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Phone number

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**Q9**

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

I have not run for office in the past, but I have been active in initiatives to make sure our fundamental rights and jobs remain secure.

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I have always been active in the community and I want to make sure that the people of NM 39 have a representative in the House who listens to their concerns and serves in their best interest.

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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:

Nearly half of New Mexico's budget is dependent on the oil and gas industry. Our state has enjoyed back-to-back years of a substantial surplus that Santa Fe politicians wasted away without regard to the ebb and flow of the market. Not every year is going to yield a return. We're now suffering through a period where we need the money, but the surplus funds are long gone. I would advocate to shore up reserves in our plentiful years, and use any interest or specifically set-aside funds for non-recurring investments that will improve the state like education and infrastructure.

**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 :

There should be a minimum amount allocated to counties with smaller populations, but we should make sure more populous counties get what they need proportionally to their production and economic activity.

**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 system based on GRT picks winners and losers, and small businesses like those all over my district usually lose out. We're losing our jobs to Texas and other states. If we want to grow our economy, we need to take a hard look at restructuring our antiquated tax code into a system that is far more simplified and fair.

**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:

The GRT tax system is horribly implemented and has had a negative impact on the business community, compounded by tax pyramiding. The tax on services has actually kept doctors, lawyers, accountants, engineers and other professional services from operating in New Mexico because of the Gross Receipts Tax. I would be open to trying a sales tax approach that is more transparent and opens up the state to be more competitive.

**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:  
When the community suffers from rampant crime, businesses in the area also suffer.

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**Q19**

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

**Oppose,**

Please explain your position:  
I believe in a free market business practice even in the energy industry.

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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,**

Please briefly explain your answer:  
Holding a business back from making money means limiting the economy growth for our state. I am absolutely in support of allowing extractive industries to perform effectively and continue to provide supporting funds for New Mexico.

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**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:

**5 (Unimportant)**

Environmental protections are already over-regulated to the point of restricting business growth. Business owners know and respect the land, air, and water because those resource are a benefit to them. Businesses will self-regulate to preserve those natural resources and build our economy in the process. They don't need the government imposing limitations on their operations.

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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)**

It's extremely important that these regulations are reviewed because what may have been valid yesterday, could be invalid and even detrimental today. Some regulations may have been passed that are actually hurting the citizens and industries that it should be helping. We need to continually review these regulations and get rid of them where they are not needed or productive.

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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:

The Land Grant Permanent Fund distributions do not need to be increased. It is already the second highest in the country.

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**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

In my experience, it's always better to leave it up to the company or business as to what their benefits should be. Not every business is set up for sick leave. Imposing government-mandated benefits would be an unnecessary government overreach and a strain on these businesses who already are feeling stretched thin after COVID-19.

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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:

A government mandated minimum wage forces businesses to pay what they cannot afford, resulting in employees losing their jobs. For those that keep their workers, it could drive prices up. We need to let the free market work for the protection of all workers, businesses, and for consumers alike.

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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)**

We need to train our students to set them up for success rather than having to go find a job in another state. Equipping young men and women with skills that they can use immediately after graduating is very important to developing our economy.

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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)

Please explain your answer:

**1 (critical)**

Accountability is key in offering economic incentives. Without provisions that ensure a business is creating jobs and growing its economic footprint in the interest of the state, grants like these are more likely to be abused.

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**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:

The government was created to serve the people. If the people of our nation are demanding less government or term limits, it is the legislature's duty to carry it out.

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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?

I am a small businessman and I understand budgeting and regulations on businesses. I am ready to serve my district, and my economic background will be the foundation of how I will legislate.

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