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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Tina Garcia

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:

Democrat

Q3

District #:

Senate District 29

Q4

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

Lifetime resident

Q5

Email address:

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Q6

Phone number:

505-975-4277

Q7

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

Yes (please explain):

I filed for bankruptcy after my divorce in 1998.

Q8

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

No

Q9

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

Crime. As a Retired Judge I want to see changes to the juvenile code and the criminal code. I will bring sensible conversation to the table of what works and what doesn't so that the judiciary can better impose the laws of the State.

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::

Mental health and treatment for addictions is a high priority. We need to try to make changes to the homelessness, fentanyl and other drug deaths and mental health problems across the state.

Q11

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

Support (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

I support in concept but I need more information in order to provide a better response.

Q12

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

Support (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

I support in concept, but again there need to be policy changes for the courts. The Judges need to be given more control on releases.

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.

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Other or comments::

All of above is needed and updating the criminal code is also important. It has been pieced together for along time and needs to be cleaned up, This would be a big undertaking but is necessary for better clarity of our state laws.

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 support further government regulation of businesses to ensure that employees are treated properly.

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 would need more information on this topic. I currently believe the regulations we 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?

Other or comments::

I would need more information on this topic.

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?

Other or comments::

I do not have a position. I would need more information

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 began my political career as an elected county clerk. I know the importance of our voting rights and the electoral process. As a retired Magistrate Judge, I know we need to get our crime, addictions, and homelessness under control. I also served as an appointed School Board member and know the importance of our children's education, and the respect our educators need. I have proven leadership, good communication skills and know how to get things done. I will work hard for my district and for the people of NM.
