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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Elizabeth Lee Winterrowd

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Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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District #:

HD 53

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

18 years

Q5

Email address:

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Phone number:

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No

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

Q8

No

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

Q9

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

With a background in education, I am focused on creating opportunities for students including incorporating more vocational and trade schools. I will fight to keep parents involved and work toward ensuring teachers and classrooms are funded and that parents can make the best educational decisions for their children.

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.)

Returned to taxpayers.,

Other or comments::

The tax structure and cost of living is currently crushing for everyday New Mexicans. It is our duty to provide tax relief with or without a surplus and there are many ways of doing that. I'd also consider shoring up funds in reserves in the case of an economic downturn.

Q11

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

Our Gross Receipts Tax system is a complicated system that penalizes businesses who are forced to pass down costs to the consumer. I am not a tax or accounting expert, but I know there are many experts who can steer us in the right direction, but I intend to be a loud voice for the taxpayers in my district.

Q12

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

I strongly oppose this, there is a detrimental revolving door that releases dangerous criminals back into the community. A compassionate criminal justice system is good, but one that encourages crime and reoffenders.

Q13

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

Address mental health treatment,

Pass legislation, similar to federal laws, with significant mandatory sentencing requirements for certain crimes and repeat offenders.

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Address addictions and other lifestyles that impact criminal behavior.

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

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?

Support.,

Other or comments::

There is no industry strong enough to replace the revenue that oil and gas brings to New Mexico. It is a mistake to move away from an industry that supports so many jobs but also our education funding. We need to embrace our resources and promote more production, not less.

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::

Even our current regulations are too overbearing for businesses and workers in our state. Many farmers, ranchers, miners, oil and gas producers and regular New Mexicans feel stunted by the mandates and regulations put into place, and many are terrified that adding more will mean more money out of their own pockets.

Q17

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

Other or comments::

I'm generally for incentives if it brings businesses and jobs to our state, but I do not want to shift any burden back onto taxpayers.

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::

We need to reel in the overreaching power that the governor has abused in the past.

Q19

I support abiding to the state Constitution as written.

What is your position on abiding by the state constitution?

Q20

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

I am proud to be a commonsense candidate who understands the needs of the people in the district. What we truly need is a voice in Santa Fe, so our needs are met and no longer ignored.
