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Phone number

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**Q9**

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

Elevate the Spectrum | Board of Directors | 2019

We empower individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through inclusion, advocacy, and friendship.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit. <http://www.elevatethespectrum.org>

Autism Day at the Legislature State Capitol on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 8 AM.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/556477121771903/>

Safe Access New Mexico ~ An Affiliate of Americans For Safe Access | Organizer | 2016

Safe Access New Mexico works to overcome political and legal barriers by creating policies that improve access to medical cannabis for patients and researchers through legislation, education, litigation, grassroots actions, advocacy and services for patients and caregivers. Our work has focused solely on medical cannabis issues, decriminalization of cannabis, hemp policy and does not work on legalization of cannabis for non-medical purposes or other illicit drug issues.

2020 - My medical cannabis advocacy and policy work through Safe Access New Mexico played a key role in establishing our Medical Cannabis Program as an Essential Service as the COVID 19 Pandemic started.

Of the new health conditions added to the state's medical cannabis program from December 2018 - 2019, five (5) of those new ones are from the Petitions I submitted to the Dept. of Health for Safe Access New Mexico. (I am the first advocate to have achieved such an accomplishment via the petition process to help so many New Mexcians.)

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (Dec. 2018); Autism Spectrum Disorder (June 2019); Three Degenerative Neurological Disorders: Friedreich's Ataxia, Lewy Body Disease, and Spinal Muscular Atrophy (June 2019); [All Petitions Safe Access New Mexico Has Provided The NMDOH Can Be Viewed in Original Format Online At: <http://lecuannmcpmcbpetitions.blogspot.com/>]

January 2019: Doctor(s) of Veterinary Medicine were provided the ability to engage in cannabis discussions with their clients after Safe Access New Mexico lobbied the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Safe Access New Mexico's advocacy and policy work was paramount in working with parents and lawmakers for the passing of New Mexico's Medical Cannabis in Schools Law. Policy Letter Seeks Executive Order By New Mexico's Governor For Medical Cannabis in School Law | Cannabis News Journal | <http://www.cannabisnewsjournal.co/2019/10/policy-letter-seeks-executive-order-by.html>

Safe Access New Mexico's advocacy and petition policy work provided much of the groundwork that enabled the 2019 Medical Cannabis Changes Law (SB-406).

Read the Full Safe Access New Mexico 2019 Community Advocacy Report Here: <http://www.cannabisnewsjournal.co/2019/11/safe-access-new-mexico-2019-community.html>

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

TI am seeking to represent the people of HD 27 because of the strengths I'd bring to the office, I have already had success in positively impacting and changing state policy and state laws for the community.

Most recently on September 20th State government launched a partnership to strengthen accountability within nursing homes, long-term care facilities - a Multi-agency approach aims to protect residents and families from abuse and fraud during the pandemic.

Back in March right after the Public Health Order was issued my Grandma had a medical emergency resulting in her having several ER visits and then to move into hospice care. For months since, I had been advocating and raising hell about problems going on for our seniors because of the strict Public Health Order and a major reason why I decided to run for office as a nonpartisan write in candidate for House District 27, now we finally have some results but a month after my Grandma's passing...

I believe the emergency powers used by Lujan Grisham need to be amended so that when a Governor invokes the use of emergency powers, invoking its use also puts the legislature into a special legislative session to address the needs of the state with the executive branch via the legislative process.

And because of the Public Health Order we had no way to physically check any places before sending my Grandma there. Something dangerously overlooked by the Governor's Office and it has caused harm and loss of life.

<https://www.jasonbarkerformhousedistrict27.com/2020/09/state-government-launches-partnership.html>

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**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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**Q12**

**No**

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

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**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.

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**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:

New Mexico is one of a few states that face a double threat with a high concentration of oil-related industries in economic fallout and decline in tax collections on top of COVID-19-related effects and the recession. It's going to take fiscal responsibility, carefully cuts to newly expanded state government over the last two years, and to generate new revenues for the state without raising taxes on the citizens of the state. While some in the state will suggest drawing on our rainy day funds and other budget reserves to address these shortfalls but, as in the last recession, those reserves will be far from adequate. And our state would worsen any recession if they respond to this fiscal crisis by laying off employees, scaling back government contracts for businesses, and cutting public services and other forms of necessary spending.

