

CVPPAC- State Candidate Questionnaire

On behalf of the Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee, I want to thank you for running for local office. Our democracy requires the dedication of individuals willing to devote their time, money, and energy to serving as elected officials. The CVPPAC promotes voter awareness of candidates and supports candidates for local office that our members believe will make the best difference in the quality of life for all residents in our community.

The CVPPAC will hold its members-only endorsement meeting on Saturday, August 9th, 2025, at 2 PM. If you want to be considered for endorsement by the CVPPAC, you will need to complete this candidate questionnaire no later than **11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 18th, 2025**. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt of your completed questionnaire.

The responses will be posted on our website at www.cvppac.org and will be made available to our members.

If you want the CVPPAC to consider you for endorsement, please complete the candidate question in its entirety. Candidates endorsed by the members of the CVPPAC will be publicized in the Community Alliance Newspaper, several local list-serves, and to the local news media. Members and others are urged to volunteer for our endorsed candidates and to contribute financially to the candidates. The CVPPAC also provides direct financial support to some of our endorsed candidates.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free to e-mail or call me.

Thank you,
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Elected Position *

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Name of Campaign Committee *

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CVPPAC Core Values

Please answer all questions.

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

Should the government enact and/or support increased corporate taxes, increased income taxes on wealthy individuals, taxes on global wealth, and commercial property taxes based on market values to fund services such as childcare, public education, and public health? *

Yes

No

I believe in a woman's right to reproductive freedom and will do what is in my power to keep abortion affordable and legal. *

Yes

No

I believe that diversity, equity, inclusion, and access are important principles and will work to ensure all people's rights are protected and everyone can thrive in a democratic society regardless of citizenship status. *

Yes

No

Would you be willing to attend (or provide proof of attendance) an anti-sexual harassment training? *

Yes

No

State Candidate Questions

Please limit your responses to no more than 200 words per question.

What are your top three priorities to address when elected to your desired seat and what makes those priorities progressive? *

Tackling Inflation and Lowering the Cost of Living

Families across Fresno County are struggling with rising costs—from groceries to gas to utilities. My top priority is to ease this burden by supporting smart economic policies that reduce inflation, expand access to affordable necessities, and strengthen job opportunities. Inflation disproportionately impacts workers, their families, and lower-income households.

Increasing Access to Affordable and Available Housing

Fresno County faces a growing housing crisis. Too many families are priced out of homeownership or forced into overpriced or unstable housing. I'm committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing through streamlining permitting, increasing density, supporting funding for affordable housing development, prioritizing permanent housing and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness, and supporting programs that enable families and individuals to achieve homeownership.

Cleaning Our Air and Investing in Public Health

Our region suffers from some of the worst air quality in the nation, contributing to high asthma rates and other preventable health issues. It's time we make meaningful investments in clean, renewable energy that benefits our communities and reduce emissions through responsible policy. We need to invest in public health and protect our health clinics that provide preventative care, especially to families relying on Medi-Cal.

Do you support single payer healthcare for all? Please explain. *

Absolutely. I strongly support a California single-payer health care system. Health care is a human right—not a privilege tied to employment, income, or immigration status. A unified, publicly funded system would ensure that every Californian can access quality care without fear of medical debt. For more than 20 years, I've worked as a public health leader in my community. As programs manager at Clinica Sierra Vista, I was at the forefront of securing funding to expand community health clinic services in our neighborhoods and bringing health care access directly to the people who need it most. I've seen firsthand how crucial health care access is, and I will continue to be a staunch advocate for ensuring all Californians have access to quality health care—it's time we invest in people over profit and lead with a model that puts public health first. Additionally, a single-payer system is one of the most powerful anti-inflationary tools available; we can provide access to healthcare while reducing the cost of living for everyday people with strategic policies.

