

**Q9** What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

First time running for a office.

**Q10** Why are you seeking this office?

Retired from 37 years of Education to run for office. I stayed neutral while in administrative educational roles in order to work with all citizens in New Mexico and be the best educator/advocate possible for our children . I am running for office so I can contribute to helping New Mexico grow in many areas. I believe I am a good listener, communicator and problem solver for New Mexicans.

**Q11** 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. **No**

**Q12** Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, please explain. **No**

**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. **No**

**Q14** 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:  
A combination of what you have listed, plus helping small business help their employees set up retirement savings account. I am a believer that we need to look at strategies that move citizens out of poverty and ensuring people have more than just a social security check when they retire would be a Hugh benefit for New Mexico.

**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? **Equally distributed to each legislator,**  
Briefly explain your answer :  
Equally distributed to each legislator if their districts are equal in population. District 44 now has 29,000 plus citizens while other districts have less than 20,000. Specific projects are tax payer dollars and should be distributed to all citizens in order to benefit from their participation in paying taxes.

**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?

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**Q17 State Tax Code:** Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

**Other,**

Explain your answer:

I need more information on all the legislation that has been proposed the last five years. My personal research thinks we should look at "updating" our tax structure every decade. I believe it would be better for the LFC to look at the tax structure constantly, but legislation should be introduced every five years, seven or ten years so we have quality data points to base quality research on and not theories.

**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 is a big deterrent for businesses looking at New Mexico. When I was an administrator with Rio Rancho Public Schools and met the Director of HP here when they first came to New Mexico, he shared with me that the crime rate in Albuquerque was one of the reasons they didn't bring their full operations to NM.

**Q19 Energy:** What is your position on government mandates for renewable energy like the Energy Transition Act?

**Support**

**Q20 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?

**Other,**

Please briefly explain your answer:

I believe we need to face fracking out. I believe we should not frack in the central area of the state. I would like to see what other things science is doing or researching to protect our environment as they extract oil and gas.

**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:

**1 (Critical)**

We are called the Land of Enchantment. We need to protect what we have, so the next generation enjoys our natural beauty, our land, air and water. We also need to continue to move and promote solar and wind energy.

**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:

**1 (critical)**

I need to review this question in more depth, however I always think it is important to see what regulations can be done away with so we do not overburden businesses.

**Q23 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 support a distribution from the Land Grant Permanent Fund, but never experiencing a pandemic until now I think we need to review what the right % should be if we ever experience another pandemic.

**Q24 Employment Laws:** What is your position on government mandated employee benefits like sick leave, PTO,... etc?

**Support,**

Comments:

I support unions because they try and protect all workers and create the best benefit packages for all employees. On top of that, I believe government has an obligation to protect tax payers have a honest benefit package and that no one organization is abusing its power to devalue some common fair employee practices. "I hope this makes sense".

**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 government mandate, such as the recent increases in minimum wage**

Please explain your answer:

Since 1960 the wage of management and the wage of our quality employees in the field continues to spread but both our critical to the organization succeeding.

**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)**

I cannot tell you how many of my close friends our quality business owners in our state because of the two year certificate program NMHU had back in the last 1970's, early 80's. Education, degrees and certificates and also the military (where you pick up another certificate or career) our critical to New Mexico moving forward and out of poverty.

**Q27** 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?

Please explain your answer:

I am not familiar with LEDA, JTIP, and tax abatement so I would need help before I can answer your question on economic incentive.

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**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:

I also support term limits for state legislators.

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**Q29** Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I would very much like to work "with" NM Business Coalition if elected to the position of Representative, District 44. Thank you and I am sorry I did not respond earlier.

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