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

Volunteer for Mayor Jane Byrne, Chicago, Presidential Candidates Roger, McBride -1976, Ed Clark - 1980, David Bergland - 1984, Harry Browne - 1996, Gary Johnson - 2016

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Why are you seeking this office?

To become a voice for less government in southern New Mexico

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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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Yes (please explain):

Personal bankruptcy in 1999

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

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.

Q14

Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds

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?

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

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Briefly explain your answer :

Based on a set amount per capita per district.

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:

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It should be done in conjunction with a move to reduce the size, scope and cost of state government.

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:

A slow transition to user fees would be preferable.

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 do not think it deters new business as much as the State level impediments to new small business openings and especially unnecessary licensing laws. The courts and jails could be relieved of much of their burden by decriminalizing "victimless crimes".

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:

You cannot wish good ideas into reality by enacting laws.

Industry progresses and innovation will occur when engineers and scientists are inspired, not ordered.

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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?

No,

Please briefly explain your answer:

There must be a balance between the needs of extractive industries, jobs and being good stewards of the natural resources in the state. Some say state government is more concerned with their campaign promises/contributions than the appropriate role of government.

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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There must be a balance between the various groups that have differing uses of the state's resources. Private property rights must be maintained.

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)

Protecting citizens from what, exactly? The marketplace and legal system can monitor this balance without legislative interference.

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:

However, it may be a good source of funds to compensate those adversely affected by the Covid-19 lockout of businesses the Governor did not approve of.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

Each business should enact whatever benefits it needs to attract and retain the employees it deems necessary to adequately provide for it's customers.

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:

You cannot change reality by enacting a law based on wishful thinking.

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)

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Explain your reasoning:

While I think it is a great idea, the Governing Boards of those institutions should be the ones to decide what courses to offer potential students.

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)

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Please explain your answer:

The greatest incentive for making New Mexico an attractive place for large and small businesses is to reduce the tax and regulatory costs of doing business in the state and removing restrictive government barriers to small business start-ups, including archaic and restrictive licensing laws.

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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, but that is not something a House District Representative has much impact on.

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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?

Representing a rural area, I am fully aware that the bickering between the Republicans and Democrats continually try to enact "One Size Fits All" legislation that ignores the different needs of urban and rural communities.
