**Q9** What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

Corrales Elementary PTA President and Treasurer, Taylor Middle School PTO President and Treasurer Committee Chair fo Greater Southwest Boy Scout Council, Director of Corrales Community Mentor Center, Computer Lab parent volunteer at Corrales Elementary School

# Q10 Why are you seeking this office?

I am seeking this office because our Constitutional rights are being trampled on by the incumbent who has served two terms. I believe our district deserves better representation, especially when it comes to our seniors, working families and children. As an active servant in our community, I will continue to serve our district and legislate for bills that will keep our communities safe and prosperous using safe fiscally responsible policies.

**Q11** Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? If yes, please explain.

No

**Q12** Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, please explain.

No

**Q13** Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state? If yes, please explain.

Yes (please explain):

I was charged with a DWI in Jan. 2001 that was dropped.

**Q14** State Budget: New Mexico's state budget provides for the state's recurring expenses such as general management, education, facility maintenance . . . etc. Other expenditures are not recurring, such as road construction, infrastructure expansion, ... etc. What do you think is most important for New Mexico to do when there is surplus revenue?

Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds

**Q15** Legislator funds: Legislators are usually provided funds for specific projects within their districts. How do you think these funds should be distributed to legislators?

Equally distributed to each legislator

**Q16** State Tax Code: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico completely restructure its tax code?

(no label) Comment: 1 (Critical)

Based on our budgetary shortfalls and the needs of our seniors we need to completely restructure the tax codes and make budgetary cuts where needed.

**Q17** State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

# Gross Receipts Tax (GRT),

Explain your answer:

I'm in favor of Gross receipt tax because it is equally distributed and everyone no matter income level or no income contribute.

**Q18** Crime: Do you believe that the crime rate and the court's handling of existing laws (sentencing, catch & release protocols, etc.) in New Mexico negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

## Yes,

Please explain your answer:

The court's catch and release program has impacted our ability to attract businesses and industries. The rise of car thefts and property crimes as well as murders negatively impacts the ability to attract businesses and sustain the ones we do have. Insurance companies have to raise their rates due to all the claims and therefore makes it fiscally difficult to run a lucrative business. When you are tolerant of crime, what does that say of your society and why would businesses or industries invest in that type of demographic. Every aspect of business is effected by crime and most businesses are not willing to take that risk. Opportunities in safer areas will look more attractive.

**Q19** Energy: What is your position on government mandates for renewable energy like the Energy Transition Act?

#### Other,

Please explain your position:

I believe in diverse sources of energy. We need to have a diverse energy profile that includes wind, solar, nuclear, clean coal, natural gas, geothermal hydro and in small percentages bio mass and petroleum. This is the only way to become energy dependent and would also drive the energy costs down to the consumer. Consumers are constantly seeing rate hikes and this Energy transition act will just add to this rise.

**Q20** Energy: NM's oil and gas producers were largely responsible for the dramatic increase in state tax revenue for 2019. Do you support effective land and resource management that allows these extractive industries to maximize production and budgetary support for NM?

## Other,

Please briefly explain your answer:

I am not in favor of killing the oil and gas industry that is largely responsible for our state revenues, however I do believe we can responsibly extract using advanced technologies that will protect our lands and waters. I would be in favor of Investments in safety measures allowing safe extractions. (Safe for our humans as well as our environment). We need to keep these companies accountable.

**Q21** Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is environmental regulation to protect New Mexico's land, air, and water?

(no label)

1 (Critical)

Briefly explain your answer:

Our water and land should be protected for all our generations. With all the knowledge and technology now have, I believe we have the tools to do that without compromising or overreaching regulations that will lose industries to other states.

**Q22** Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico thoroughly review regulations to determine use and usefulness in regards to protecting citizens without unnecessarily overburdening business?

(no label)

1 (critical)

Please explain your answer:

It is important to review regulations and the impacts both on the citizens and businesses. Keeping the citizens safe while not over burdening the businesses should be a priority. Environmental measures and advanced technologies should be used allowing businesses to succeed and conduct their business without impacting the environment.

**Q23** Land Grant Permanent Fund: Do you support or oppose increased distributions (above the current 5%) from the Land Grant Permanent Fund?

#### Oppose,

Please explain your answer:

I do not support increasing the permanent fund above the current 5%. The current distribution amount needs to be reviewed. We should also review the current spending and cut programs that are not showing positive impacts.

**Q24** Employment Laws: What is your position on government mandated employee benefits like sick leave, PTO,... etc?

# Other,

Comments:

Government mandates do not consider the type or size of business. There are a lot of factors and a government mandate can have a negative impact on small businesses who employ mostly partime workers. On the other hand I do believe mandates can work with big corporations that employ fulltime employees. Benefits are dependent on many factors and should be evaluated as such.

**Q25** Employment Laws: In recent years, legislation is proposed each session concerning the state's minimum wage. Please state how you feel wages should be determined and explain your answer.

Wages should be determined by allowing the free market or supply/demand to determine an appropriate amount

Please explain your answer: Inflation is a big factor. If you increase the minimum wage amount on unskilled work, the cost is passed on to the consumer.

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**Q26** Workforce Development: On a scale of 1 (critical) to 5 (unimportant), how important do you feel is it that New Mexico's higher learning institutions offer technical and trade related degrees and certifications?

(no label) 1 (Critical)

Explain your reasoning:

Extremely important. We need to supply skilled local workers for the industries. We should not be hiring people from other states before our own people who need jobs.

**Q27** Economic Incentives: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that state incentives for businesses, such as LEDA, JTIP and tax abatement include mandatory achievement requirements for use of the money as well as enforceable claw back parameters, if those requirements are not met?

(no label) 1 (critical)

Please explain your answer:

We don't want to give incentives without accountability. Requirements should be met or the incentive is withdrawn.

**Q28** Do you support an Article V, Convention of States to address proposals that would limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints (balanced budget amendment), and place term limits on federal officials?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

I believe in term limits. I don't believe in career politicians in office. Moreover, the duty of office should be fulfilled or they should be removed. They need to be accountable

**Q29** Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I have a strong desire to continue to serve our community as your representative. I will be a strong advocate and loud voice for all our families and citizens. My education, volunteerism and years of advocacy for our community and state has prepared me for this time. I look forward to representing the people of District 23 and our beautiful state of New Mexico. New Mexico is my birth place, my home and I am determined to help remove it from being last in everything good and first in everything bad. We deserve better!