

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.

I dedicated my life to public service. First, as an emergency room doctor for over 10 years, serving

the most vulnerable in our communities. I left my career in medicine to run for office and make an impact on statewide policies that would benefit more people. I chaired the committee on Health and Human Services for 7 years. During my time as chair, I was able to make impactful changes to our healthcare systems and increase funding for programs in social services, human services and public health. One of my largest accomplishments and the reason why I ran for office was to expand healthcare coverage for ALL Californian's, regardless of immigration status -- and we are doing just that. As of now, over 650,000 people have enrolled with the expansion of 50+ and everyone under the age of 26. Starting January, we will close the gap and open enrollment for everyone 26-49. I am proud of the work I have done in the Assembly and look forward to the work I will continue to do.

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 ___X___

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__X__

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__X__

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__X__

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__X__

No_____

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

Yes__X__

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. In what ways can the State work in the Central Valley to create cleaner water, air, and environment for everyone?

Since I was elected, I have been advocating for more funding for the Central Valley. I have also championed policies dealing with air quality and environmental issues. I will continue to fight for our communities.

2. How do you plan to engage and empower underrepresented communities to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed? I meet people where they are. My office is out in community and we bring resources to the people. During my committee hearings, I never cut anyone off during public comment. People's voices matter, that is how we create good policy.

3. Do you support single payer healthcare for all? Yes. I have championed Health For All since I took office, which is the first step to get us there.

4. How do you plan to avoid conflicts of interest and uphold ethical standards while serving in office? **I am a public servant and will always fight for the people.**

5. If endorsed by our Progressive Political Action Committee, what specific actions do you commit to taking to advance progressive policies and values? **I will continue to fight for resources for our communities and champion policies that benefit the people.**

Candidate Signature: Joaquin Arambula

(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 Simone by 5 PM Monday, September 5th (without exception).** The CVPPAC endorsement meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 9th at Studio 65.**