

# CVPPAC- County 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](http://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

## County 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? \*

When elected, my top three priorities are:

1. Expanding Access to Health and Human Services:

I will work to ensure rural and underserved communities have access to health care, mental health support, and support services. This is a progressive priority because it centers equity and prioritizes care for those most often left behind.

2. Protecting Working Families and Affordable Housing:

I will support affordable housing development and responsible land-use planning that keeps families housed near jobs and services. This reflects progressive values by confronting inequality and housing insecurity head-on.

3. Responsible Growth and Infrastructure for All Communities:

I support investing in roads, clean water, broadband, and transit that serve both rural and urban communities. This is a progressive approach because it connects equity, climate, and sustainable development in real, tangible ways.

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Tell us about your positions on the environmental problems facing Fresno County. For example, \* what actions should the Board of Supervisors take to be more proactive in addressing air-quality and water issues in the Central Valley? Do you support “fracking” regulations or a ban on “fracking” in Fresno County? Etc.

The Board of Supervisors must take a more proactive role in protecting public health and ensuring environmental equity across the region.

I support:

- Investing in clean transportation and infrastructure to reduce emissions.
- Promoting sustainable land-use practices that protect farmland, reduce sprawl, and preserve open space.
- Partnering with regional and state agencies to secure resources for air-quality improvements and climate resilience projects.

Regarding fracking, if scientific evidence and community impacts point to ongoing risks, I would support a ban on fracking in Fresno County. We must take a precautionary approach, especially when the health and safety of local communities are at stake.

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What can be done to improve accessible and affordable public transportation throughout the county? \*

Improving public transportation in Fresno County is essential for connecting rural residents to opportunity. Many families in smaller communities face long distances and limited options for getting to work, school, or medical appointments.

I support:

- Expanding rural transit routes and on-demand services so residents at both ends of the County can better connect to regional hubs.
  - Exploring regional transit hubs and park-and-ride programs that serve as connection points between rural areas and major corridors, making longer commutes more practical and affordable for working families.
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How should the county address the needs of the homeless community? \*

Fresno County must take a compassionate, coordinated, and results-driven approach to addressing homelessness.

I support:

- Expanding emergency shelter and transitional housing options that are safe, service-connected, and available across rural and urban areas.
  - Investing in mental health and substance use treatment programs that are accessible.
  - Prioritizing permanent supportive housing and wraparound services that help individuals stabilize, find employment, and remain housed long term.
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Should a worker be able to afford the cost of living for their family in the community in which they work with one full-time job? \*

Yes. Every full-time worker should be able to afford the basic cost of living for their family without needing multiple jobs or falling into debt. I support policies that raise local wage standards, protect workers' rights, and expand access to affordable housing and services so that working people aren't priced out of their own neighborhoods.

No one working full time should struggle to meet their basic needs. That's a value I'll carry with me in every policy decision.

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Describe how county supervisors should work with the cities in the county to improve quality of life for all. \*

County supervisors should approach city partnerships with respect, transparency, and a shared commitment to improving quality of life across the region. It needs to be recognized that the issues we face, such as homelessness, economic development, transportation, and public safety, don't stop at city limits and require regional solutions.

I believe supervisors should:

- Work proactively with mayors, councils, and local staff to align priorities and coordinate resources, especially on shared challenges.
  - Support smaller and rural cities that often lack capacity by ensuring equitable access to county services and advocating for regional and state funding opportunities.
  - Prioritize open communication and regular collaboration through joint meetings and regional planning efforts.
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## 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](mailto: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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