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

I've volunteered on political campaigns, served on the executive committee for both the state and San Juan County Libertarian parties. From 2016 to present I've volunteered for Concerned Veterans for America, Americans for Prosperity, and Libre. 2016 was also the year that I started attending Grassroots Leadership Academy (Level 1-3) and have received multiple certifications and training in grassroots movements.

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Why are you seeking this office?

Both Democratic majorities and their complicit Republican counterparts for decades have drug New Mexico to the bottom of the ranks in all measurable categories. I'm capable of looking at legislation and policy objectively. I will unite with anyone to do right and no one to do wrong. I won't be swayed by the leaderships of political parties because I'm guided by principle.

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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

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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:

When you go to the store and pay with cash, do you expect your change to be returned to you, or do you think that the store should keep the change and make improvements to their own facilities? The difference here is when you go to the store, it is a voluntary exchange. With tax revenue, it is forced from the taxpayer involuntarily. As such, the state should be good stewards with our hard earned money and a surplus shouldn't be in their vocabulary. Any monies taken beyond the state's budget should be returned to whom it was taken from.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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)

New Mexicans are taxed repeatedly on the same products. This is regressive and damaging to our citizens and businesses. Restructuring the tax code to favor commerce and growth will go a long way toward paving a prosperous future for New Mexicans. The GRT alone is enough to prevent manufacturing businesses from considering New Mexico as their home.

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:

Replacing the GRT with a sales tax is simply not enough! Other taxes must also be removed in addition to replacing the GRT with a single end user tax that is ONLY applied at the very last point of a sale. New Mexico continues to be one of if not the only states that uses a GRT, a business/corporate tax, and income tax, and a property tax. This creates one of the worst business climates in the United States.

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?

No,

Please explain your answer:

I don't believe it is entirely in the above mentioned causes. I believe that New Mexico as a whole is over-criminalized. There would be less need for so called "catch and release" if there weren't so many ways in which an individual can break a law. The entire criminal justice system needs to undergo fundamental transformation. Crimes where there is a victim, i.e.: theft, vandalism, damage to property and any time there is an injury or death must be punished equitably. Victimless crimes should take up a minimum of time, energy and other resources in order to quell true criminal behavior.

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.

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Please explain your position:

This is not the proper role of government. Anytime something is mandated, the costs become high. When government chooses the "winners" New Mexico citizens lose.

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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:

Once again, this is not the proper role of government. Oil and gas companies have their own strict environmental protocols in place that serve to protect our interests as well as their own. After all, if a business uses poor practices, it will reflect in their bottom line. The state of New Mexico needs to unlearn the word "surplus".

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:

5 (Unimportant)

Industries will do this on their own. Government does not have the comparative advantage to make these decisions. Bad business practices such as damaging our environment will be answered with a swift and loud rebuke from consumers. Industries are keenly aware of this and have regulated themselves to prevent harm. Government programs such as these turn into money pits.

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)

Redundancies must be purged.

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:

This money should go back from whence it came. New Mexico has some of the highest per pupil costs with APS spending more than double what Los Angeles spends per pupil with far worse results. It's time to stop rewarding failure and punishing success, especially at the expense of one of the only revenue generators in the state.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

This is also not the proper role of government. Bad actors are punished with a decreased and less than desirable work force and eventually find themselves closed. Good employers offer benefits that help their employees and are within their means. Government should not be in business. This is yet another way that government chooses winners and losers.

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:

Government has no role here. By setting arbitrary minimum wage laws, they force low and unskilled workers out of the workforce.

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:

5 (Unimportant)

This burden shouldn't be foisted on the educational institutions (although it would be beneficial for them to offer these programs), ultimately the onus should fall on business and industry to offer the training required for the jobs that they offer. This also serves to teach best practices from a source directly impacted.

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:

5 (unimportant)

These programs are not the proper role of government! They should instead strive to create a business friendly environment by getting out of the way so that programs like this aren't needed in the first place.

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:

This is one way to get something done counter to the federal government, but it isn't the be all and end all to what ails us. Term limits, although a feel good response, probably won't cure as many issues as proponents believe it will.

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

I'm capable of looking at each piece of legislation objectively and making voting decisions based in principle without being mired down by tribalism.
