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Q9

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

poll worker 1972-2006? don't remember exactly
Libertarian state board member for a year or two
LP candidate for state house dist. 19 twice in the past

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

give the poor peasants an opportunity to express displeasure with current representation

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.

Yes (please explain):

I had minority interest in a firm with unpaid taxes "Rio Grande Micrographics" the principle wasn't really, quite, a con-artist, he was trying to run a business, but while he was a very good salesman, he was a very bad manager and had trouble keeping his facts straight. The firm sold itself to someone with more money.

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.

Yes (please explain):

?? parking ticket at UNM

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:
how about giving some of it back. padding the permanent fund wouldn't hurt neither would fully funding some specific infrastructure project but the tendency to partially fund projects that languish for years is not helpful

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 :

?? do we really need more monuments to our politicians? Vanity projects? I might be more impressed if the funds had to be spent on a project that would be completed in a year or two and had majority community support.

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 gave up even trying to understand both state and federal taxes more than 40 years ago. I hope H&R Block does mine correctly; I haven't a clue.

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:
when I got here in 1968 I don't think we had either; we had cops, the universities were better funded and the roads weren't perfect but were drivable

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:
New Mexico's prison system is probably the largest criminal enterprise in the state. the approved vendors charge two to four times retail, the mail room steals about a third of what is received, the kitchens do not provide the meals they are paid for and the DA's offices are far more interested in scoring political points than prosecuting criminals. Oh yes, and when I call 911 the dispatcher repeatedly asks for the same information until I tell them the thieves, vandals, whatever have left the scene then say an officer will be sent out in a few hours.

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:

State licensing and certificate of need requirements are meant to limit competition. what kinds of mandates? For paid leave? vacation days? childcare services? minimum wages? not really any of the States business

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:

Do wish they wouldn't flare off quite so much gas. Turbines can handle a wide variation in quality, compress and generate the electricity needed to run the pumps. I suppose the upfront expenses are daunting but should be amortizable within the lifetime of the well. Pipeline permitting issues should be reexamined, maintenance and replacement schedules considered and concentrated on safe operation. I dislike pipeline explosions, particularly with fatalities and do not approve of avoidable leaks.

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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Very important but let's not let regulation be used to prevent all useful and desirable development of our natural resources. mining and lumbering have been all but banned at great expense to the people.

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)

Review away! Exploitation of resources and habitat restoration are not incompatible. Turning a mountain into a valley may not look the same to us but, as long as the water is drinkable, I doubt the animals will care.

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:

Those who want a bigger slice of the Permanent Funds neglect to consider the effects of the Federal policy of constant devaluation of our currency. I remember five cent sodas and twenty-five cent gasoline. There is little to no difference in the products, just a great deal of difference in the face value of the cost.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

companies that do not provide basic benefits will have higher turnover. very few owners or managers are competent to calculate their training/retraining costs; they forget how long it took them to learn the various jobs, if they did, and how much more productive the experienced workers are than the inexperienced. That said, incompetent owners/managers businesses will fail in time. We don't really need to protect them from themselves and the employees will go on to better jobs.

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:

See above. A basic starter wage to avoid egregious exploitation of the ignorant may have its uses

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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I'm not sure what the question is. Should NM Tech offer degrees in auto or diesel mechanics? machine tool operation? pattern and die making? I have met a few Master Machinists who knew more about metallurgy , materials stress responses and wear than the "Engineers" who "designed" the parts; learned from many years of practice. We had an excellent trade school until it was converted into a remedial high school.

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:

1 (critical)

If we are going to have such programs there must be ways to measure progress toward a goal and penalties for failure.

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?

Other,

Please explain your answer:

I am ambivalent. The goals are laudable. "promote the general welfare" is a purpose for creating a constitutional form of government it is not a power Mr. Monroe warned us of the dangers of giving the central government too much power and his fears have been bourn out in Spades. Our limited government of laws, strictly hedged about with clearly defined powers has been converted into a government of men carried along by popular passions. The Congress utterly refuses to perform its duties. The Executive and Judicial branches arrogate to themselves powers far beyond those granted to them; legislating where Congress refuses to do so. Yet, I am reminded that the Articles of Confederation (admittedly too weak) were supplanted by our current better but imperfect Constitution at such a convention and dread the consequences of a "progressive" usurpation and control of a new convention no matter how strict the limitations placed on the conventions' deliberations. The resulting struggle would make every historical conflict appear as mere ly a boyish tussle at a Sunday church social.

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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?

My candidacy was prompted, almost entirely, by a desire to see Sheryl Williams-Stapleton removed by someone from her seat as a representative of the Educrcacy.
