

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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Joaquin Arambula

Elected Position *

Assemblymember, AD31 (Running for Fresno City Council District 3)

Name of Campaign Committee *

Dr Joaquin Arambula for Fresno City Council, District 3

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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? *

Economic Development (support for small business, development of downtown Fresno); Social Mobility (education, access to good paying jobs); Housing Development (mixed housing, affordable housing)

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

I have been supportive of a measure C proposal that is inclusive of all voices and includes community input. In 2026, we have to pass a measure that includes priorities set by a broad coalition of people. The new measure needs to include transportation that is environmentally sound, that connects people to downtown and High speed rail, fixing roads in neighborhoods and infrastructure.

How will you reduce urban sprawl? *

I am running to represent District 3, which includes Downtown Fresno, China Town and Southwest. By investing in revitalizing those neighborhoods to include more housing, retail, good schools, etc., we can slow sprawl.

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

Better communication and training for law enforcement. More access to mental health professionals working with law enforcement officers to address crisis situations. To address that there would be funding needed specifically to hire and recruit behavioral/mental health experts.

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

During my tenure as a State Assemblymember, I have fought for more resources to help address the homeless issue. As a councilmember, I would want to ensure that resources that are coming to the City are being used responsibly and transparently. There is funding that has been allocated to transitional and permanent housing. Making sure that those dollars are spent wisely can help to keep people housed. Additionally, I have also fought to secure resources to address mental health, which we know for our unhoused population that is a main issue. The County of Fresno is the main steward of those resources, and as a City, we need to work collaboratively ensure people are receiving the care they need.

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

The City and County can be partners in Economic Development/Housing and Behavioral Health issues. By investing in having a strong workforce and creating good paying jobs - we can have a stronger economy for the County and City. We need to build more housing that is affordable. By partnering on behavioral health, the City and County can better tackle the homeless and safety issues.

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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