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**Q9**

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

This is my first time running for elected office, but here is some of my prior community involvement:

NAIOP (commercial real estate association): I've been on the Developing Leader Board since 2017, and am now serving on the Environmental Governance Subcommittee for NAIOP National 2020-2022

Urban Land Institute: I've been a Young Leader since 2017, now Young Leader Co-Chair 2020-2022

Albuquerque Economic Development: Just joined this year

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I want to take down business burdens and allow the private sector to thrive and grow. I want the state to support business, not oppose it.

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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?

**Non-recurring investments aimed at improving specific aspects of our state**

Please explain your answer:

We should NOT permanently expand government. If we have surplus funds, we should look for effective, one-off opportunities to improve our state. Plan B should be to put it in either a rainy day fund, an endowment, or some other place to help in the long-term.

**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**

Briefly explain your answer :

As an economics major, I believe setting the right incentives is key. That's why I think counties should receive back money in proportion to how much they pay in—it's their money, and it shouldn't go to someone else without a very good reason.

**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**  
I want to reduce income and corporate taxes, replacing the revenue mostly with sales taxes and reducing government waste.

**Q17**

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

**Gross Receipts Tax (GRT),**

Explain your answer:

As I said, I'm in favor of replacing corporate taxes with sales tax. I don't like the way GRT imposes extra costs on every B2B transaction, ruining supply chains and tying down the whole marketplace.

**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:

Let me zoom out at the big picture here. The war on drugs has failed, and if ask any economists, they'll tell you that harsher sentencing laws just don't work, especially for drugs. When we lock someone up for years for having a bag of weed, with nothing else to do than make friends with the criminals there, we've made crime worse, not better. We should legalize marijuana in NM, this would bring in new tax revenue and business opportunities. For harder drugs like cocaine, we should destigmatize and decriminalize their addicts so they will be more likely to seek help. This way our law enforcement will have more time to pursue theft and violent crimes.

**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.**

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Please explain your position:

I don't want to comment on bills before I've read/studied them.

**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:

Yes, and as a real estate developer, I have plenty of experience with land management. I'm also opposed to any production and export restrictions.

**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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At our Albuquerque real estate business, we used to share offices with the EPA, and this was one of the things that made me realize how much government waste and incompetence there is. They came up to us, with all these office supplies they didn't need, asking if we wanted them because otherwise they'd throw them out (not very environmentally-friendly!). This was because they would lose their budget if they didn't spend it fully, so at the end of the year they always wasted the rest of their budget. That being said, I do think we have a responsibility to protect our environment. I usually don't like regulations, but some amount of it is necessary. I want to protect the environment but without all the inefficiency that I've seen.

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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)**

I think I've already said this enough here

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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?

**Oppose,**

Please explain your answer:

I am 27 years old, so I care about our long-term future because that will happen in my own lifetime. We ought to at least pause before we take money out of the LGPF, because even if it's to help educate our kids, that money is coming from our grandkids.

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**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

A contract is between an employee and employer. There should be no intervention of government in employment contracts as long as individuals are not put in inhumane or unsafe working conditions.

**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**

Please explain your answer:

If someone wants to mow a lawn for \$5/hour, I don't get why the government should get in between them

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**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:

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Yeah I think we should try and make this happen. A related idea of mine: since a lot of the future is in IT, much more than we have the skilled labor to cover in NM, we should try teaching more kids to learn to code even before college. Maybe the state could even attract/partner with top tech firms on initiatives like this.

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**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:

**2**

Yeah, programs like this will only work if people don't cheat the system

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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:

Yes, all of the above, especially term limits. I'm in this because I think politics should be a civic service, not a career.

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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?

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**Respondent skipped this question**