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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Kurstin S Johnson

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

Q3

District #:

Senate District 18

Q4

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

11 years

Q5

Email address:

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Q6

Phone number:

505-250-1945

Q7

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?

Crime. People say crime is everywhere. I say NO. Crime is anywhere it is allowed to be. I will insist we enforce the law. I will introduce and support crime packages with increased penalties for Felons in possession of firearms and which focus on career criminals and organized criminal activity. I will introduce and support bills which protect property rights, prosecute trespassers, and eliminate squatter's abilities to undermine property owners. I will introduce and support bills which focus on heavy penalties for shoplifting. Small crimes turn into big crimes. I will support and present incentives to protect, recruit and retain law enforcement officers. I will work to bring back Qualified Immunity. To enforce the law, we must have officers, empowered to do their jobs without fear of personal lawsuits for carrying out their duties. We must Close the revolving door. Once arrested, we must detain the accused or bond them out. There must be a consequence for failing to appear and the bail bond business played a role in that. Bring back bail. I would set some requirements for judges introducing a system in which they would see all charges brought against an individual so they can see a pattern of escalation before determining conditions of release.

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.)

Non-recurring investments that are focused on improving specific aspects of our state. (What specifically would you seek to improve?)

Other or comments::

A combination of Non-recurring investments and returning money to the taxpayers. New Mexico has critical infrastructure needs from roads and bridges to power, water and broadband that is necessary for economic development to bring industry as well as for every day living for all New Mexicans. Return excess to taxpayers in the form of tax cuts, tax incentives, no tax on Social Security regardless of income, cap property tax for elderly regardless of income or assets.

Q11

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

As currently structured it penalizes companies in NM due to pyramiding. We are not competitive with states with a straight sales tax.

Q12

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

We must detain violent and repeat offenders. And for those who are released, I would like to see a return to a robust bail bond business where stakeholders help to ensure the accused appear for their court dates . I would like to overhaul the ankle monitoring system so that we can be sure THEY ARE BEING MONITORED. Pre-trial release should not be used for those with multiple pending felony charges particularly in cases of violent felonies.

Q13

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

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

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.

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.

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?

No; the environmental regulations we currently have in place work well for our state.

Q17

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

Support.

Q18

Support.

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?

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?

In my business as a Residential Real Estate Broker, I see people leaving our state frequently because of crime, a unfriendly business environment and lack of access to doctors. We can solve this.

I was born and raised in New Mexico. I love it here. My goal is to give people a reason to stay.
