Email address

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Phone number

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What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

My past does not include political activity. I only have being a responsible voter in my resume'.

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

I am asked this question multiple times. I am tire of seeing the community affected by decisons not in the best interest of the people. My main concern is to add leadership to the decisions that are being made. My goal is to affect the decisions for mental health protection, parent's right to choose schools for their children, protecting the rights and affecting the rights of sexual assault victims, extending services for veterans, and bring resolve to the travel and infrastructure challenge getting in and out of the westside. My goal is to ensure the Constitutional rights of all New Mexicans are protected.

Q11 No

Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? If yes, please explain.

Q12 No

Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, please explain.

Q13

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state? If yes, please explain.

Yes (please explain):

As reported to the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, I was arrested in 1983 for disorderly conduct (I believe this was the charge). Officer Gallegos arrested me while leaving a party reported for noise violation. My arrest really had to do with my poor decision of not following the instructions that were given to me.

State Budget: New Mexico's state budget provides for the state's recurring expenses such as general management, education, facility maintenance . . . etc. Other expenditures are not recurring, such as road construction, infrastructure expansion, ... etc. What do you think is most important for New Mexico to do when there is surplus revenue?

Other,

Please explain your answer:

Any surplus in revenues means the government has overtaxed the people just as in a business a large increase in revenues means lower cost of goods sold compared to revenues. This is a great profit margin. The businesses gets to invest in its business, increase the workforce, or reward existing employees. The gov't gets to return it to the people. I do not believe a gov't with increase in tax revenues can function as a fiduciary for the people. Bottom line, the tax, the fiscal policies need to be adjusted to exact fair, accurate, and proportionate amount of taxation. Return the money to the people.

Q15

Legislator funds: Legislators are usually provided funds for specific projects within their districts. How do you think these funds should be distributed to legislators?

Distribution based on economic activity and tax income production by county

Briefly explain your answer:

I look at this as a fiduciary. Each district is different and not proportionately structured the same way; thus, a different way to divide these funds would have to be deployed. A broker-dealer who receives a large payment on a call of security sale has in writing as part of its brochure how the funds would be fairly distributed amongst his/her clients. A equitable start would be to distribute these funds based on the size of the district, population of the district, taxes collected from the district, advances or development needed in the district, and the way using the funds would either create being productive or nonproductive for the district.

Q16

State Tax Code: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico completely restructure its tax code?

(no label) Comment:

1 (Critical)

It is critical that NM restructures the current tax code or negotiate a more small business friendly tax code. This means the fiscal policy will have to be relevant, responsible, and forward thinking. Relevant, to be one of the three States functioning on GRT's, speaks to how far behind the legislature supposing to be progressive really is. This tax structure is not fair or business friendly. How does the legislature expect the State to grow if the result of the tax codes favors large businesses while handcuffing the businesses that represents the growth in this State's economy?

State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

Sales Tax,

Explain your answer:

Allowing the sales tax or even a flat tax, allows for a more equitable and fair spread of taxation. This is a business problem. If NM wants to expand, the leading indicators cannot be 35-37% of your population on welfare (Medicaid). The leading indicators cannot be high reports of workers compensation or insurance claims. Leading indicators cannot be the gov't dictates to business how to run its business. An expansion in business comes with low interest rates, low unemployment, high home ownership, low unemployment and insurance claims, low Medicaid recipients, and a tax structure that is not antiquated that puts a burden on the people to make up short falls and where small businesses squeezed out of the business culture.

Q18

Crime: Do you believe that the crime rate and the court's handling of existing laws (sentencing, catch & release protocols, etc.) in New Mexico negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

Crime cannot be a leading indicator either. The laws need teeth, a bite, and be more of a deterrent rather than an inconvenience to someone's criminal activity. The legislature must correct this deteriorating community decision to one that is to the advantage of the tax payers working hard to live, work, and raise families in this State.

Q19

Government Mandates: What is your position on government mandates as they apply to businesses?

Some mandates are acceptable but should be formulated through a review process that assures goals are met while not hindering or impeding business operations.

Please explain your position:

I do not believe the gov't should be in the utility business. It does not work well in socialist societies. When I lived in Belgium, I was paying the State owned gas company \$800 dollars per month for gas and electricity. Energy usage should be affordable, it should be privatized but over seen by a regulating body. It should be over seen but not mandated by the gov't. I do not give to the green new deal or any deal where its supporters have more frequent travelers' miles than me.

Energy: NM's oil and gas producers were largely responsible for the dramatic increase in state tax revenue for 2019. Do you support effective land and resource management that allows these extractive industries to maximize production and budgetary support for NM?

No.

Please briefly explain your answer:

The State's budget cannot be tied to the cyclical nature of the oil and gas industry. There are other resources upon which fiscal policy can extract funds in order for the State to pay its bills, protect its people, expand its markets, and invest in the future of the next leaders, growers, and developers of this State-our children. The leadership must address the pending plight of the dollar and devise ways of prosperity should a Pearl Harbor size attack on the currency cause destabilization across all markets. Oil and gas cannot be the golden egg for the State's budget.

Q21

Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is environmental regulation to protect New Mexico's land, air, and water?

