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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Tracy Major

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Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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District #:

20

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

2 years

Q5

Email address:

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Phone number:

505-524-2229

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?

As soon as I am elected, my number one priority will be fighting for small businesses. They are New Mexico's backbone. In 2025, the Paid Family Medical Leave Act will be reintroduced. I will oppose this bill because it could permanently close business doors if it passes. It should be the employers who decide what is best for their employees.

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.)

Added to our reserves for the future.,

Returned to taxpayers.,

Other or comments::

I would advocate keeping a portion (within industry standards as a reserve) and returning the rest to the taxpayers.

Q11

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The imposition of additional taxes on commerce hurts everyone. Businesses and consumers face higher costs of goods and services. Taxes are imposed on transactions, not profits, and are an imaginary excuse to impose real taxes. This makes doing business in New Mexico more expensive, penalizing any industry considering this location. For New Mexicans, this restricts employment opportunities and industry. What are the benefits of GRT for businesses? None. It hurts business. What are the benefits of GRT for consumers? None. It hurts consumers. What are the benefits of GRT for the government? They get more tax dollars to spend in the short-term, but at the expense of losing current and future businesses. They also benefit from long-term tax revenues associated with business and employment growth.

Q12

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

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

Our bail system is the opposite of what worked in the past. A special hearing and justification is required to establish bail or a hold. Previously, all were held unless bail could be justified. If a speedy trial could be afforded, there would be no need for "catch and release." The approach is wrong and hurts New Mexico. If you live here, own a home, work here and can reasonably be expected to appear/answer the charges, with none or trivial offenses, release is appropriate. If it's a serious crime where you might flee/avoid prosecution, you have charges or convictions previously, you don't have a residence, a job, family or some reasonable attachment to New Mexico, release from custody is equivocal with release from accountability.

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::

Crime is at an all-time high, due to pro-criminal, pro-drug policies and administrations that shun accountability. All the above suggestions sound reasonable, but none of them will work until accountability is established. Police must be held to a higher standard. They must be expected to respond and intervene in criminal actions. None of the proposed actions can occur without police intervention. The legislature can pass laws to get the desired result from the judiciary to resolve but an arrest is required for a judge to preside. The arrest leads to a hearing and fines, imprisonment, treatment or some combination of results. We need to support the police with funding and qualified immunity. We must also establish police accountability at all levels.

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.

Other or comments::

More laws, especially those crafted at the expense of businesses, are not a solution. The minimum wage is a hidden tax. Every time we raise it, everything else amplifies due to the increased costs. It can be a starting point for employees to begin and grow. It was never meant to be a lifetime standard for an employee. Raising it sounds good politically, but it is detrimental to employee growth, business and the economy in the long run.

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 American energy dominance and independence from a security and economical stand point. We cannot depend on foreign sources, charged and denied access. We are committed to and enacting stringent regulations through international agreements that only we uphold, to our detriment. It's simply not in our collective interests to continue on this path. Low fuel costs are beneficial to all residents and businesses.

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 think they need to be increased. Perhaps redirected. We can improve air quality reasonably. We can protect our water resources reasonably. We can protect land reasonably. We can further expand oil and gas production, generate revenue, and provide jobs. We have to choose the most effective path forward for New Mexico as a whole. We hear calls for more regulation, yet we don't see or publicize the impact often enough. Our government system was intended to be minimalist, intervening only when necessary. We need to revisit or return to that founding concept, and pass legislation when necessary.

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::

As a policy, I view it as a contract with the government. If incentives are provided under contractual conditions, we should be able to pursue a remedy if those conditions are not met. The language of such awards must be clear, and prejudicial to the state...making it easier to enforce legally. There are a variety of incentives and enforcement options available. The options must be clearly articulated in writing upon award, in a way that effectively enforces the award conditions. The same would be expected from any contract you enter into as an individual or business.

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::

New Mexico's governor has exceeded her authority and violated the rights of its citizens. It is martial law by definition when citizens' rights are suspended. Would support sway if it were called martial law rather than public health order? In any case, I oppose such an unconstitutional exercise of power. So, yes. I would support legislative review and approval of any such declaration or order for any duration.

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?

Being a spouse, parent, veteran, former foster parent, and former business owner, I know how important it is to keep families and businesses safe from criminals. The importance of investing in our children and saying no to additional taxes is clear to me. Let's Stand Up, Speak Up, and Save New Mexico together!