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**Q9**

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

Fist time running for a political party. I have been involved involved with the Republican Party my whole life and I have been involved with Ward 28 for past two years.

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

If we continue to allow the progressive left to enact further destructive legalization New Mexico will further go in to the abyss. Fortunately, we have a choice this election cycle either to continue with the failed policies of the past or we can chart a new direction for the betterment of all New Mexicans. I'm fighting for New Mexico and its values because I love this state. I will work to stop crime, improve education and make New Mexico business friendly to Jump-Start our economy.

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**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.

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**Q12**

**No**

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

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**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**

Please explain your answer:

Government has a duty to live within its means no different than taxpayers are expected to live within their means and surplus tax revenue should be used to build a reserve/rainy day fund. We should not place any additional burden on tax payers by raising taxes when it is the state's responsibility to balance their budget.

**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?

**Distribution based on economic activity and tax income production by county**

Briefly explain your answer :

Government should live within its means and distribution of funds should be based on economic activity and tax income production by county. The government should spend no more than what is absolutely necessary.

**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)**

The tax code in New Mexico should be completely overhauled. I would propose legislation to make New Mexico a more prosperous business-friendly state and diversify our state economy by eliminating burdensome regulations, eliminating wasteful spending, implementing a "Taxpayers Bill of Rights" eliminate corporate taxes, and eliminate taxes on social security benefits. These actions will incentivize corporations to do business in New Mexico and incentivize individuals to stay and /or relocate to New Mexico. We would increase the tax base without raising taxes.

**Q17**

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

**Sales Tax,**

Explain your answer:

When comparing New Mexico with other states within our region, NM has a burdensome tax code. I believe that the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) should be overhauled to make it less burdensome on business and the overall tax rate should be reduced or eliminated all together by replacing it with a state sales tax.

**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:

Yes. Everyone in New Mexico deserves to live in safe neighborhoods without the fear of violent criminals roaming our communities. I would work to propose stricter penalties for violent offenders to Stop the "Revolving Door of "Catch and Release." I will enforce current state laws and regulations and if necessary, propose additional legislation to end sanctuary/immigration friendly cities and counties and hold those responsible for sheltering illegal immigrants who commit violent crimes. Because New Mexico is not tough on crime this is an impediment for attracting new businesses to New Mexico.

**Q19**

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

**Oppose,**

Please explain your position:

I'm opposed to the New Mexico Energy Transition Act (ETA) because it will destroy the energy sector in New Mexico and will result in the loss of jobs throughout New Mexico. New Mexico has the third largest permanent fund in the United States which is primarily funded by the oil and gas industry which is used for education in New Mexico. During this time of falling oil prices the state should be partnering with oil gas to benefit all New Mexicans. Alternative energy such as solar and wind have their own adverse environmental impacts, including damage to wildlife and pollution from manufacturing of new technology and disposal. The ETA will have virtually no impact on global warming or weather patterns, and will make electricity much more expensive for New Mexicans. The best way for New Mexico to have a positive impact on the climate is to export natural gas to countries that are primarily using coal.

**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,**

Please briefly explain your answer:

I support effective land and resource management that allows extractive industries such oil, gas and mining to maximize production which in turn supports the NM budget. We can do it safely with little impact to the environment.

**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)**

Good Air, Land and Water quality in New Mexico is very important to all New Mexicans and we are fortunate to live in a state that has all three. However, we should not put over burdensome regulations on business industries as there are polices and regulation currently in place protecting New Mexico's environment.

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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:

**2**

Laws, regulation and polices are already in place to protect workers against dangers in the workplace with the exception of guidelines and regulation for operating in a COVID-type environment. A common sense approach to employee safety is key.

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**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 would oppose any increase above the current 5% distribution from the Land Grant Permanent Funds. With the recent fall in oil prices New Mexico has lost a considerable amount of revenue for the State budget. The Legislature and Governor have a duty to balance the budget by cutting spending but not at the expense of taxpayers. There needs to be a state emergency/rainy-day fund because of falling oil prices and because of COVID-19. Government should only spend what is absolutely necessary and no more.

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**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

I'm against the government mandating any government benefit to include sick leave and personal time off. This is not the government's role; rather, government needs to partner with business to incentivize them to hire workers and diversify our economy rather than restricting business and employees from being successful. I find it comically that government taxes individuals and businesses then have the nerve to dictate to business what they can do. It should be the other way around. Many companies pay more than the minimum wage and provide benefits based on competition and supply and demand.

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**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**

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Please explain your answer:

I'm opposed to an increase to the so-called minimum wage because it is inflationary. We should have equal opportunity for success and not equal outcomes; rather, wages should be negotiated between the employer/employee based on a merit-based system.

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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)

Explain your reasoning:

**1 (Critical)**

I believe it is very important because not every student wants or is ready for traditional higher education. The New Mexico public school system currently has failed New Mexico students. I would propose legislation to improve our education system by holding school districts accountable for failed results. We need to overhaul the New Mexico education system to make our children more successful by providing vocational education to the level of apprenticeship certification at graduation for all New Mexico High School Students to make them "job ready" upon graduation. This will help to reduce dropout rates, attract industry, and make students self-reliant.

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**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)

**2**

Please explain your answer:

Yes, I support LEDA in regard to the partnership between government and the private sector which will I help to promote, and enhance local economic development efforts while continuing to protect against the unauthorized use of public money and other public resources. JTIP is an important program in New Mexico for training workers to compete. However, if employers fail to meet obligation then the funds should be returned.

**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:

Yes. I would support a committee for calling for the Convention of Sates as outlined in Article V of the U.S. Constitution to impose fiscal restraints by calling for a Balanced Budget Amendment and line item veto, which many states already have. The budget of the federal government is out of control and should be reined in to prevent the financial destruction of future generations.

**Q29**

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

I'm running for the New Mexico Senate District-20, because I love New Mexico and believe it is worth fighting for. I've has spent years talking to New Mexicans about the important issues facing our state.

We have a choice this election cycle to either continue with the failed policies of the past or to chart a new direction for real change for the betterment of all New Mexicans. I would appreciate your vote on June 2, 2020.