

## Fresno resident Valdez re-elected to second term as state GOP Central Valley Region vice chair

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Fresno Republican Marcelino Valdez

As expected, Fresno Republican Marcelino Valdez this past weekend was re-elected to a second two-year term as the state GOP's Central Valley Region vice chairman.

The election came Saturday morning at the the California Republican Party's spring convention in Sacramento. Valdez was unopposed, and his reelection was unanimous.

"I am excited at the opportunity to serve Republicans throughout the Central Valley for a second term," Valdez said in a statement. "We need to redouble our efforts in turning out Republican voters in the upcoming election, and I pledge my support in helping every central committee and candidate as much as I can."

Valdez — who said he sees himself as a “nuts and bolts guy” — said he plans to continue work he started during his first term. That includes rebuilding county central committees and making sure they are ready for the 2016 elections. The priority of those central committees, Valdez said, is raising money, registering voters and doing everything possible to get Republicans to vote.

He also wants the party to work on attracting voters from the Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander communities.

Valdez was first elected to the post in March 2013, replacing Kings County Republican Central Committee Chair Prudence Eiland, who decided not to seek re-election. In that race, Valdez also ran unopposed, though he had an opponent early on who later dropped out.

The California Republican Party's Central Valley region consists of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Sacramento Counties.

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