

# The CVPPAC Endorses Soria and Cox

Central Valley Progressive PAC members at the Dec. 7 meeting endorsed candidates in the 16th and 21st Congressional districts. We discussed the 22nd Congressional District but were unable to reach a two-thirds vote for any candidate (a two-thirds vote is required for endorsement).

The decision in the 16th Congressional District was easily reached—the group endorsed Esmeralda Soria. Jim Costa, the incumbent who is a Blue Dog Democrat, did not receive any support. Soria won the CVPPAC’s endorsement because members felt she is significantly more progressive than Costa, that she can win and that it is time for a change in District 16.

District 21 was a no brainer. The incumbent, TJ Cox, is running against the right-wing Republican and Trump lapdog David Valadao. What did you think we were going to do? Cox received our endorsement.

The 22nd Congressional District was the most challenging discussion. Although everyone at the meeting agreed that the goal is to defeat Nunes, it was not possible to decide on which candidate to endorse to beat him. All three of the candidates seeking our endorsement are CVPPAC members. Any one of the three will undoubtedly be endorsed by the group for the November general election, but for now voters need to select among three good candidates.

In a previous meeting, the CVPPAC endorsed Tyler Maxwell for Fresno City Council District 4 and Andrew Janz for Mayor of Fresno. In addition to the endorsement, the CVPPAC has made generous financial contributions to the Maxwell and Janz campaigns. The CVPPAC encourages you to volunteer your time with our endorsed candidates’ efforts to get elected and to financially contribute directly to their campaigns.

The CVPPAC Independent Expenditure (IE) campaign is kicking off in January and will target youth (18–35) south of Shaw Avenue to get out and vote, to vote for Janz and to make sure they understand what would happen if Dyer was elected—less money for parks, more money to militarize the police and having our very own mini-Trump as mayor. This IE campaign will utilize multiple social media platforms to reach young voters using the media they are most likely to utilize.

The next meeting of the Central Valley Progressive PAC will be Saturday, Jan. 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave. (on the southeast corner of McKinley and Van Ness).

For more information about this meeting, contact Simone Cranston-Rhodes at 559-978-4504 or [simone.rhodes@seiu521.org](mailto:simone.rhodes@seiu521.org). Visit the CVPPAC Web site at [www.cvppac.org](http://www.cvppac.org).

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