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**Q1**

Candidate Name:

Michael Rackler

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**Q2**

In what city/town/village do you live?

Portales

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**Q3**

For what position are you running?

City Council

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**Q4**

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

61 years

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**Q5**

Email address

mike.rackler@gmail.com

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**Q6**

Phone number for voters to reach out to you

575-714-0812

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**Q7**

Other Information

Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/RacklerWardD>

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**Q8**

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

Help locate solutions to the water shortage we are experiencing.

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**Q9**

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

I can apply my experience as a school admin and business owner to the ordinances and regulations.

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**Q10**

What would you do to streamline permitting and other government red tape in order to attract new business to the Village/City/Town?

Work with city staff on encouraging businesses and eliminate roadblocks in the process.

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**Q11**

Our state holds top national rankings for homicide and other serious crimes. How would you use the position of City Councilor to keep citizens safe?

Support our police department and sheriff's department in any way possible.

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**Q12**

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

Work hand in hand with both the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

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**Q13**

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

Support all law enforcement in any way possible.

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**Q14**

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

I would like to see us continue working toward a facility for eastern New Mexico to address not only homelessness but other social issues in our society.

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**Q15**

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.

Not relevant to the position I am seeking, but personally I don't believe citizens need military type assault weapons.

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**Q16**

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

Not relevant to the position I am seeking. I have not had time to research this topic to give an opinion.

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**Q17**

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

I would prefer to see communities work with the state legislature to align the laws with the values of the constituents they serve.

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**Q18**

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

I am a long resident that has served in leadership within our public schools. I am a business owner, as well as, an owner of several investment properties. My life experiences relate well to assisting with the management of our community resources.

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**Q19**

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

No

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**Q20**

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

No

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