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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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BUDGET AND TAXES

Q7. In recent years, New Mexico has experienced budget surpluses. How do you believe surplus funds should be prioritized? Rank the options in order of how you would like to see surplus money used.

Response	Rank / Rating
Use funds for backlogged infrastructure projects like road/bridge maintenance	1
Expansion of existing government programs	4
Creation of new government programs	5
Strengthening state reserves	2
Returning funds to taxpayers	3

Q8. What is your general approach to state and local taxes and fees?
Prioritize lowering taxes and fees to reduce the cost of living and doing business

Q9. New Mexico's Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) applies to goods and many services. What is your position regarding GRT?
The GRT system should be reformed or eliminated to reduce the overall tax burden on New Mexicans



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HEALTHCARE VOTES

Q10. If you had been serving in the New Mexico Legislature in 2023, how would you have voted on House Bill 7 (Reproductive & Gender-Affirming Health Care Act)?

Oppose

Q11. If you had been serving in the New Mexico Legislature in 2023, how would you have voted on Senate Bill 13 (Reproductive Health Provider Protections)?

Oppose

Q12. If you had been serving in the New Mexico Legislature in 2023, how would you have voted on Senate Bill 397 (School-Based Health Centers)?

Oppose

PUBLIC SAFETY, REGULATION, AND ENERGY

Q13. Please rate the importance of the following strategies in improving public safety and reducing crime in New Mexico. 1 is low and 5 is high priority.

Response	Rank / Rating
Expanding access to behavioral health and mental health services	1
Increasing sentencing/accountability for repeat offenders	5
Expanding substance abuse treatment and prevention	5
Increasing funding for law enforcement recruitment	5
Strengthening pretrial detention requirements	5

Q14. What is your general approach to state laws and regulations affecting employer-employee relationships (such as wages, leave policies, or workplace standards)?

I oppose broad based government mandates on employers and favor private sector, market based flexibility for employer/employee relations.

Q15. Which of the following best reflects your approach to oil and gas production in New Mexico?

Encourage increased production to support economic growth



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ELECTION INTEGRITY, SUPPORT PROGRAMS, AND CANDIDACY

Q16. How should New Mexico approach cooperation with federal authorities on law enforcement and public policy matters?

The state should generally cooperate with federal authorities

Q17. What is your position on requiring identification to vote in New Mexico elections?

Support requiring identification to vote

Q18. What is your general position on government-funded income support programs, such as guaranteed basic income?

Oppose implementing guaranteed basic income programs

Q19. Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

Medical Malpractice was forced on New Mexico in 2019 by the majority party and took until 2026 to reform after damage to our healthcare industry was done. Bail reform was passed in 2016 by the majority party which caused the catch and release of repeat violent offenders. HJR2, which could have fixed catch & release, went to a committee where bills are known to die and was tabled by the majority party and we will experience another year of repeat offenders on the streets. We need balance in the legislature to stop bad bills from hurting working families and businesses.