

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

Santa Fe County Treasurer 2 - 4yr. Terms

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**Q10** Why are you seeking this office?

To be to voice of the people of district 45 and for the people of NM. District 45 has a large variety of government workers, teachers, business owners and law enforcement who have numerous concerns and I want to represent their needs an concerns.

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**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.

Yes (please explain):

The ABQ Journal discovered I had placement and removal of a NM lien in October 2010 when I ran for County Treasurer in 2012. It was when I was going through a divorce and was unaware of the lien. It was on for a total of 10 or 12 days and payment probably crossed paths.

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

**No**

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**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.

**No**

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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?

**Other,**

Please explain your answer:

In the environment that we are in now, the surplus should be re-diverted back into the general fund to less the short fall we are going to experience..

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**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,**

Briefly explain your answer :

The distribution should equal to be clean and concise across the board that way there is no possible depiction of some kind of favoritism to one district over another.

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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)**

We need to get rid of the loop holes in the code that has been a concern for many years.

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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:

I would have to look at the overall structure to see where it is beneficial to the state without impacting the taxpayer severely.

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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:

Cities with high crime rates are less attractive to businesses and residents who look into relocation. Some of our major cities here in NM have high crime and have not relocated.

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

**Support,**

Please explain your position:

NM is too reliant on oil and gas revenues and we have to start weeding off the revenue plus we want to leave a more sustainable NM for our future residents.

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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?

**No,**

Please briefly explain your answer:

Because Oil and gas are not dependable source of revenue because of its instability in the market.

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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:

**1 (Critical)**

We live in the most beautiful state in the nation and we need to preserve it for ourselves and for our future.

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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)**

Businesses are the backbone in our economy and there are many areas where it is over regulated. I have a friend that has a simple eyebrow shaping business and she had to jump through hoops and spend excess monies that she had not budgeted for.

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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 interest on the investments within the permanent fund IS the budget for different agencies.

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

Very small businesses cannot budget this and would wind up closing.

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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.

**Other,**

Please explain your answer:

I would have to have more information.

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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 have been saying this for years and it should start at the high school level. They're many people that rather do a trade than be a white collar worker.

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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:

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These incubator businesses that startup sometimes struggle at first and become very successful. Adding unnecessary benchmarks to achieve can actually cause them to fail.

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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?

**Other**

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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 the kind of politician that is a listener. The people are actually the indicators for us to serve properly and know what works and what does not. They give me input to what is needed and that is how I run my office. I do not run on special interests.

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