



# NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

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## Q1

Candidate Name: (As it will appear on the ballot)

Brian Fejer

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## Q2

In what quadrant of Albuquerque do you reside?

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## Q3

How long have you lived in Albuquerque?

51 years

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## Q4

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## Q5

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## Q6

Other Information

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**Q7**

Economic development: Albuquerque business owners have reported that getting permits can take 6 months or longer, and needless 'red tape' stifles efforts to open or expand. What will you do to speed up business permits and other business requirements to encourage economic development, business expansion, and new businesses?

Let's use AI to simplify our sprawling local government bureaucracy and response time.

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**Q8**

Homelessness: Albuquerque's homeless population has grown exponentially in the past few years and is creating problems for both the homeless and the residents of the city. Please answer the following questions: Do you support or oppose expanding legal 'safe outdoor spaces' for camps around Albuquerque?

**Oppose,**

Please Explain:

In the context of addiction or mental health, an enabler is a person who unintentionally or intentionally contributes to a loved one's continued substance use or compulsive behavior by shielding them from the negative consequences of their actions. This can include making excuses for the addict, providing financial support, or avoiding conflict about their behavior. This is what Mayor Keller has done for the past eight long years. If he wants access to all the tools in the toolbox, start with the enforcement of city laws. If these laws and criminal codes need to be updated, that is on the ABQ City Council.

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**Q9**

What is your plan to deal with illegal encampments in the city?

We need 24/7 engagement from the City of Albuquerque - you never see Albuquerque Community Safety out there walking the beat, checking in on those in need? You never see ABQ Transit Security, which is another part of APD, riding the buses or checking the bus stops. Since James Boyd was killed in the foothills of Albuquerque, APD seems afraid to engage with the unsheltered, the unhoused, and the mentally ill. There should be a day shelter in every district of ABQ, with access to showers, lockers, storage, computers, mail, phones, and especially access to counseling and support.

The homeless should be able to use buses and libraries, but these city facilities should not be de facto shelters, just because that's the easiest thing to do, and ignore them.

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**Q10**

Do you support using taxpayer dollars for homeless programs? If you support, what kind of programs would you seek to fund?

**Support,**

Please explain::

There needs to be an audit of where the money is going, especially Marijuana revenues. It takes a village, but for too long, the city over-relied on faith-based programs. I'd like to see investment into making a place for these people to go, somewhere they can be safe, comfortable, and turn the page on a bad chapter of life. Things can get better. It takes focus, momentum, and daily maintenance of goals and achievements.

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**Q11**

Will you cooperate with or oppose federal agencies regarding the deportation of those who have entered the U.S. illegally and are a threat to society?

**Oppose,**

Please explain::

The Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution establishes the balance of power between the federal government and the states. It states that any powers not specifically delegated to the federal government by the Constitution, nor prohibited to the states, are reserved to the states or to the people, #ReadingIsFundamental If an immigrant is convicted of a crime, that is one thing, but to label an entire class of human beings as illegal and subhuman is fascist. Our immigration system is rooted in the atrocities of WW2. We live under a federal system of checks and balances. If the US Government wants to update immigration laws - LEGISLATE. The right to seek asylum was solidified in international law following the atrocities of World War II. It was enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, developed in the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. The United States also adopted the Refugee Act of 1980, which incorporated these international provisions into U.S. law.

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**Q12**

Crime: Albuquerque is in a crime crisis, and is one of the most dangerous cities of its size in the U.S. Please answer the following: How would you empower the Albuquerque police force to better address this situation?

On the first hour of my first day in office, I'd fire the APD Police Chief.

As Mayor Keller pointed out eight years ago, we need community policing.

We need officers, walking the beat. They need to get out of the SUV's and ENGAGE

They don't need to round up or arrest the thousands of unsheltered in ABQ, but they do need to stop being so afraid and fearful to engage those in need without shooting them.

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**Q13**

Some businesses are afraid to call for police assistance when a crime is committed because they don't want to be labeled a nuisance property. What will you do to ensure that businesses are receiving proper police protection?

You need the City Police, walking the beat, in every part of #OneAlbuquerque

I can drive on any day up Central - the historic Route 66, from Downtown to Tramway, seeing thousands of human beings in wretched shape. I'm not angry at these people suffering from addiction or mental illness. I am furious with our city leaders and all their PR stunts and BS Marketing campaigns. You never see the CABQ engaged - you don't see a public safety presence anywhere in this town. We have lost operational control.

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**Q14**

Albuquerque Police Chief Harold Medina was involved in a highly controversial car crash. The corruption within APD, including high-ranking officials on DWI cases, is alarming. On the positive side, it was recently announced that the Department of Justice consent decree will soon end. If elected, would you retain or replace Chief Medina?

**Replace,**

Please explain::

Something that was never pointed out after that horrific crash, is that he was on his way to a public relations stunt at the Adam's Market. We need less of these PR stunts by the Mayor and 'The Chief' and instead some leadership! Instead of hoarding political capital for their next election, these politicians should SPEND their political capital. I saw 'The Chief' driving out of control, just last week on my street downtown, in his new \$100,000 truck, he is a menace to this city. Criticism of public officials is NOT Misinformation.

**Q15**

How will you stop the open drug dealing and drug use in Albuquerque?

Sorry to sound like a broken record, but APD should be walking the beat

Enforce the laws on the books - if the laws need to be updated L E G I S L A T E

**Q16**

If elected, would you expand, reduce, or maintain the size of Albuquerque's Government? If applicable, please explain where growth or reduction would occur and how.

**Reduce,**

Please explain::

I'd slash money on marketing and social media and focus the city's attention on reality.

**Q17**

What specific plans do you have to improve Albuquerque's infrastructure and road conditions, and how will you prioritize and fund these improvements?

This state is sitting on hoards of revenue for a rainy day, I'd head up to Santa Fe and point out we are up to our neck in floodwaters. I'd tear out ART and rebuild Route 66.