

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q10 Why are you seeking this office?

I believe in the Libertarian principles of Fiscal Responsibility, Social Tolerance and Limited Government all of which we need in these troubling times.

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.

No

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.

No

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:
Surplus taxes should find their way 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 :
These funds are not currently distributed equitably and are spent for projects that don't qualify as capital expenditures. I would ask to create a capital expense program that benefits the best long term interests of New Mexico.

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)
The Gross Receipts tax is not well structured to benefit New Mexicans and, in many cases, is regressive. Some of it just makes no sense.

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:

Some form of taxation is a current necessity but I not "in favor" of any of them. Lower taxes means less government. I am not smarter than my constituents when it comes to their lives. Why should I be telling them how to live?

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:

I hear that consistently from people outside New Mexico and I know people who have moved out because of it. Being found guilty of committing a crime against a person or their property should come with a penalty that provides restitution and a clear deterrent to reoffending.

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

Oppose,

Please explain your position:

This should be a business decision, not a government decision.

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?

Other,

Please briefly explain your answer:

This question is mostly moot in our current situation. If we get back to having oil and gas as a major revenue source it should not be considered a reliable source of income.

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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People and corporations should not be allowed to damage public or private land, air or water without some penalty, preferably financial, that provides full restitution.

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)

Less government means more profit which creates more money for wages and benefits, more taxes and more growth. We make all this way too hard.

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:

We're broke and will be for a while. We need to learn to live within our means.

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

Oppose,

Comments:

When the Government passes laws that require businesses to pay more in wages or benefits it has to come from one of three places. Higher prices, smaller workforce or reduced profits - that's it. None of those are desirable outcomes. Higher wages and better benefits should come from competitive pressures for better 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.

Other

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)

We have the lowest high school graduation rate in the country. The emphasis on college for our high schoolers leaves out a large portion of that population. Career technical education is essential to getting these men and women into solid jobs.

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:

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I am in favor of public/private economic development initiatives if the emphasis is on "private". Government can have a big role in getting out of the way of development but we will not have much money to spend on it.

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 federal governments role in regards to the states is limited by the constitution. We have kind of forgotten that.

Q29 Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I have run billion dollar companies and employed more than 5,000 people. I have the background and experience to be of service during our upcoming crisis and it would be a privilege to serve my community.
