



United San Joaquin People's Platform

Developed through thousands of conversations across the region, this platform reflects the **real pressures families are navigating** every day—and the six shared priorities (listed in no particular order) emerging from those experiences:

1. Economic Opportunity

Families are struggling to make ends meet in an increasingly unaffordable economy.

- Limited access to stable, well-paying local jobs
- Rising utility costs and insurance premiums
- High grocery prices and limited access to affordable food
- Fragmented food assistance systems that are difficult to navigate

2. Public Health

Communities face growing health challenges with limited access to care and increasing environmental risks.

- Lack of affordable, quality healthcare
- Inadequate memory care and support for seniors
- Pollution- and pesticide-related illnesses
- Water scarcity and contamination concerns
- Barriers to care for veterans
- Rising youth depression and drug addiction
- Limited access to affordable veterinary care

3. Reliable Transportation

Mobility is essential—but too often unsafe, unreliable, or inaccessible.

- Poor and unsafe road conditions
- Limited mobility for those without a car
- Unclear or insufficient road signage
- Inconsistent and unreliable public transportation

4. Immigration Support

Immigrant families face instability, fear, and barriers to opportunity.

- Fear of detention, deportation, and family separation
- Limited access to legal representation
- Long wait times and complex immigration processes
- Language barriers and lack of job support
- Ongoing instability impacting entire families and communities

5. Housing & Community Safety

Families are seeking stability, safety, and places they can truly call home.

- Rising homelessness and lack of affordable housing
- Need for safe, quality homes near schools and jobs
- Limited access to safe parks and recreational spaces
- Concerns about harassment, break-ins, and property crime
- Human trafficking and drug-related violence in some communities

6. Quality Education

Students and educators need stronger support systems to succeed.

- Bullying and racial discrimination in schools
- Affordability barriers for students and families
- Challenges with English Learner (ELL) reclassification
- Shortages of counselors and student support staff
- Need for improved working conditions for educators
- Vaping and mental health concerns on campuses
- Unreliable or nonexistent internet access in rural areas

What This Means

These priorities are not abstract—they are grounded in the daily experiences of families across the Central Valley. Together, they point toward a shared path forward: practical, local action that improves conditions and expands opportunity for all.