

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,
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Elected Position *

Candidate for District 1 - City of Fresno

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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

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? *

In Fresno's strong-mayor system, councilmembers do not inherit power; they must build it in community. I will not wait for permission. I will walk shoulder to shoulder with neighbors, organize with intent, legislate with clarity, and listen deeply. My goal is not only to pass policy but to help reorient the city's moral compass toward the working class, not the wealthy few.

Already, voices at the doors are echoing:

Housing for all: not as charity, but as a right. We need community land trusts, tiny home villages, down-payment aid, and bold infill strategies that put people over profit.

Healthy, safe neighborhoods: where safety begins with streetlights, sidewalks, parks, neighborhood events, and public trust.

Environmental dignity and local prosperity through shade trees, green infrastructure, and clean-energy jobs rooted in District 1.

These are not just policies; they are promises born of shared struggle. And in every conversation, I hear the same quiet hope: that this city should finally belong to all of us.

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

I am planning to spend some more time listening to FAX drivers and riders to better support their critical voices.

Still in District 1, I believe transportation is about dignity; how we move reflects how we value people. I've spoken with residents who wait 45 minutes for buses, walk long blocks without shade, or can't reach work or school on time. We deserve better. I will work to expand zero-fare or reduced-fare service for seniors, students, and working families. No one should choose between groceries and a ride to work.

I'll advocate for improvements to the FAX15 and Q BRT lines, including better lighting, real-time tracking, more shelters, and faster service so people can trust the system again.

In underserved areas like West Fresno, I'll push for micro-transit and neighborhood shuttles, powered by clean energy and driven by local residents, building jobs while bridging service gaps. I want to see solar-powered bus stops, more frequent routes, and a long-term plan to transition from CNG to zero-emission electric buses. Transportation should be safe, clean, and accessible. We need a champion for people-first mobility.

How will you reduce urban sprawl? *

Urban sprawl has stretched Fresno outward while leaving too many core neighborhoods behind. As a District 1 candidate, I believe we must shift our growth model from expansion to renewal, to revitalize what exists, rather than paving over farmland or pushing infrastructure costs to future generations.

First, I'll advocate for stronger incentives for infill development, especially along transit corridors like Olive, McKinley, and Blackstone. This means streamlining permits, waiving impact fees, and accelerating projects that create affordable, multi-family housing and mixed-use development within the city core.

Second, I support implementing a "Strong Towns" planning framework, focusing on small-scale, financially resilient development that improves walkability, public safety, and livability without massive public subsidies.

I'll also push for zoning reform to allow adaptive reuse of vacant commercial buildings and support community land trusts to prevent displacement while encouraging reinvestment.

Finally, I'll oppose rezonings that promote low-density sprawl and instead work to protect agricultural land and the urban growth boundary, preserving our environmental sustainability and fiscal health.

Urban sprawl is not inevitable. It is a policy choice. I will keep my promise to choose smarter, more equitable growth.

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

In District 1, from both residents and local business owners, I have heard two major issues with policing in our community: weakening trust, especially in light of federal immigration raids, and growing demands for more services, often outside the expertise of our officers.

Deeping distrust in light of federal immigration raids, many are sharing their fear of being over-policed but under-protected. Transparency and dialogue must be increased. Officers seek to support the community and the community must find ways to support the community.

Second, we rely too heavily on armed officers for issues like mental health crises, homelessness, and addiction. These situations demand care, not confrontation. I will push to expand non-police emergency responders, such as mental health crisis teams and social workers, modeled after successful programs in other cities. These teams must be rooted in the communities they serve.

Safety should mean thriving communities and neighborhoods. It means well-lit streets, stable housing, trusted responders, and mutual respect. We can build a model of public safety that honors dignity and equity for all.

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

Addressing our residents experiencing homelessness in Fresno, particularly in District 1, requires compassion, coordination, and bold, practical action. Too often, we've relied on short-term fixes instead of building long-term stability. I believe we must treat housing as a basic human need, not a reward.

First, we must expand access to transitional and permanent supportive housing with on-site services for mental health, addiction recovery, and job placement. Fresno can accelerate tiny-home villages, safe parking sites, and motel conversions using state and federal resources, while ensuring these efforts are community-informed and equitably located.

Second, I support a "housing-first" approach that prioritizes getting people indoors without preconditions. This must be paired with outreach teams, including social workers, peer counselors, and health professionals, who meet people where they are with dignity and consistency. I still need to learn more and listen more from folks like Dez Martinez, Richard Burrell, and others that have been long-time champions for our most marginalized communities.

We also need better coordination between the city, county, and nonprofits, breaking silos that delay service delivery. Homelessness is not unsolvable; it is the result of policy gaps we can close. With smart investments, community trust, and urgent leadership, Fresno can become a city where no one is left outside without support or a path forward.

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

To truly move Fresno forward, the City Council and County Board of Supervisors must collaborate,, not compete nor should services operate in silos.

While the City recently sued the County over its updated general plan, arguing it would spur sprawl, degrade animal buffers, and harm water quality. While this must always be an option, both bodies should create a joint planning commission with equal city and county representation, tasked with aligning zoning maps, environmental protections, and infrastructure priorities so urban development supports both city renewal and rural stewardship.

After more than four years of a stalled pact, The City and County recently ratified a new tax-sharing deal for newly annexed land. This should be treated not as a pause, but as a foundation. The councils should establish annual review committees to assess the impact of annexations on affordable housing, infrastructure funding, and community services, ensuring future growth supports the needs of all residents.

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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