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# COMPLETE Collector: Email Invitation 1 (Email) Started: Sunday, June 23, 2024 2:16:43 PM **Last Modified:** Monday, June 24, 2024 6:52:30 AM Time Spent: 16:35:47 First Name: **TOBIASSEN** Email: BIZCOACHNICOLE@GMAIL.COM IP Address: Page 1 Q1 Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot: Nicole L Tobiassen Q2 Political Party Affiliation: Republican Q3 District #: Senate District 21 Q4 How long have you lived in the district you seek to represent? 8 years Q5 Email address: bizcoachnicole@gmail.com Q6 Phone number:

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?

Reducing and preventing crime is my #1 priority. I will join the Senate in putting pressure on our Governor to work with officials in TX and AZ and close our portion of the border. Border security is directly tied to the influx of criminals, fentanyl and sex trafficking. We also need bail reform to stop the revolving door of criminals that are released back onto the streets to inflict their reign of terror on law abiding citizens.

The Arnold tool was a failed tool from day one and is not being utilized that way it was created. It needs to be evaluated in its entirety(using all 3 catergories vs the 2 categories currently used), to determine if it can be useful.

Harsher sentencing for violent crimes, including those perpetrated by teens, would both deter crime and keep our streets safer.

### 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.)

#### Other or comments::

The best use of surplus funds would be a combination of returning surplus to taxpayers, adding to reserves and investment in legitimate infrastructure, such as roads and bridges.

#### Q11

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

#### Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The way GRT is currently structured foists tax collection responsibility on businesses. Tax collection is the function of government, not small businesses.

#### Q12

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

#### Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The Arnold Tool was never evaluated in our state. Only 2 of the 3 categories are used to determine risk and appropriate level of supervision if a defendant is released. Therefore the judges are blindfolded, when making such decisions. We see the disastrous aftermath of using the tool this way daily in our city, with a revolving door of repeat criminals released back onto our streets.

#### Q13

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

#### Other or comments::

All of the above is required to address our high levels of crime in New Mexico.

#### Q14

New Mexico has passed laws that govern employeremployee 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?

#### Other or comments::

I do not believe we need additional environmental regulations. I also oppose the new Clean Transportation Fuel Standards tax that citizens will pay at the pump as MLG is leaving office. This is another extraordinary burden on our state's most vulnerable citizens.

## Q17

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

#### Support.

## 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.

#### Q19

What is your position on abiding by the state constitution?

#### I support abiding to the state Constitution as written.

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## Q20

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

As a business coach in our community, I've seen legislation continue to erode our business environment and ability to live in safety and abundance. We need leaders to bring a common sense approach and an ability to ask critical questions to determine the long term effects of proposed legislation.

I build leaders and challenge the status quo for a living and believe I have a unique skill set to bring to the Senate. At the end of the day, I want to ensure that all New Mexicans have the ability to live in safety and abundance.