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

None

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

To improve the representation of District 28 and the governance of the State of New Mexico.

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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No

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

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:

Surplus revenue cannot be relied upon from year-to-year in normal budgeting actions. Therefore the main focus for expenditure of surplus funds in good years should go to non-recurring things such as road construction and infrastructure expansion projects.

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 :
Legislators should be able to return to their respective Districts with proportional projects to the economic base and tax revenue provided by their constituents.

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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I do not believe the tax code needs to be completely restructured, but it does need to be adjusted to lower levels of taxation on both private citizens and businesses.

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,
Explain your answer:
The current GRT system is complex and adversely impacts the profit line of business. A sales tax would spread the taxation across all individuals in a sales transaction.

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:
Absolutely! The high crime rate in Albuquerque and the reluctance of Judges to hold criminals accountable dissuades prospective businesses and industry from coming to New Mexico.

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:
Some mandates are necessary to ensure businesses are run in a legal and ethical manner. Proper accounting and equal opportunity mandates are what is good for the nation as a whole. However, the government does not need to tell business owners how to run their businesses as far as day-to-day procedures other than good safety procedures.

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:

NM oil and gas is an abundant natural resource that has substantially provided for the welfare and education of NM for many years. We need to continue to tap this resource to support the critical functions of our state government and to serve the people of New Mexico.

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:

2

As we continue to tap our natural resources in NM, we must do it smartly and make sure that we are also good stewards of the environment. There can be a balance and achieve both.

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:

2

A common sense approach must be taken to ensure businesses are held accountable for operating in a safe manner, but the private citizen also has some responsibility for their actions. Businesses must comply with things such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, some businesses do not lend themselves to all access and liability concerns.

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:

The 5% cap was put in place to protect the Fund as a "Permanent Fund". To remove that restriction would jeopardize its long-term viability.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

I believe those benefits should be established by the employer. Some employers can afford those benefits while others cannot. Especially small business owners are not in a position to pay for these additional benefits and still stay profitable.

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:

There are "entry level jobs" and then you move up to higher paying jobs.

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)

Some of the best paying job opportunities for our young adults are in the trades. And, unfortunately the technical education subject is often left out of the discussion of post-secondary education.

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

I believe there has to be some accountability to incentives provided by the state.

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?

No,

Please explain your answer:

I do not believe we are at that point. I believe in the Constitution and that we need to abide by the Constitution as written. The one item I would contemplate would be term limits on federal officials!

Q29

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

I want to do everything I can to facilitate the recovery of the devastated business community in Albuquerque that we have witnessed during this Covid crisis.
