

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 *

Fresno County Board of Supervisors District 1

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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? *

1. Investing in Public Workers: Ensuring fair pay, training, and retention to strengthen essential services supporting labor aligns with progressive values of worker empowerment and equity.
2. Expanding Access to Opportunity: Promoting fair pathways for childcare, workforce development, and job growth, helping historically underserved communities thrive.
3. Transparent, Accountable Governance: Increasing public engagement and oversight to ensure equitable, community-focused outcomes.

These priorities are progressive because they advance community, inclusion, and center people support while improving public services and community well-being.

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 air quality and water challenges that impact health and agriculture. The Board should prioritize science-based solutions, including reducing air pollution, improving water conservation, and investing in sustainable infrastructure. I support strict regulations on fracking to protect public health and water resources while ensuring accountability and transparency for any energy operations. Proactive collaboration with communities, industry, and state agencies is key to protecting both the environment and the local economy.

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

Improving accessible and affordable public transportation requires strategic investment in reliable routes, expanded service hours, and modern, safe vehicles. The county should collaborate with cities, transit agencies, and community organizations to prioritize underserved areas, reduce costs for riders, connectivity to FAT and integrate multimodal options like bike and pedestrian connections. Public-private partnerships and innovative funding can help expand service efficiently while improving mobility for all residents.

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

Having worked with local agencies The county should take a practical, compassionate approach to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, focusing on solutions that empower people to regain stability. This includes expanding access to temporary shelters, mental health services, substance-use treatment, and workforce development programs.

I support partnerships between local government, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and businesses to provide coordinated services that address both immediate needs and long-term pathways out of homelessness. At the same time, policies should encourage self-sufficiency, job readiness, and safe, orderly communities, ensuring that resources are used efficiently and equitably.

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

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

County supervisors should work collaboratively with city governments to align priorities, share resources, and address regional challenges efficiently. This includes coordinating on public safety, infrastructure, transportation, water management, and economic development to ensure consistent and equitable services across communities.

By fostering open communication and joint planning, supervisors can help cities implement solutions that improve quality of life, from affordable housing and public health initiatives to parks and recreational programs. Strong partnerships also allow for the sharing of best practices, cost-saving measures, and innovative programs that benefit residents countywide.

Ultimately, the goal is to create a seamless approach where county and city governments work together, leveraging expertise and resources to serve communities effectively, strengthen local economies, and improve daily life for 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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