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

I am a first time political candidate.

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

I have run my family business in Albuquerque for 9 years now and I am tired of watching our beautiful state fall further and further behind our neighbors. I want to make New Mexico the strongest most competitive economy in the southwest.

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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.

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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):

My life experiences have made me who I am today. My journey to adulthood, like so many others, was filled with triumphant moments along with learning experiences. 7 years ago in 2013 I was charged with a DWI however the case was dismissed and I was not convicted of any crime. The gravity of that situation though, was not lost upon me, and I used that experience like so many others to grow and become more responsible.

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:

I believe a responsible combination of building reserves and non-recurring investments would be the ideal approach.

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

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Briefly explain your answer :

New Mexico is a vast and diverse state. The needs of one county often are far different from the needs of another. That is why I believe distribution of funds should be prioritized by economic activity.

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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)

First and foremost we must bring our corporate income tax down and create a flat rate that does not penalize earnings over \$500,000. Second I believe that setting our rate lower than CO %4.63 and AZ %4.9 would put our state in a much more attractive position. Ultimately I would like to see us go to %0 like Texas and Nevada where our state would see an economic explosion! We are already losing the business to our neighbors and new activity is choosing other states that is why at a minimum I believe we need to be in the low %2 to offer a serious advantage. We need to show that New Mexico is serious and open for business.

Q17

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:

First our current system of tax exempt certificates for resale must be carried over so we don't have double taxation. Second I would like to see a flat sales tax of %5 or lower that is consistent all across the entire state. The GRT system is burdensome on businesses and hides the true rate of taxation from the consumer who inherently pays the tax anyways. If every NM resident saw and paid the sales tax on a daily basis it would be much harder for government to increase it thus creating more accountability.

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:

It is no secret that New Mexico is heavily affected by crime. We must get serious about addressing our states crime epidemic. Like so many other troubles our state faces simply throwing more money at the problem is not always the solution. We need real reforms and new ideas for our criminal justice system to ensure real safety and security for our residents and businesses alike. Safety and Economic growth go hand in hand and without one the other cannot flourish.

Q19

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

Oppose,

Please explain your position:

I believe government mandates should be the last resort and should be used as little as possible. Far to often government mandates have unintended consequences that do more harm than good. The ETA for example will put a lot of people out of work with no immediate job replacement and will cause rates to go up harming lower income households most. The positive aspects of the ETA I believe are over shadowed by the negative outcomes of the mandate.

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?

Yes,

Please briefly explain your answer:

As a legislator I will support any effort to increase productivity and revenue generation by not only our energy producers but every business large and small.

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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Having clean air and water is of the utmost importance and the best way to achieve that is through partnerships and a good working relationship between government and private industry. Every situation and industry is different and should be treated as such. I believe working with the private sector to keep our natural resources pristine versus handing down arbitrary regulations would be the most effective approach.

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)

It is very important that we review every regulation and factor in every possible outcome. We must ensure that any new regulation does not unfairly burden a business or a citizen.

Q23

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

Oppose,

Please explain your answer:

I support growing the land grant fund through economic development so that the five percent distribution increases naturally. Decreasing taxes and regulations will help grow the fund organically ensuring the continued protection one of our states most valuable assets. Simply spending more out of it is not sustainable and is irresponsible.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

Laws that protect employees rights and safety are critically important and must be enforced. I believe however that government should not mandate that a business provide benefits to their employees. That should be left up to each individual business. Naturally it is in a business's best interest to offer benefits it can afford to attract the best possible employees.

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

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Please explain your answer:

The free market will solve this issue naturally if left to do so.

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)

Offering students the opportunity to get degrees in technical or trade related programs is crucial. A growing number of students are looking for programs that get them into the workforce as quickly as possible with as little debt as possible. For some students the traditional 4 year degree is the most effective path for their future but for many others, alternative options need to be available.

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?

(no label)

Please explain your answer:

1 (critical)

Any state program that provides tax dollars should have strict performance standards and claw back parameters.

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:

The natural tendency of government unfortunately is to grow larger and become more intrusive on individuals. Our federal government has not demonstrated an ability to police itself and I believe it is time for action. Article V was specifically written to give the state's power over the federal government if necessary. I believe that time has come in regards to federal spending and term limits.

Q29

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

I am running to be a voice for our future. I have watched for years as friends and family move away for better opportunities and I have decided I want to do something about it.