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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Lori Robertson

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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District #:

30

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

24 years

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Email address:

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Phone number:

505-379-6396

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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?

Public Safety: I am a strong advocate for pro-public safety legislation, and will work to secure our border, lobby to keep repeat, violent offenders behind bars and end catch and release. We must always protect our citizens, and hold repeat offenders accountable.

Education: I will fight to improve education outcomes for our children by empowering parents, supporting data-driven and evidence-based programs, focusing on literacy and ending social promotion. New Mexico cannot continue to rank last in the nation, we must do better for our children.

Economy: The state must be a partner to the business community and provide tools to succeed instead of over-regulating and creating more bureaucracy. I will be a partner to businesses and create pathways for new jobs and opportunities by reducing red tape.

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::

We can't continue to fund programs that aren't working and don't have proven results. However, we must invest in our future. Data driven and evidence-based programs that support mental and behavioral health, homelessness and education along with economic development need an influx of money to propel our state forward.

Q11

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

New Mexico' tax system has debilitated our small businesses and workers for years. I am committed to cutting Gross Receipts Tax and putting an end to the reckless spending in Santa Fe.

Q12

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The current system is not keeping the public safe. We need justice reform that seeks balance for public safety and keeps violent criminals off of the streets.

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::

There is not a one single answer that will fix our crime problem. We must create an ecosystem of supports and programs to address the community crisis. Therefore, all of the above must be done in order to be successful.

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::

Businesses are already stressed and hanging on by a thread. We cannot add additional regulations to them. I will never support more regulation by the Government.

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::

I support using our natural resources in a responsible manner. The funding from natural resources is vital to New Mexico.

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.

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Other or comments::

We must protect our land, air, and water in a responsible way while at the same time taking into consideration development and growth. Everything must work together in concert.

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::

State-funded incentives should be looked at just like a private sector loan and paid back if the company does not perform.

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::

This would uphold the separation of powers, prevent the executive branch from abusing its authority, and encourage cooperation and accountability between the branches of government.

Q19

What is your position on abiding by the state constitution?

I support abiding to the state Constitution as written.

Q20

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

I will always choose people over politics! My real estate experience and volunteer work with homelessness gives me a no-nonsense approach to solving complex, human issues with less regulation. Common ground found through sincere communication is key to any long-term solution. We need to work together as a cohesive unit to better New Mexico.
