "fracking" in Fresno County? Etc.

Fresno County faces enormous challenges, from clean air and water to groundwater contamination. Recently, Supervisors played silly politics while the impacts of drought and wildfires worsened. We cannot ignore the problem. Recently, Supervisors rejected State funding to study the impacts of climate change on the health of rural residents – at no County cost. This is no time for political drama. It will take all of us working together, and the sooner the better, to reach consensus and implement solutions that will lessen the impacts on the health of vulnerable rural populations.

I have devoted years to organizations that fight for social, economic and environmental justice, including the Greenlining Institute and Regenerate California. Reliable water supplies, the cost of safe drinking water and safe alternatives to pesticides must be a priority. I support banning hydrofracking.

I'm running for Supervisor to tackle these challenges head-on because I want to improve the quality of life for everyone in Fresno County. As an experienced negotiator. I will work with stakeholders and leverage funds for the benefit of our local communities.

2. What is your position on high-speed rail? What else could be done to improve accessible and affordable public transportation throughout the county?

Residents deserve transportation options that connect households, especially low-income households to opportunity. Many are dependent on public transit to get to jobs, medical appointments, or shopping.

We must leverage local funds with state and federal once-in-a-lifetime transportation investments. We should lower transit fares for low-income residents, seniors, disabled and students. We should electrify all public transit fleets and fund all-electric ride share programs.

I believe in passenger rail service and support its expansion. I also support light rail systems because they alleviate traffic congestion and improve air quality. While I continue

to support high-speed rail, overall management of the project and cost overruns are of concern.

FCRTA covers 13 rural cities and 39 unincorporated communities. FCRTA must improve and increase transit services to increase ridership, e.g. reduce wait times, make route schedules more frequent, more reliable, and more direct. Van pools may be more efficient than running empty buses. Rural residents must now spend an entire day coming into Fresno for a morning medical appointment. We must look at connectivity, the first mile / last mile and consider expanding the senior scrip 75% discount program to cover more than seniors over 70 - perhaps 55+ plus severely disabled and whether to make income based.

3. What specifically do you plan to do to ensure Fresno County's stock of affordable, safe, and decent housing increases significantly?

As Supervisor, I will advocate for housing that working families can afford. I will make sure our rural and marginalized communities are in a position to access all available funds for rural housing. I will work with non-profit housing and private development groups to make sure infrastructure and legal requirements are met, so we can build affordable single and multi-family housing in our communities.

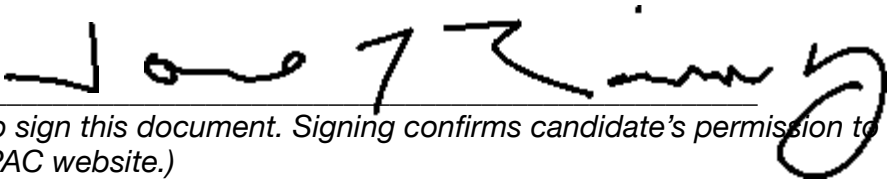
I will encourage growth in areas that can provide the necessary municipal services, e.g. adequate sewer and clean water, and in areas of opportunity with good schools and parks. I support state efforts to encourage high density building (transit oriented developments) near transportation hubs and eliminating restrictive local zoning rules. I would insist the laws against discrimination and prohibitions against redlining are enforced. I will work with our rural cities and unincorporated communities to make sure their housing policies are aligned.

I would seek to make sure first-time homeowners can access lending institutions. I would prioritize investments in poor and working-class communities, especially communities of color, which have historically suffered from neglect. We must upgrade our neglected infrastructure, fix our roads, upgrade water systems and invest in clean energy options like solar power.

4. Should a worker be able to afford the cost of living for their family in the community in which they work with one full-time job?

I know that many rural families are struggling to pay rent and afford housing, in general. My mother was able to come to this country, work hard, and save up to buy a home, but that dream is out of reach for many families today. Multiple generational households have become a common thing. As a result of unlivable wages, increased housing and childcare costs, residents

have no choice but to combine their incomes or make sacrifices in ways that affect their long-term health. I am a firm believer in providing our workers with livable wages so that our families can have more disposable income which goes hand in hand with benefitting our local businesses and improving the health of our communities as a whole.

Candidate Signature: 
(Use the draw function to sign this document. Signing confirms candidate's permission to post responses on CVPPAC website.)

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your responses will be posted on the CVPPAC website and distributed to CVPPAC members.

All completed questionnaire responses are to be submitted to Mike Rhodes at mikerhodes@comcast.net by **11:59 pm Friday, April 1st (without exception)**. The CVPPAC endorsement meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 9th via Zoom**.

CVPPAC April Endorsement Meeting

Saturday, April 9th at 3:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92483756535?pwd=b0hCSlVveVB3TDBmM0pZR0VtM1h4UT09>

Meeting ID: 924 8375 6535

Passcode: 814922

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