



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

Candidate Profile:

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Background and Experience:

Briefly describe your background and experience, highlighting any previous political or community involvement that demonstrates your commitment to progressive values.

CVPPAC Core Values:

Please answer YES or NO to the following 7 questions.

1. Addressing income inequality and ensuring a fair minimum wage are crucial to promoting economic justice for all members of our society.
Yes
No

2. Expanding access to affordable healthcare will improve our community's healthcare outcomes for all and reduce disparities in outcomes amongst the different social segments.

Yes
No

3. 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
No

4. All levels of government must have strategies to address systemic racism, promote social justice, and ensure equal rights and opportunities for marginalized communities.

Yes
No

5. Education is a foundational social good, and all residents deserve equitable access to affordable education in safe conditions, provided by appropriately provisioned and adequately compensated educators.

Yes
No

6. Our criminal justice system must be reformed to reduce mass incarceration and ensure fair and equitable treatment of all residents.

Yes
No

7. Immigration policies must be updated to include increased pathways to citizenship and protections of immigrant rights, thereby acknowledging the humanitarian issues inherent in relocation.

Yes
No

Free Response Questions:

For the following five questions, please limit your responses to no more than 100 words per question.

1. What specifically do you plan to do to ensure Fresno City's stock of affordable, safe, and decent housing increases significantly without contributing to urban sprawl?
 - *Revitalizing Existing Neighborhoods (preservation and rehabilitation)*
 - *Transit-Oriented Development*

- *Infill Development*
- *Community Engagement*

2. How do you plan to engage and empower underrepresented communities to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed?

- *Conduct initial research on the community. Collaborate with CBOs, leaders, and activists with existing relationships in the community.*
- *Engage with members of the underrepresented community; surveys, focus groups, or interviews; to understand their specific needs, concerns, and priorities.*
- *Host workshops, training sessions, or seminars to increase awareness about resources and opportunities available to the community.*
- *Organize community forums where members can voice their concerns and engage in constructive discussions.*
- *Establish mentorship initiatives that connect community members with role models and leaders who can guide and support them.*
- *Organize events that celebrate the community's cultural heritage and contributions.*

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

Transportation

Community Safety

Health and Wellness

4. How do you plan to avoid conflicts of interest and uphold ethical standards while serving in office?

First and foremost, I will recuse myself from any vote where there may be a perceived conflict of interest. I will also champion more policy that strengthens protection against future conflicts of interest that may potentially have negative impact on the community.

5. If endorsed by our Progressive Political Action Committee, what specific actions do you commit to taking to advance progressive policies and values?

I commit to continuing to educate myself about progressive policy while vigorously advocating for progressive policy change. I will work to bridge conversations to seek common ground and strive for productive dialogue to foster understanding and promote progressive values. And I will lead by example in my daily life, promoting diversity, inclusion and equity in my workplace, community, and personal relationships.

Candidate Signature: Matthew A. Gillette
(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 Lourin Hubbard at lourinsmith@gmail.com by **11:59 pm Friday, September 1st (without exception)**. The CVPPAC endorsement meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 9th at Studio 65**.

CVPPAC April Endorsement Meeting

Saturday, September 9th at 2:00PM

Studio 65

4774 N Blackstone Ave

Fresno, CA

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

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