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An Economy for working families:

For far too long, congress has prioritized an economy that works for billionaires and millionaires, at the expense of our working families. Members of congress beholden to their corporate sponsors have passed corporate tax breaks, and handouts for their wealthy donors.

Growing up in a working-class family, and today as a small business owner, Randy knows what it feels like to earn a paycheck. Randy knows what we need to create an economy that works for all of us, including:

- Raising the federal minimum wage to ensure that workers are able to pay their bills
- Putting jobs first, investing in bringing in new opportunities and industries to the Valley so our children can find a good career right here at home.
- Fighting for trade deals that will put the Valley first, not endless tariff trade wars that hurt our farmers and businesses.
- Passing the PRO act, to ensure that workers are able to freely and fairly organize for better wages and working conditions.
- Passing the American Family Act to continue to support child tax credits for our working families.
- Investing in communities, not corporations with our tax dollars, by supporting apprenticeship programs, workforce trainings and small businesses.
- Spending our tax dollars here in the Valley and the states. We should not be funding endless wars for countries that have universal health care and education, while our own families continue to suffer in debt.

Immigration: As the son of immigrants, Randy knows what it is like to deal with a broken immigration system firsthand. Randy supports a comprehensive, just and humane immigration reform that will keep families together and keep our communities safe. We need a pathway to citizenship for folks who have come to this country, played by the rules, and contribute to our local economy and communities. In addition to establishing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers (DACA recipients), we need to ensure that our immigration system keeps families together, and supports family reunification.

When immigration raids occurred in his community, Randy sprung into action, organizing a “know your rights” workshop with hundreds of free consultations for the community. We must.

Randy is also a champion and advocate for bringing our deported veterans home. Under our current system we have veterans who have proudly served our country, made immense sacrifice, and yet have been deported. We need to bring our veterans home, and fight for an immigration system that recognized the dignity of all our veterans who have served.

Healthcare: We have a healthcare system that is broken. Every single year, more than 60,000 Americans die because they can't afford to go to the doctor. Healthcare insurance CEOs are getting richer and richer while many of our family members choose to ration their medicine, or choose to take an uber to the hospital rather than an ambulance because they can't afford it. This should not be happening in one of the richest countries in the history of the world.

And we are feeling these impacts in the Valley more than anywhere else in the country. According to a study almost half of our central valley residents (48%), have medical debt. Six out of every 10 people in this region have said they skipped or stalled medical care, due to cost.

We need a healthcare system that works for everyone including a system that will:

- Take on big Pharma by negotiating the price of pharmaceuticals directly, bringing down costs for families.
- Protecting our seniors, the poor, and those with pre-existing conditions

- Bringing down the price of insulin to 35\$ for everyone, and fighting to cap the cost of other life saving medications.
- Working to bring more doctors and healthcare workers to the Valley so people can be treated closer to home.
- Provide quality affordable health coverage for all.

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

Yes, I support single payer healthcare for all, see above answer.

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

I believe the Federal government should be at the forefront of strengthening democracy by getting corruption and money out of politics. Congress has forgotten about working families because only 2% of congress actually comes from the working class. Instead we have a bunch of millionaires working on behalf of billionaires in Washington D.C. We need to restore the full weight of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including empowering the Department of Justice with the authority to supervise changes to state election laws that result in discrimination against minorities and may purposefully or inadvertently limit voters.

I'm fighting to end that corruption in government, and will fight to get money out of politics. Citizens United was a disastrous decision that now allows these billionaires and corporations to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money in politics.

- Just last cycle Elon Musk spent about a million dollars to help my opponent get elected.
- One of our supreme court justices Clarence Thomas has been receiving luxury gifts from a Republican billionaire donor, and the president of the United States accepts a plane worth hundreds of millions of dollars from Qatar.

You don't need a Ph.D. to know that this screams corruption. All of this is going on at the same time that working families are struggling to pay the bills, we have homeless veterans in our country, schools are underfunded and our communities are fighting to make ends meet, people are right to be pissed off. Randy is proud to be running a campaign that is not taking a single cent of corporate PAC money, because he's fighting on behalf of working people, not special interests. In Washington Randy will vote to Ban Corporate PACS and also vote to Ban members of congress from trading stocks, because political insiders should not be allowed to own stocks as they have information the public does not, and they make decisions that directly impact those stocks. Randy believes politics should be about public service, not making yourself richer.

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

I will answer this based on the federal level, but billionaires need to pay their fair share. Never have we had such a gap of wealth inequality in this country and it's time that we hold billionaires and multinational corporations accountable. We can do this by reversing the tax cuts for the 1% presented in this "big beautiful bill" to fund the programs that our working families rely on and deserve. Programs like Medicaid, WIC, and SNAP among others. Additionally we need to fund our student's futures by investing in more pell grants and educational opportunities, not cutting them. We can take steps to invest in the Central Valley, a region that has long been neglected by our federal government to fund higher education, including career and technical trade opportunities that lead to good paying union jobs.

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

I would support legislation, investments, and regulations that would help achieve net zero GHG emissions before 2050 and at least 50% by 2030. I would also oppose all efforts to undermine, block, or repeal the Inflation Reduction Act and Clean Air Act. Additionally, I would commit to protecting and advancing transportation electrification, expanding zero- emission public transit, supporting and defending strong federal cleaner cars and trucks standards, and protecting states' authority under the Clean Air Act to adopt stricter state-level emissions standards. Everyone should have the right to drink clean water, breathe clean air and live without the impacts of toxic pollution. This can be accomplished by supporting the Clean Water Act, the Antiquities act, and ensuring we protect our public lands.

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

I support the decriminalization of Marijuana at the federal level and investing in public services and Community safety. When appropriate, I believe that mental health specialists should respond to mental health crisis calls, so that way police officers can focus on actual crime.

What is your plan to end homelessness? *

I believe that we need to invest in affordable housing. I support the Build Back Better Package which would have included investments in affordable housing, down payment assistance for first-time home-buyers, funding for public housing capital repairs, funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and a major expansion of housing vouchers. These investments were stripped out of the Inflation Reduction Act, and we need to fight for these programs. I also believe we need to support a Vacancy tax, Tenant Right to counsel, Tenant anti-harassment legislation, Tenant right of first refusal to purchase, and Just-cause eviction protections to the extent that the federal government can pass these policies. Similar to Alex Lee's bill in the CA state assembly, I would support a bill that limits corporations who from purchasing or leasing any additional single-family properties.

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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.

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