

Central Valley *Progressive* Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire for Education Candidates

Candidate Information

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Please use no more than 100 words to respond to each of the following:

1. Please describe how you will improve the quality of education as an elected trustee for the school district?

I have worked hard to ensure that our south east schools get their fair share of resources and that the resources are distributed equitably based on need. Doing my time on the board we have also worked to increase socio-emotional support services, parent engagement, language justice and academic supports. As my record shows, you can count on me to continue to be a reliable, unwavering advocate for our students as I firmly believe that education is the great equalizer- leveling the playing field for all to be able to have the skills to succeed.

2. Describe how the school district can provide additional social emotional supports at all school campuses?

During my time on the board I have championed doing just that- working hard to provide more counselors, school psychologists, anger therapy and substance abuse interventions. We now have a team that provides social-emotional support after traumatic incidents. We have also invested in restorative justice practices. Social-emotional well-being relies on all the adults on a campus, as well as a culture, to be on the same page to help kids.

3. What role should the school board play in determining the selection of books / materials for school libraries?

I trust our professional staff to determine the appropriate materials for our libraries. I believe books and materials should be educational and inclusive- representation is important.

4. What should be the policy of the school district as regards notifying parents of student's request for use of gender pronouns and other identifying characteristics?

We should follow California state law and not put kids in potential danger.

6. Please list your top 5 campaign donors and the amounts contributed.

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Candidate Signature: *(Use a script font to sign below). Signing confirms candidate's permission to post responses on the CVPPAC Web site.)*

Elizabeth Jonasson

If you want to be considered for endorsement by the CVPPAC, you will need to complete the attached candidate questionnaire and e-mail it back to us at fresnocvppac@gmail.com no later than 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st.