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Phone number

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**Q9**

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

Volunteer for multiple campaigns over the years, ran for State Rep in (what was then) District 9 in McKinley Co in 1996. Have served on County and State committees, was the Dona Ana Co. POC for the Mike Huckabee campaign in 2016

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

As a former small business owner (trucking business, educational consultant currently) and longtime educational leader, I love NM and know that we can do better. In order to do so, we much have bold new leadership who is ready to move NM forward in the right ways, while still holding true to our values as a state. Currently I am the CEO of a private school with a \$2M annual budget, I understand the impact of business - finance and how to grow an organization as a supply-side economist.

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**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.

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**Q12**

**No**

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

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**Q13**

**No**

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.

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**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?

**Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds**

Please explain your answer:

With a growing surplus which protects our Perm. Fund, bond rating, etc. this (in part) can be used to keep our infrastructure sound and take other needed steps to grow the NM economy - include Ag. and small business owners.

**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 :

While it makes sense to allocate more to those who pay the most, which I would support if properly and fairly done...currently there is no system in place for that type of allocation (to my knowledge) thus I feel it should be equally distributed until we have a better system. In all of this though, we need to continue to invest in Ag, ranching and our small communities who are very often overlooked in such discussions.

**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:

**2**  
There are many examples that can be stated, here is one which I see as a real economic 'killer' in our state.. We are one of only 13 states to tax social security benefits for our seniors - I would sponsor legislation to remove that as a means to draw more retirees to NM - which has multiple benefits as well.

**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**

**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:  
Businesses will not invest in unsafe communities, or states with low educational scores as they do in other states.

**Q19**

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

**I oppose government mandates on business because they should be left to make the decisions that allow maximum profit and growth.**

Please explain your position:

I think renewable energy is credible and needs to be explored/promoted, but not mandated. For some it makes sense, but not for all (small) businesses.

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**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:

It is the backbone of this economy, the producers have demonstrated that it can be done in a eco-friendly way in most cases - I would support G/O the best I could.

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**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 believe that some rules are needed to protect our beautiful state, yet I have also seen states /areas where this is taken too far as it is a mask for other political agendas.

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**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)**

Over regulation and over taxation is a job killer, I am definatley a supply-sider

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**Q23**

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

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**Oppose**

**Q24**

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

**Other,**

Comments:

As an employer I have worked hard to provide what many tell me is one of the best employee benefit packages for a school of our type in New Mexico. I am very proud of that and have worked hard for 17 to accomplish this, each year we seek ways to make things better for our valued employees. Yet - I also believe that these things need to be market-driven, not gov. mandated.

**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:

Same thoughts as above...I have never paid (only) minimum wage, we always have kept our wages above for hourly employees - again, because we value their good hearts and hard work. Yet - I do not believe that such areas should be Gov. controlled, a support free markets even in education.

**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:

**2**

Our economy is changing and we must change with it; this may be an even better idea at the High School level, which could also curb our nation-leading HS drop rates. In other states, every county has at least one vocational school - it also provides parents with school choice options.

**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)**

I would support funding that creates jobs, but only with accountability and assessment of success.

**Q28**

**Yes**

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?

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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?

It is time to re-open, recovery and re-tool our state economy for the future. TX is the #1 state economy in the US, I know we can do better!

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