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Nav Gurm condemns Los Angeles based dark-money PAC for interference in Fresno District 7 race

FRESNO, CA -- Nav Gurm condemns CA Youth Power PAC, a Los Angeles base organization, for running ads that tell Fresno voters "Nav isn't one of us," after months of Ariana Martinez Lott's campaign criticizing Gurm for his campaign contributions.

"Ariana has spent this race lecturing about my contributions," Gurm said. "But when an out-of-town group that has been coordinating with her is now sending ads using racist dog whistles, she is silent. That is hypocrisy."

CA Youth Power PAC is part of an intentionally integrated web of dark money organizations. The nucleus is Power California, a Los Angeles based 501(c)(3) nonprofit; which funds PowerCA Action, a 501(c)(4) that operates as a dark money organization that does not list its donors. Lastly, the money travels from the 501(c)(4) to the CA Youth Power PAC.

Campaign records show the shared employees of the CA Youth Power PAC and PowerCA Action have been working directly on behalf of Ariana Martinez Lott campaign and sending mailers in coordination. Now, CA Youth Power PAC is running "independent" ads with the racist dog whistle that "Nav isn't one of us."

Nav Gurm has fundamental policy differences with Power California, which supports abolishing police. In a [medium post](#), Power California wrote about working toward a world "free of police, prisons, and surveillance," and that justice will not come "until we abolish the police, empty our prisons." Power California has also advocated to remove School Resource Officers from Fresno schools, a position Nav also disagrees with.

Last month a poll was sent to District 7 asking whether a candidate's turban or age of 26 would affect their vote. Nav Gurm is not alleging that CA Youth Power PAC conducted this poll. However the timing, the othering, and the ads running on Meta all point in the same direction: make Nav a stranger in the same community he grew up in. Further, CA Youth Power PAC has not filled out any campaign disclosure form since July 31, 2026 so there is no way to disapprove they paid any vendors for research.

Nav's campaign is aware that a complaint on the PAC's coordination, missing local independent-expenditure reports, and missing disclosures has been filed with City Attorney Andrew Janz and the FPPC. Gurm's campaign is asking both offices to act on the complaint before mail in ballots go out.

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