



Central Valley Progressive- Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire- Civic 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__X____
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__X____
No_____
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__X____
No_____

City Candidate Questions

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

1. What are your plans to improve your city's transportation services?

We have made some major investments in the FAX, Fresno's bus system, while I have been in office, including expanding routes, times, and the Bus Rapid Transit system down Blackstone and Kings Canyon. We have also worked to increase bike lanes. I look forward to continuing this work when I am re-elected.

2. How will you reduce urban sprawl?

The City of Fresno has done a lot to reduce sprawl during my time in the city council. You can drive through my district and see many lots that were vacant for years that are now being developed.

3. Do you support High Speed Rail? Explain why or why not.

I absolutely support high speed rail, it is bringing many jobs to Fresno, and infrastructure improvements, and when complete could be the most transformative project the Fresno area has ever seen, tying Fresno into the major economic engines in the Bay Area and southern California.

4. How should your city address the needs of the homeless population in your city?

We need a multi-pronged approach to compassionately provide housing to those who are willing to receive it. While much of the social service budget resides at the county level, the City of Fresno has worked hard during my time to increase the amount of housing for our homeless. I staunchly support Fresno's housing first policy, of providing housing first and then working on other issues. I will continue to work to bring more housing for the homeless online.

5. Describe two ways in which the city council and county supervisors should work together to positively impact your city?

I have always prided myself in being able to work with a diverse group of people to get stuff done, but I realize there is much more the City and County of Fresno should be doing together. The first one as mentioned above is certainly the homeless problem. It is the county that receives most of the social service dollars from the state and federal governments, and it is a problem that will never be fully solved without county help. Another issue is certainly growth. The City of Fresno can enact all the responsible growth policies it wants, but it does no good when the County then just allows irresponsible growth in other cities.

6. What are your top three priorities for address when elected to the seat you desire?

My top priority has always been jobs, jobs, jobs. A job can be the best social service program there is. That is why I worked hard to produce the first project labor

agreement for the city of Fresno over the Mayor's veto. This includes an apprenticeship program to help provide middle class jobs to some of the neediest members of our community. Being from southeast Fresno, restoring our dilapidated neighborhoods is another priority. And during my time on the Fresno City Council we have done much to shift a greater amount of the funding to those neighborhoods in need. And then the problem that seems to be on everybody's mind is the homeless situation. We have done a lot to provide more housing, but there is certainly still more housing we can provide, and I look forward to continuing to work towards these goals during my time on the Fresno City Council.

Candidate Signature: Luis Chavez

(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

Please feel free to contact Simone Cranston-Rhodes at 559-978-4504 or simonecranstonrhodesfta@outlook.com with your questions.

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