

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, February 14th, 2026, at 3:30 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, January 30th, 2026**. 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 questionnaire 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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Elected Position *

West Hills Community College Trustee, Area 6

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? *

My top three priorities are housing, economic development, and infrastructure.

First, housing. Fresno County needs more affordable housing so working families can stay in their communities. I support increasing supply, protecting tenants, and cutting red tape so housing actually gets built.

Second, economic development. We need to diversify Fresno County's economy and bring in new industries that create good, family-sustaining jobs. A progressive economy is one where opportunity is shared and workers aren't forced to leave the Valley to succeed.

Third, infrastructure, especially in West Fresno County. Too many communities have been overlooked when it comes to roads, water, broadband, and basic services. Investing in infrastructure is about fairness and making sure every community has the tools to grow.

These priorities are progressive because they focus on equity, opportunity, and investing in people and places that have been left behind.

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. *

Fresno County faces serious environmental challenges, especially poor air quality and water insecurity, and these issues hit working class and rural communities first.

The Board of Supervisors must be more proactive by reducing pollution from freight and industrial sources, investing in cleaner transportation, and expanding tree canopy in impacted neighborhoods. On water, we need responsible groundwater management, recharge projects, and real investment to ensure every community has safe drinking water.

When it comes to fracking, Fresno County should be moving away from fossil fuels and toward renewable, reliable energy that protects public health and our water supply. I support strong fracking regulations and oppose expanding practices that put our air, water, and communities at risk. Our future depends on building a sustainable energy economy that creates good jobs without sacrificing the health of the Central Valley.

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

Public transportation should be easy to use, affordable, and available to everyone not just people who can afford a car. Too many residents, especially in rural West Fresno and working class communities, don't have reliable ways to get to work, school, or medical appointments.

To improve transit, Fresno County needs more frequent service, better routes, and hours that match real work schedules. We should expand service to underserved areas, keep fares affordable, and make stops safer and more accessible. Investing in public transit also means reducing pollution and supporting cleaner transportation options.

Strong public transportation helps working families, seniors, students, and people with disabilities. When we invest in transit, we give people more freedom, reduce traffic, and build a more fair and connected county.

How should the county address the needs of the homeless community? *

The county should treat homelessness as a housing and public health issue, not a criminal one. People need stable housing first, along with mental health care, substance-use treatment, and supportive services.

That means investing in more permanent supportive housing, expanding shelter options that are safe and accessible, and funding outreach teams that connect people to services instead of pushing them from place to place. The county should also work closely with cities and service providers to make sure resources are coordinated and actually reaching people who need help.

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. One full-time job should be enough to support a family. People shouldn't have to work multiple jobs just to get by. When wages don't keep up with the cost of living, families fall behind and communities suffer.

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

County supervisors should have more regular communication, be able to align resources, and work together with cities on issues like housing, transportation, public safety, and infrastructure. The county should support cities by helping secure funding, sharing services, and ensuring smaller or rural communities aren't left behind.

When counties and cities collaborate instead of compete, services are more efficient, investments go further, and residents see real improvements in their day-to-day lives.

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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