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Email address

[REDACTED]

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Phone number

[REDACTED]

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

None

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Why are you seeking this office?

I want to leave a better future for my children through detailed focus on preservation of freedoms.

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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

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):

07/2009 Possession of controlled substance -nolle prosequi
 11/2009 receiving/transferring a stolen vehicle and speeding--nolle prosequi/Pre prosecution diversion nol-le
 pros-e-qui /,nālē 'prāsə,kwē/ nounLAW noun: nolle prosequi
 a formal notice of abandonment by a plaintiff or prosecutor of all or part of a suit or action. the entry of nolle prosequi in a court record. While 2020 has given all of us our share of hardships, this year has had silver linings. Our family welcomed a new baby girl; my employment has held firm throughout our shutdown, and I have been able to run for office. My family has been incredibly supportive of my efforts and they truly are my rock. As I move into my mid-thirties I hope to continue to work within my community, no matter the outcome of this election, because I believe I can do better and be better, and I believe my community can as well. However, years ago, things were not quite so rosy for me. My teens and early twenties were marred by unfortunate events and as a result my life took a bad turn. I became addicted to methamphetamine – an addiction which lasted for several years. In that time I was arrested twice for drug-related crimes (theft and possession), but never convicted. Addiction was in full control of my life, but I was finally able to take steps to save myself. In 2009 I made the decision to seek professional help and enter a rehabilitation facility. Fortunately, I was able to complete my stay at the facility, as well as its 12-step program. I overcame my addiction and have been clean for over ten years. I am now a man of faith, a father, a husband, and a concerned citizen. I have completely turned my life around. I am also extremely interested in helping those members of our community who need to do the same. I tell people that I am an open book. I do this because I've worked so hard to overcome my past. I also want to ensure that since I am running to be a Representative in the New Mexico State House, the voters in my district should know who they are voting for. They need to know what I have been through, what I have worked to achieve, and that I will always be honest with them.

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:

Our state budget is overflowing with recurring expenses which are unnecessary. We should first eliminate the harmful, non-essential, and/or inefficient budget items, and then return the excess funding to the taxpayers. This will increase government's fiscal responsibility and stimulate the economy.

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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 :

Discretionary spending should be eliminated or severely limited. Any specific, district level spending should be incorporated into omnibus bills which require passage in the House and Senate just like any other bill. This will ensure that there's some level of legislative discussion before blank checks are written to 112 legislative discretionary spending accounts.

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)

there are elements of the tax codes current structure that must be revamped to ensure taxes are lower, simpler, and only essential. People should be able to keep more of their hard earned dollars.

Q17

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

Sales Tax

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:

Crime definitely hampers economic activity and growth. Once an area gets a 'high crime' label, new businesses are less likely to be created in that area due to perceived risks and increased security costs. Also, on a basic level, businesses must deal with direct costs of high crime: insurance, replacing stolen and/or damaged goods or infrastructure, potential lawsuits, or any number of other costs. The less willing our courts are to impose sentences, fines, and restrictions on criminals, the more likely crime is to continue unabated.

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.

Please explain your position:

There's a whole range of government mandates to be considered, any restrictions, regulations, or taxation can hamper business activity and growth. Protecting the rights of the public is government's core function, so if there's a law which must supersede economic growth in order to protect life, liberty, or property, then it may be necessary.

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:

I support private land and resource management. The less the government is involved the better. The energy industry should be able to operate responsibly to maximize its profitability.

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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Environmental protection is a good thing, but the level at which it should be codified into law is almost entirely subjective. It should be looked at from a common sense perspective. Do we want laws that stop unnecessary pollution? Yes. Do we want laws that crush the economy to protect a nearly extinct mouse? No.

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)

The idea that regulations are created by regulatory agencies and not by the legislature is bordering on absurdity. If a regulation isn't a law, it needs to be reviewed and probably dismantled.

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 oppose increased distributions. There are many, many reasons to leave the permanent fund as it is so that we ensure it continues to provide adequate levels of funding. We shouldn't be 'killing the golden goose' so to speak, simply because legislators need pet projects.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

Regulation of business practices kills competition in the job market, drives up costs, drives down salaries, and puts people out of work. If we cut taxes and cut regulations, allowing businesses to keep more of their profits, free market pressures will naturally drive employers to provide higher wages and greater benefits.

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

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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If private institutions want to create job training programs, that's fine. But making government schools take on an even greater educational burden at this point would be irresponsible, mainly because we know how well government schools currently teach our students: not well at all.

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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In dealing with the current situation caused by covid-19 pandemic we need to help build up our Economy and help our struggling businesses now more than ever. they are after all the life blood of our New Mexico economy.

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Yes

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?

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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 a sheet metal worker who exercises his Second Amendment rights. Furthermore, I'm a husband. I am father to two small children with a third on the way next month. My primary qualification is that I care deeply for what happens in the community because I was born here, raised here, educated here. Everyone that I care about lives here. I will do everything I can everyday to make District 11 a better place for us all.
