

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

Former Director of Grassroots Operations for AFP/F NM
Board Member Veterans Impact Association of New Mexico
Volunteer AFP/F Libre Initiative/Institute CVA

Q10 Why are you seeking this office?

Because NM needs good leadership and I have shown throughout my life to be an effective leader who produces positive outcomes.

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.

Yes (please explain):
When I was very young, and very dumb, I filed BK over 10K of debt. Horrible decision but I was in my 20s and I have since rebuilt my credit and would never recommend this move to anyone, for any reason.

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):
I'm a New Mexican. Again, in my youth, I was subject to the court systems for mostly non moving violations then a failure to appear. It was a horrible time in my life and I am again grateful that I no longer, and havent for quite some time, live like that. I have a very clean record and have worked hard to make it so.

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:
This may sound crazy, but what about giving it back to the taxpayers?

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?

Briefly explain your answer :
This is not the proper role of Govt and I will tirelessly argue this point. The NM legislature is not a lottery system and again I refer to the taxpayers. This allocated money will be used on the highest priorities as demonstrated to the entire community. I believe Crime is going to be the highest priority in our District, based on my conversations with our neighbors. Homelessness is going to be another key issue. Education, infrastructure will all be evaluated and put to the voters of 28 to determine how we will allocate those funds.

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)

I cannot briefly explain my answer other than to say, the GRT is a big reason NM has a difficult time recruiting new businesses to come set up shop here.

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:

We are rated as one the least economically free states in The Frazier Institute's Economic Freedom Index every year because of our arcane tax structure. We at Team Vaillancourt think complete tax Reform is necessary to move New Mexico in the right direction.

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:

Our crime rate and our violent crime rates are among the highest in the nation. You dont have to be an economic developer to understand basic human nature, and basic business nature. Businesses want to be in safe communities for all the same reason most of us want to live in safe communities.

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

Oppose,

Please explain your position:

This is not the proper role of Government. Industry leaders who believe in principled business should be fostering our future regarding how to provide safe, viable, reliable, environmentally friendly energy. This may also sound crazy but if allowed, our campaign will show you how this does work.

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:

If you live in NM and dont fully support a responsible NM Oil & Gas Industry, then you might want to live somewhere else. New Mexico is Ranchers, Farmers, Oil and Gas Producers, Scientists, Manufacturers, Entrepreneurs and a mixture of Artists and Musiciand and Chefs and Cooks and Actors and Actresses. We are business people, and we are fun. This is who we are and we are not afraid to tell you we love New Mexico!

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)

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Briefly explain your answer:

We all love our state and dont want to see any bad actors taking advantage of our precious resources. Nor would we want any irresponsible businesses or individuals to put our land, our air, or our livelihoods at risk.

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)

1 (critical)

Please explain your answer:

I think we can learn a great deal from the COVID Crisis along with an Administration that has shown by creating good regulations, we can easily rid ourselves and NM of useless regulations that only serve as barriers to our people's prosperity.

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:

Ok, I've answered all of them so far, despite the fact that I firmly do not believe this is the proper role of Government, at all.

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

Oppose,

Comments:

My theme song, Not The Proper Role!

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 Minimum Wage is deterrent to most people 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)

1 (Critical)

Explain your reasoning:

I work in the electrical contracting world and all of our companies are always looking for qualified people. Every trade is hurting for people.

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)

5 (unimportant)

Please explain your answer:

Not the proper role.

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:

In support it simply because it's in the Constitution and is provided to the states as a mechanism to redress the Federal Govt for stepping outside of its proper role. It is a fairly simple process but could be misconstrued by a misled public. The thresholds, however, are so great that I doubt a "runaway" convention could take place, even with the help of some corrupt media.

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 a native New Mexican who cares greatly about this community and this state. I have spent the last several years of my life dedicating myself to serving New Mexico and the ideas of liberty and responsibility, and how they go together. I am a proud Husband and Father, and I look forward to representing House District 28, and our fellow New Mexicans.
