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**Q1**

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Chris Luchini

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**Q2**

Political Party Affiliation:

Libertarian

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**Q3**

District #:

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**Q4**

How long have you lived in the district you seek to represent?

25 years

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**Q5**

Email address:

cbluchini@gmail.com

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**Q6**

Phone number:

5056905008

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**Q7**

**No**

Have you, or a business you have been associated with, ever been the subject of a tax lien or a bankruptcy proceeding?

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**Q8**

**No**

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state?

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**Q9**

What will be your #1 priority and what is your plan of action to address it, if elected?

Bringing fiscal sanity to the New Mexico legislature. These temporary budget surpluses need to be used to pay down unfunded obligations, and not to start up programs that will be very extensive and permanent even after the budget surpluses go away.

The state employee and teachers pension funds need to be funded up to industry norms, and then those programs need to be terminated for new hires and a defined contribution plan put in its place.

Vast simplification of business regulation and rules, need to be put in place in order to encourage business to take place in New Mexico.

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**Q10**

Recently, New Mexico has enjoyed record budget surpluses in the \$3.5 billion range. What do you feel is the best use of surplus funds? (Please select and explain your top priority for surplus funds.)

**Added to our reserves for the future.,**

**Returned to taxpayers.,**

Other or comments::

Pay down the underfunded obligations such as the PERA And educator s retirement funds. And then convert new employees to defined contribution retirement plans. Removal of the GRT on services is something that should be considered.

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**Q11**

Do you support or oppose the use of the Gross Receipts Tax system currently in effect?

**Oppose (Please explain.),**

Other or comments::

Taxes discourage the activities that are taxed. You want to discourage sales, and service jobs, then tax service jobs. We're the only state in our immediate geographic area that taxes services, and we have driven many service jobs out of the state by doing so.

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**Q12**

Do you support or oppose the current bail system our courts are using?

**Support (Please explain.),**

Other or comments::

I think the intention of the reform was good, and it was bipartisanly supported. Well spectacular cases are in the news media, one needs to remember that even under the old cash bail system, there were people who got out on bail, who then reoffended while on bail. There may be some bases for training for judges, or ways to improve prosecutors input into those pre-trial release decisions.

**Q13**

Crime has reached an all-time high in New Mexico. What do you think the state legislature could do to address crime?

**Address addictions and other lifestyles that impact criminal behavior.**

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Other or comments::

Addiction And mental health are reoccurring issues, that have always been there, and it will always be there. The critical look at what is being done, where the money is being sent is overdue. A underappreciated aspect of crime in general is that for property, crime and some classes of violent crime, the vast majority of offenses are committed by a very small minority of the offenders. We need less police officers patrolling the street for traffic violations, and significantly more detectives and associated personnel tasked at actually catching the offenders early in their crime career. Early arrest and rehabilitation will pay long-term dividends in reduction in crime both now and in the future. But you have to arrest them before anything else can happen.

**Q14**

New Mexico has passed laws that govern employer-employee relations such as increased minimum wage and paid time off among others. There have also been discussions about Paid Family Medical Leave Act (PFMLA), a living wage, and shortened work weeks. If elected, what position will you take on additional regulation of businesses on issues like those mentioned?

**I will not support additional government regulations on employer-employee relations.**

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Other or comments::

I oppose all such government intervention in contracts between employees and their employers.

**Q15**

New Mexico's state tax revenue is largely funded by oil and gas producers who operate under some of the most stringent environmental regulations in the country. Do you support or oppose continued oil and gas production in NM?

Other or comments::

These extractive industries provide lots of tax income, and some jobs in New Mexico. However, it is inevitable that the entire industry will be greatly reduced in the next decade or two. New Mexico needs to plan for alternative sources of revenue, and not act as if these surpluses are a permanent feature. It would be better for New Mexico if we had an industrial base, an employment base that didn't depend as heavily on extractive industries, like oil and gas.

**Q16**

Do you feel that environmental regulations need to be increased or expanded from their current levels regarding New Mexico's land, air, and water?

Other or comments::

The only area where I think environment regulations may need to be strengthened is for methane leaks. There will have to be a national conversation about CO2 production, but this needs to be led from the national level.

**Q17**

What is your position on mandatory requirements for state-funded incentives that include pay-back measures if the requirements are not met?

**Support.,**

Other or comments::

I think that almost all state-funded incentives need to be eliminated. If there's some overwhelming reason they need to exist, they should absolutely come with stringent payback measures, and rational objectives and deliverables.

**Q18**

Do you support or oppose changing the constitution and/or laws to require legislative approval for any emergency declaration/order lasting more than 60 days?

**Support.,**

Other or comments::

The public health act needs to be amended to remove provision. Z, the one that gives essentially unlimited power to the governor. I think 60 days is way too long. Anything over 10-30 Days should require legislative approval.

**Q19**

What is your position on abiding by the state constitution?

**I support abiding to the state Constitution as written.,**

Other or comments::

Without the rule of law, society degenerates into A feudalistic kleptocracy.

**Q20**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**