**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?

**Equally distributed to each legislator,**

Briefly explain your answer :

Legislators funds for specific projects within their districts should be distributed equally due to how the state has mismanaged the budget and due to the budget cutbacks from the special session.

**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:

**2**

Accountability and transparency, and it lacks real equity because our tax system favors those with the most money. In a state where people of color make up the majority of the population, it only makes sense that we restructure our tax system to ensure equity exists.

**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:

Accountability and transparency, and it lacks real equity because our tax system favors those with the most money. In a state where people of color make up the majority of the population, it only makes sense that we restructure our tax system to ensure equity exists.

**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 needs to address the entire criminal justice system, from early childhood/behavioral intervention, to law enforcement, to prosecution and defense, to courts and corrections, and to behavioral health. Simply adding more police officers and prosecutors and increasing criminal penalties will not solve the problem.

**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:  
The answer lies with helping companies that are already doing business in New Mexico do better instead of all the freebies and tax giveaways to out of state companies in conjunction with diversifying New Mexico's top industries and lessening the state's reliance on the federal government.

**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:  
New Mexico should pursue the 2019 Senate Memorial 24 that prioritizes growing and diversifying the state's energy economy, which will require that employees be trained in renewable energy, fossil energy, nuclear energy and energy storage, among other areas.

**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**

The infrastructure and resource-management plans designed for the conditions of the past need to be evaluated and updated to meet future needs of the farmers, ranchers, outdoor enthusiasts, and other residents of New Mexico.

**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)

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**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 do not support the erosion of the land grant fund. This would require a vote of the people and approval from congress to expand the beneficiaries

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**Q24**

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

**Support**

**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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**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)**

Invest in higher learning: current College and Universities are lacking key programs that all our neighboring states have causing far too many New Mexicans to leave their home state - that's a lot of money leaving our state ; ie. Veterinary Medicine

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**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?

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**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?

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**Yes**

**Q29**

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

I am Jason Morris Barker, Write-In Candidate for House District 27, I am not affiliated with or part of any political party. I am a citizen not a career politician.

My family and I've lived in HD 27 for the last five years now with my dog, Tecumseh, who has a very severe case of canine epilepsy.

My policy work first and foremost will be derived from talking to the districts constituency, our community, and my goals for HD 27 include: doing more for Public Education & Higher Education, address the out of control Crime and Public Safety issues, push to increase funding for the state's Public Education System (prioritizing educator pay raises), address the lack of equity in our Tax System, push to end the tax on Social Security benefits, Health & Human Services Policy, push to provide voters Open Primaries, and initiate reforming the state's legislature into a productive professional hybrid state legislature to increase the legislative policy response to the dire issues our great state faces, like COVID 19.

In January during the 2020 thirty day legislative session we learned that the state's overall spending on education is nearly 20 percent below the national average, according to a report by Education Week. And lawmakers also learned that, according to the latest data from the National Education Association, New Mexico ranked 48th in the nation for teacher pay. Since then, we have had the COVID 19 pandemic infect our state and nation, in addition to further state budget cuts to education in our state.

The coronavirus pandemic – led by its health and safety impact – dominates the list of top concerns facing New Mexico families, according to a recent Albuquerque Journal Poll released September 12 2020.

The survey found that each of the top five issues mentioned most often by likely voters was linked to COVID-19, including health, economic uncertainty, unemployment and back-to-school challenges.

Crime – often at or near the top in previous polls – was the sixth-most common concern cited by likely voters.

We have already heard our Governor mention the legalization of recreational cannabis during her September press conferences about COVID 19, telling KOB 4, "That's 100 million dollars. And it doesn't fix it but it plugs one of those holes," the governor said. She suggested recreational cannabis as a means of generating income for medicaid. The Governor's Office will do all they can to push this through in 2021.

Legalized adult use of cannabis in New Mexico is inevitable.

Legalization Tax Revenues Should Be Dedicated to the State's Public Education in 2021.

Invest in Our Children's Education: to Prevent Poverty, to Prevent Crime, to Improve Health Outcomes, to Create Better Family Social and Economic outcomes...to Build Our State's Future.

Please Vote and Write-In Jason Barker Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate For House District 27

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