

CVPPAC- City 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,
Simone Cranston-Rhodes
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Rob Fuentes
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Elected Position *

Fresno City Council, District 1

Name of Campaign Committee *

Rob Fuentes for Fresno City Council 2026

FPPC # *

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Treasurer

Marissa Russell, River City Business Services

Campaign Manager

Campaign Manager Phone Number

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

City 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? *

1. Housing. I plan to aggressively and creatively work to expand affordable housing throughout the city, including both single-family and multi-family options. 2. Public safety. I plan to focus on holistic measures that enhance accountability while increasing investments in preventative interventions that address underlying causes. 3. Economic development. I plan to promote sustainable economic and community development throughout our neighborhoods, including by attracting and retaining small businesses and increasing walkability and green spaces.

What are your plans to improve your city's transportation services? *

I will promote the expansion of bus services and routes, increased investment in road maintenance and repairs, and the integration of active transportation into city planning.

How will you reduce urban sprawl? *

I plan to focus on the development of our older neighborhoods, including by heavily investing in improving public infrastructure, promoting the city's "enhanced infrastructure financing district," and expanding ministerial approval of infill projects.

Describe what you think are the two main issues around policing in our community? What do you propose to address those? *

I will support increased investment in our mental health response program, under which mental health professionals serve as first responders in situations involving mental health-related crises. I will also continue to promote the most up-to-date, evidence-based training at our police academy at Fresno City College, which has been shown to improve policing outcomes.

How should your city address the needs of the homeless population in your city? *

We should aggressively expand permanent housing options with wraparound services like mental health care and substance abuse treatment. Interventions should be data-driven and utilize lessons learned from other cities of comparable size.

Describe two ways in which the city council and county supervisors should work together to positively impact your city? *

I will partner with our county supervisors to develop a county project labor agreement. In addition, I will work with supervisors to improve and expand our city's mental health services.

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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