

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire for Community College District 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 Community College district?

I will drive policies to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and access (DEIA). All students, faculty, and staff should feel safe, valued, and supported on campus so that the focus can be on education.

I will also continue to invest the district resources on the facilities, equipment, and people that impact educational outcomes and student success. Faculty and staff can't focus on teaching and supporting students if they are worried about basic needs. This is why I supported a historic \$34 million investment in faculty salaries and providing part time faculty health insurance.

2. Describe how the Community College District can provide additional social emotional supports at all campuses?

Students currently have access to 10 free in-person therapy sessions, crisis intervention, group therapy, and talking circles. There are also online therapy sessions, peer support groups, and other mental health resources. We can seek funding and partnerships to expand the in-person on-campus individual and group therapy sessions.

Eligible district employees and members of their households are allowed 6 free therapy sessions per year, per issue. This should be expanded to include part time employees.

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

I firmly believe that the board should not be determining the selection of books and materials for district libraries. I requested the Resolution Declaring National Library Week (April 2024) include the following info to address this issue:

WHEREAS, While the country continues to battle against censorship and book bans, even in our community, the SCCCD Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of freedom and access to a variety of literature for our students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees entrust the authority to maintain our library collections in the capable hands of our professional librarians across the District;

The complete resolution can be found here:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/scccd/Board.nsf/files/D3YQS4629D93/\\$file/Resolution%202024.20%20Declaring%20National%20Library%20Week%20with%20votes.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/scccd/Board.nsf/files/D3YQS4629D93/$file/Resolution%202024.20%20Declaring%20National%20Library%20Week%20with%20votes.pdf)

4. What would you do to provide access to resources for undocumented students?

I'm seeking the board's approval to implement a district policy to allow undocumented students that don't yet meet eligibility for AB 540 to pay in-state tuition under EC 76140. These students are charged nonresident student fees for credit courses and are approximately three times more than the California resident tuition rate. This would be a pathway for undocumented students to build eligibility for in-state tuition through AB 540. This policy would help undocumented students afford the cost of tuition, complete their education quicker, and stay on track by completing coursework aligned with their educational goals.

More details here: <https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/building-pathways-to-ab-540/>

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

- **Jennifer Cruz for Supervisor \$2,500**
- **National Women's Political Caucus \$2,000**
- **We Vote - Nostotros Votamos (Planned Parenthood Advocacy Mar Monte) \$500**
- **Joseph Eisinger \$500**
- **Robin McGeehee \$300**

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

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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.