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**Q9**

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

I was the first naturalized woman from México to serve in the New Mexico House of Representatives in the history of this great state in 2015. I represented Albuquerque's House District 21, which sits partly within Senate District 20. I was appointed International Ambassador for the Global Embassy of Activist for Peace in 2016. I currently serve on the following boards: MANA de Albuquerque as Vice-President of Community Relations and Government Affairs, Meals on Wheels of Albuquerque, Hispano Round Table, President of La Mesa Community Improvement Association in the International District. I also volunteer in the Hispanic Heritage Committee as a founding member, Recuerda César Chávez Committee, Glenwood Hills Neighborhood Association, and am the co-chair to the Johnny Tapia Project, which creates awareness on mental illness and addiction. I was raised in Albuquerque and am an entrepreneur, community activist, rancher, violinist, artist, philanthropist, and I am fluent in Spanish, French, Italian, and English.

**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I am running because I want to be the change I want to see in the legislature. As a former State Representative, I am the only candidate with the experience to hit the ground running day one. I am a small business owner who is pro-business. I am a proud democrat who is not an extremist. I have a proven record working in a bipartisan effort. We need more of that in Santa Fe, especially during these unrepresented times of COVID-19. I bring the experience, change, and diversity to the Senate as the only woman of color in the race and as a proud immigrant who holds dual citizenship with the USA and México. Most importantly, I am running to serve you. Your voice will be my voice. Your priorities will be priorities and I want to hear them. Please call or text me anytime on my cell at 505-550-3868. The greatest honor of my working life was to serve you. Now my greatest hope is to earn that honor from you once more as your next State Senator for District 20.

**Q11**

No

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.

**Q12**

No

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

**Q13**

**No**

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.

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**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**

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Please explain your answer:

The majority of the surplus should go to building a healthy reserve and the remainder could be used to fund non-recurring infrastructure projects that will help continue to build our economy and attract businesses. Without appropriate infrastructure businesses will not come.

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**Q15**

**Equally distributed to each legislator**

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

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**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)**

Efforts have been made in the past, but we should create a task force to make recommendations that will include all players that will be impacted so they make recommendations to the legislature.

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**Q17**

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

**Other,**

Explain your answer:

Currently, the Revenue Stabilization Tax Committee has been working in a bipartisan effort to come up with changes. They are on the right track and I look forward to working with that committee to find solutions that will work for everyone so that local governments are not impacted negatively and the business community knows what to expect.

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**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:

Albuquerque is in midst of a crime epidemic. When I am in the Senate, I will fight to make sure our law enforcement has the resources it needs to fight crime. We need more cops on the street. We need more detectives investigating the crimes and murders we already must fight to solve. We need more cooperation and collaboration between City and County law enforcement. Finally, we need judges who are going to make the right decisions and do more to keep the most violent offenders behind bars so they do not get released and commit more crimes. In addition, perhaps explore changes to the constitutional amendment that initiated this catch and release issue.

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**Q19**

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

**Other,**

Please explain your position:

New Mexico's renewable energy future is happening now. New Mexico is blessed with some of the best renewable energy resources anywhere in the United States. We need to keep moving New Mexico forward and make sure we are maximizing the creation of wind and solar with the abundance of other natural resources that we are fortunate to have. I do not believe it is a government's place to interfere and mandate. There must be a balance.

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**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?

**Yes**

**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)

Briefly explain your answer:

**1 (Critical)**

It is unfortunate that some special interest groups advocate for rules and regulations often times circumventing the legislative process and without seeking the appropriate public input.

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**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)

Please explain your answer:

**1 (critical)**

We must establish a process that identifies and reviews rules and regulations that are no longer necessary. All processes must be public. Certainly, I would oppose anything that impedes businesses from coming to New Mexico.

**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:

It depends on what the distribution would be for and I would want assurance that safeguards are included.

**Q24**

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

**Other,**

Comments:

We must bring a balanced approach to mandated employee benefits. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy and I want to make sure they are not impacted negatively.

**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.

**Other,**

Please explain your answer:

Working families need to continue to support their families. There has to be some compromise where business and working family advocates come together with an agreement that will be sustainable for both.

**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)

Explain your reasoning:

**1 (Critical)**

We must encourage the young population to learn a trade. Some people believe that a college education is necessary for a stable career. I do not believe that a college degree is necessary to make a good living. A skilled trade career offers the same benefits as a white-collar profession without the cost of a degree.

**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:

These programs are crucial to the success of many businesses that utilize them. Like anything else, there should be check and balances.

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**Q28**

**No**

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?

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**Q29**

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

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