

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.

During my first 2.5 years on the Fresno City Council I have been committed to championing progressive issues. I have authored legislation that has made bus fare free for a sizable portion of the Fresno population, including children, seniors, and people with a disability. We know the majority of our FAX riders are from low socioeconomic-economic backgrounds and rely on our buses as their only form of transportation.

I also authored the City's first ever Eviction Protection Program that established a multi-million dollar fund in our City Attorney's Office that offers no cost legal representation to folks that are being illegally evicted from their dwellings. This continues to be a major cause of homelessness in our community and I am proud to say that the EPP has been extremely

successful in its first two years of existence, preventing hundreds of Fresno families from ending up on the streets.

I was also proud to support Fresno's first ever city-wide Project Labor Agreement that guarantees various City public works projects to those in a trade, offering fair wages and benefits to those employed.

If desired, I would be more than happy to provide additional details on other policies I have championed during my time on Council, including my "1,000 Tree Guarantee" which stipulates no less than 1,000 net new trees be planted in Fresno's most environmentally impacted neighborhoods every year.

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? *A: As a city, we must continue to develop affordable housing for all. Our current crisis isn't necessarily a housing shortage, but rather, an affordable housing shortage. I am currently working on an city-owned Senior Village that will generate 100 units of affordable senior homes. We must continue to invest more into this commodity.*

1. 2. How do you plan to engage and empower underrepresented communities to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed? *A: We have made great strides these past few years establishing and appointing folks to our Office of Community Affairs which seeks to empower individuals from minority communities to act as liaisons between the communities they represent and the CoF to allow us to better serve these populations. Most recently we created the first LGBTQ+ liaison.*

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3. What are your top three priorities for address when elected to the seat you desire? *A: Investing into more affordable housing continues to be a top priority for me. I will also continue to champion environmental policies that help reduce the polluted local climate that leads to numerous respiratory issues, especially in our youth. Lastly, I will continue to prioritize investments into our youth in order to help break the vicious cycles of poverty in our city.*

4. How do you plan to avoid conflicts of interest and uphold ethical standards while serving in office? *A: I believe my records speaks for itself as there has been no special interests groups that I have not voted against at some point in my career. I will continue to judge every item on its merit and not on the special interests that stand to gain or lose from the vote.*

5. If endorsed by our Progressive Political Action Committee, what specific actions do you commit to taking to advance progressive policies and values? *A: I look forward to continue working closely with the members of this organization in order to*

create more policies that benefit our city. I am always open to feedback from this group before a vote, or while in the process of drafting legislation.

Candidate Signature: _____Tyler J.

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