(no label)

Briefly explain your answer:

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I am not a Chicken Little; however, I do believe we need to be responsible not to pollute the environment or approve measures that will destroy the ecology. Are there standards to mitigate toxicity in the air or water ways? Gov't should encourage business to develop ways to protect these vital resources. I strongly believe the same way DOE was instrumental in developing the atomic bomb, there has to be solutions to pollution and protecting the environment. The end of WWII was created here in NM. I refuse to accept the people of NM, or someone, cannot be creative in this cause too.

Q22

Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico thoroughly review regulations to determine use and usefulness in regards to protecting citizens without unnecessarily overburdening business?

(no label)

Please explain your answer:

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I do not believe gov't is here for the people. I expressedly do not believe gov't should take a position of power over the people. The people are here to depend on gov't for ultimate protection, expansion, and a fair rule of law. There should not be an imposition of business by the gov't. There should be no laws that cause distance of between service or being serviced. There should be no laws that would affect our supply side economic system.

Land Grant Permanent Fund: Do you support or oppose increased distributions (above the current 5%) from the Land Grant Permanent Fund?

Please explain your answer:

I must educate myself more on this topic. My apology. Please do not hold being a city boy against me. In Baltimore City, MD where I grew up we did not have this issue. The only land grant I recall is making sure you were in the correct neighborhood when it got dark or you would sure need funds to grant a quick and permanent exit from the land upon which you were not invited.

Q24

Employment Laws: What is your position on government mandated employee benefits like sick leave, PTO,... etc?

Oppose,

Comments:

I, along with thousands who voted against this measure, oppose this European type mandate. In a society where the tax structure is dictated by the ruling class, PTO is obligatory for an employer to adopt. Since we are supposed to be a free society of laws to benefit the people and business not mandated by the gov't, to impose PTO and paid sick leave upon employees is, in my opinion, un-American.

Q25

Employment Laws: In recent years, legislation is proposed each session concerning the state's minimum wage. Please state how you feel wages should be determined and explain your answer.

Wages should be determined by allowing the free market or supply/demand to determine an appropriate amount

Please explain your answer:

A sole proprietor, general partner, S-Corp, or C-Corp should be able to determine pay based on employee's experience, employee's work ethic, employee's abilities, and needs of the employer not the employee. Determining min wage cannot be a cookie approach (much like not all Districts are not the same).

Q26

Workforce Development: On a scale of 1 (critical) to 5 (unimportant), how important do you feel is it that New Mexico's higher learning institutions offer technical and trade related degrees and certifications?

(no label)

Explain your reasoning:

1 (Critical)

Education cannot be free. Anything a person wants, needs, or desires must be accompanied by the efforts of the individual. It is my opinion that an alternative form of adult education be made available. Not all students in college want to in college, should be in college, or qualify to be in college. They need an alternative adult education system. Some are great with their hands; thus, should be afforded the opportunity to exercise their efforts to be educated.

Economic Incentives: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that state incentives for businesses, such as LEDA, JTIP and tax abatement include mandatory achievement requirements for use of the money as well as enforceable claw back parameters, if those requirements are not met?

(no label)

Please explain your answer:

1 (critical)

One thing I disdain about gov't programs: they have a tendency to boost non-disclosure. If it has anything to do with one tax dollar, the system should be easy to understand, easy to explain, and made available for viewing to anyone at any moment's notice. If the program is not causing development as it should, the strategy must be reviewed. As I understand since its adoption in early 2000's, this is to have involvement from the community within; thus, the strategic development plan is not gov't led but rather to empower those in the community who put forth ideas. The programs must be measured for effectiveness or dissolved to bring about measures more applicable to the community.

Q28

Do you support an Article V, Convention of States to address proposals that would limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints (balanced budget amendment), and place term limits on federal officials?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

Some people do not understand the importance of mechanism set forth to protect us. We have a separation of powers to prevent tyranny (as written in the Declaration) and autocracy. I do not believe any member of the U.S. Congress should sit longer the President of the United States. At the most, the senate should have no more than two terms and three terms on the side of the house. We need freshness not stagnation or one building bunkers or entrenchments in our government. As the county of Bernalillo is limited for two terms, I believe all forms of public service in the State should be limited. A balance budget is critical too. Our leaders must forward think and protect the viability of our money system. To continue to borrow from countries working to see our doom is as best irresponsible and foolish. Not being beholden to any country gives us a position of strength; thus, balancing the budget allows the Nation to be strong and not be a servant to the lender.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I believe developing a relationship with businesses is critical. This will result in sustaining business here in New Mexico. The current brain drain we experience can be halted by mentorship and apprenticeship. We are lowering the cost of college education through grants given provided the students maintain the effort to be educated (as I said earlier): the lottery. Secondly, parents must be given the right to enroll their child(ren) into a school that exemplifies results (just as we expect from LEDA), a learning environment where children can thrive. We must address our homelessness, that seems to be growing more and more each year. My resolve is to help people reclaim dignity and self respect. Ultimately, they must express the desire to be a productive member in the community or we can assist them to return to their families. Homeless population did not occur overnight; thus, we will not be able to solve it over nor with some catchy, cute phrase. Our veterans deserve honest treatment. It should not be the type of treatment demand by a politician than fades when the politician is no longer in place. Retraining would be a great way to allow our veterans to feel part of the community and feel they gave and now we are giving back to them.