What is the State Legislature's role in defending and strengthening democracy? *

The State Legislature plays a critical role in defending and strengthening democracy by passing laws that protect voting rights, expanding access to the ballot, and safeguarding democratic institutions. By holding public institutions accountable and championing inclusive representation, the Legislature helps ensure that democracy in California remains participatory, equitable, and resilient. The Legislature also acts as a vital check on the current federal Administration's overreach by standing up for California's values when federal policies threaten civil rights, environmental protections, and our immigrant communities.

With the current State deficit, what approaches do you have to help create a stronger and more stable economy for the California budget? *

The budget should be a reflection of our state's values and we need to ensure that even in tough budget times, we're protecting our most vulnerable populations. We need to create new and sustainable revenue streams to prevent the boom-and-bust nature of our state budget. We need to ensure we are holding corporations accountable to pay their fair share so we aren't balancing the budget on the backs of working families and small businesses.

Our budget priorities need to focus on helping lift families out of poverty and make strategic investments that will lead to shared prosperity. We have an opportunity to grow California's economy by investing in our infrastructure in underserved communities, mass transit, housing, clean energy, education, and health care. With these investments, we can create thousands of good-paying jobs and help expand career training programs to help families earn the income necessary to support their families, while strengthening our economy. I support focusing on the next generation of workers by partnering with high schools, community colleges, and building trades apprenticeship programs that directly lead to good job opportunities. This is how we create safer, healthier, and thriving communities – for all of us.

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

Addressing our environmental issues requires a multifaceted approach that includes policy, community engagement, and strategic investment. By focusing on water access, air quality, and green spaces, we can create a healthier, more equitable Central Valley for all.

Our community faces stark environmental injustices, where low-income communities bear the brunt of water pollution and lack access to safe, affordable drinking water. I will push for policies that cap water rates for low-income residents to alleviate the financial burden our communities face and relentlessly pursue achieving clean water for every Central Valley community.

I will also work to expand comprehensive air quality monitoring in impacted neighborhoods and push for stricter regulations on industrial emissions. We can ensure that communities can access real-time data and collaborate with state agencies and local organizations to hold industries accountable for their environmental impact.

As the State moves toward adopting clean energy technologies, Central Valley communities must benefit directly from projects being implemented in our neighborhoods. These benefits should reflect the value of the projects being approved and must be codified so that our communities reap the benefits for the longevity of the project.

How would you like to see local police departments, across the nation, changed to reduce violence? *

To truly improve public safety, we must invest in prevention. That means youth programs and school-based initiatives that support young people during their crucial years of development, infrastructure improvements like safe routes to school and better pedestrian safety, as well as community-based violence prevention efforts. I strongly advocated for these policies as the Vice Chair of the Fresno Commission on Police Reform. As a legislator, I will continue to champion these approaches because lasting public safety comes from addressing root causes, not just reacting to symptoms.

What is your plan to end homelessness? *

To address the housing and homelessness crisis, I will support policies that tackle affordability, expand housing supply, and support those most in need. I will advocate for city fee waivers for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and conversions, including grandfathering in unpermitted ADUs, to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to add housing units. I support rent control measures to prevent displacement, regular rental inspections to ensure safe living conditions, and inclusionary zoning policies to require a share of new developments to be affordable. I would also push for down payment assistance programs to help first-time homebuyers access stable housing. For individuals experiencing homelessness, we need lasting solutions—more transitional and affordable housing paired with wraparound services such as health and mental care, addiction support, and other supportive services. These policies must work together to respond comprehensively to the immediate and structural causes of the homelessness crisis. I spent a decade working directly with unhoused populations and I know first-hand that to address homelessness, we must start by meeting the daily needs of people and ensure they have a safe place to sleep.

Candidate Signature

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 CVPPAC at by **11:59 pm Friday, July 18th (without exception)**. All candidates who are being considered for endorsement are encouraged to attend and speak.

CVPPAC August Endorsement Meeting

Saturday, August 9th at 2 PM

Pete and Carmen Salsa Studio
4774 N Blackstone Ave
Fresno, CA 93726

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

Candidate's permission to post responses on CVPPAC's website for members to view. *

The candidate gives permission to post

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