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Candidate Name:

Daniel Champine

Q2

District #:

8

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How long have you lived in the District you're running for?

2 years

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Other Information

Campaign Website

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Q7

If elected, what would be your first priority as a City Councilor?

Crime, addressing the manning levels in the field and the revolving door of the city's jail.

Q8

What can you as a City Councilor do to determine the usefulness of ordinances and regulations in serving citizens without unnecessarily overburdening anyone?

I believe that one of the best ways to determine if something is working is to communicate with the parties who are involved and affected. Once you are able to properly asses the regulation and understand the short-comings, make the needed adjustments. You must also continually reevaluate the adjustments.

Q9

What would you do to streamline permitting and other government red tape in order to attract new business to the city?

I would like to see why the permitting process takes as long as it does, on a regular bases. Again, if you are able to learn more from both the city employees and the contractors, I am sure there are ways to improve the process, for both parties. We must differentiate between necessary and predictable regulations and the red-tape that has grown over the years and no longer serves a relevant purpose.

Q10

Albuquerque holds top national rankings for homicide and other serious crimes. How would you use the position of City Councilor to make the citizens of Albuquerque safer?

The issues with the police department falls on the shoulders of the mayor and city administration. The short-comings and mismanagement need to be questioned by the council to the Mayor and city administration. As a City Councilor, not only do the right questions need to be asked, but one must stay consistently diligent about holding the administration accountable for their answers. We must force the change necessary, as we control the purse-strings.

Q11

What would you do as a City Councilor to keep current businesses from closing/leaving while attracting more businesses to Albuquerque?

I believe that the biggest issue facing closing or leaving businesses is the city's crime issue. The city has large companies like Walmart, Kohl's and possibly Target, close locations because of the loss to shoplifting, there is no way a small local business can survive. That being said, the crime needs to be addressed and corrected quickly, in order to allow current stores to remain open, as well as, allow new businesses to make it through the taxing first couple of months. A strong economy and low crime rate city will attract new businesses to the city. People/companies will want to come here and compete for locations.

Q12

While you have no jurisdiction over the courts and judges, you do have influence over crime reduction in the city. What would you do as City Councilor to address the growing number of criminals on our streets?

As a City Councilor, I believe that it is my position to speak strongly on these issues and bring attention to the problems with the courts and judges. We must ensure that the information gets to both the people of my district and the people of this city. That way they are properly informed, understand a clear picture of the issue, and in turn can make informed choices when it is time to re-elect or elect new representatives and administrators.

Q13

Regarding the growing homeless situation, what is your plan as a City Councilor to address the needs of this population?

If we start holding criminals accountable for their actions, start keeping them in the jail, that would reduce the amount of drug deals and interactions within the homeless encampments. Once the dealers are not present, then the abundant city services would be able to effectively move throughout the community and provide the must needed hand-up to those would want it.

Q14

What is your position on Albuquerque being a 'Sanctuary City'?

I oppose making Albuquerque a Sanctuary City for criminals. As much as I believe that our great country is better because of immigrants moving here to better their lives and the lives of their family, I believe that those immigrants who choose to come here and commit crimes, when arrested, should be checked though ICE, and if found to be here illegally, be sent back to their original country. Moving to this country to cause chaos is not bettering your life, it's criminal.

Q15

What is your position on the DOJ's control over the Albuquerque Police Department?

I do not want to argue over how they got here or why they were placed in control. We are 9-10 years into this reform and it is time for it to be over. The city must make the case to the federal judge if there are parts of the decree that are unrealistic. We must make it a priority to get out from under DOJ control.

Q16

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose ordinances or laws that would outlaw high-capacity magazines or 'assault rifle' possession? Please explain your answer.

I completely support 2nd Amendment rights. I would like to see harsher penalties enforced on those who choose to use weapons to commit crimes. Let us stay focused on the actual people who commit the crimes and not the law abiding citizens and thier freedoms.

Q17

Relating to 2nd Amendment rights, do you support or oppose the governor's health order on gun carry restrictions? Please explain your answer.

I do not support the Governor's health order on gun restrictions. I believe that she over stepped her boundaries of responsibility. I see and have seen the violence the city is facing, but, again, restricting or penalizing the law abiding citizens is not the answer. The focus needs to remain on the actual people who are committing the crimes. Hold them accountable for their actions to the furthest extent of the law.

Q18

Relating to 'Home Rule', do you support or oppose a city's rights to adopt constitutionally based policies that may conflict with state mandates?

I believe that the city, which closely sees it's issues and strengths, should have the ability to address those in a legal and just approach. Who knows what is best for a city than the local elected officials themselves. A state may have great policies but might be too broad to antiquity effect issues on a local level. The city officials have a responsibility to address and resolve those issues.

Q19

Why are you seeking this office and what makes you the most qualified person to be a City Councilor in this District?

I am running for City Council because I want to improve the life of not just District 8 but the entire city. I grew up here, raised a family here, had a career here and I can't sit by while our city is suffering. I believe that my learned experiences from being a 22 year veteran of the Albuquerque Police Department, make me the best candidate, to help get the city back on track and help fight the out of control crime.

Q20

Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor crime? If yes, please explain.

No

Q21

Have you ever been delinquent in paying taxes or other financial obligations? If yes, please explain.

No
