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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

David Daffron

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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District #:

24

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

35 years

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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?

My top priority is crime. I will work to repeal the bad legislation passed in recent year which make it difficult to arrest, hold, prosecute, and incarcerate criminals. A few examples among many are; the Case Management Order which leads to dismissals of quite heinous crimes on minor technicalities, the "get of jail free" bail laws, The 2023 HB4 law which extends voting rights of convicted felons, and the use of "sanctuary city" status (condoned and encouraged by the state) to hamstring federal law enforcement. These measures, combined with demonizing the police, have hindered law enforcement, and led to skyrocketing crime rates. Not one of the above policies was meant to reduce crime or protect law abiding New Mexico citizens. Passing these laws demonstrates rank legislative negligence. To be fair the city of Albuquerque was complicit as well. I will work to overhaul the criminal justice system by repealing every pro-criminal, anti-police law on the books and then pass reasonable common-sense legislation focused on the safety of law-abiding citizens.

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::

A small portion of the huge budget surpluses (due entirely to the oil and gas industries) must be used to reform and reduce income and gross receipts taxes. The state is one of few that tax retirees social security income, and that must stop. State spending in recent has grown enormously and must be capped.

Q11

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

No, the current system is expensive, confusing and a real barrier to attracting investment from out of state. The system should be discontinued or materially transformed into a sales tax similar to the other 49 states. The rate must be materially reduced.

Q12

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The get out of jail free bail laws are not working. I would repeal those laws and get back to a reasonable, equitable and just system that worked well for fifty years.

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::

National publications which rate the fifty states routinely judge New Mexico among the most crime ridden and dangerous states in the nation. In the midst of our current crime wave our legislature acted to pass HB4 extending the voting rights of convicted felons. That does not seem reasonable or sympathetic to law abiding New Mexicans. This provision is just one of many pro-criminal, anti-police laws that have turbo charged crime in our state. I will work to repeal these laws and replace with common sense legislation to protect New Mexicans life and property.

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::

In my business career I saw several of these initiatives pushed by both the legislature, and the city of Albuquerque. Even companies with generous pay and benefit plans tailored to meet the needs of their specific workforce struggle to meet the unique and expensive one size fit all local requirements. I prefer to let a free market for labor sort it out.

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.

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Other or comments::

Our neighbor to the north, Colorado, is regarded as a model of environmental stewardship. In the northwest corner of our state oil and gas companies work both sides of the border. However, New Mexico regulations are considered more onerous and burdensome than those over the border. We do not need additional restrictive legislation.

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 don't understand the question.

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::
The governor's recent "health orders" to suspend gun rights and the extended COVID-19 emergency measures lasting years represent severe overreaches. The legislature's inaction in these instances is unacceptable. I will ensure that the legislature has the authority to curb any governor's abuse of emergency powers and safeguard our rights.

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?

National publications which rate the fifty states routinely judge New Mexico among the worst in crime, education and overall business climate. Our teachers, policemen, and businessmen are not the problem. Funding is not the problem. Poor public policy is the problem. I have lived here almost my entire adult life. I will work to address the root causes of our dysfunctional public institutions to make New Mexico a place people want to live and work.