

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

Moriarty Edgewood School Board, FFA Parent, American Hereford Association National Board of Directors, NM Cattle Growers Board of Directors.

Q10 Why are you seeking this office?

I want to serve as your next State Representative because I feel it's time that we had a true voice in Santa Fe. As a mother, farmer, and school board member I know the challenges we face as a community. As your State Representative I will turn your concerns into action in Santa Fe and I promise to remember the words of my grandfather

"Remember who you work for if you ever get elected to public office."

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. **No**

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?

Non-recurring investments aimed at improving specific aspects of our state

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Please explain your answer:
There is a serious infrastructure need across our state. Broken Roads, Broken School Buildings, Broken Broadband, and broken promises. For too long we haven't invested in improving infrastructure in our state and we need a massive investment in our broken and outdated infrastructure.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?

Equally distributed to each legislator,

Briefly explain your answer :
Since the option wasn't an evaluation by Department of Finance, Transportation, and Economic Development along with local government to determine an omnibus capitol outlay fund bill, then I think legislators should be at the table advocating for rural communities who are lacking in infrastructure.

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)

I believe that for too long we have kicked the can down the road on true tax reform. I would like to see a special session just to deal with meaningful tax reform in our state.

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:

Until we can have every municipality catch up to infrastructure needs and overall growth and development I think that local government should have the ability to have control over GRT assessments.

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:

Addiction has been rampant throughout our communities. We have seen firsthand the effects of the opioid crisis right here in District 50. We need to provide better access to medical treatment in our own communities. We need to provide better tax incentives too therapists and physicians to practice in our small communities. As your State Representative I will work with the Governor to create mobile clinics where people can be assessed and treated in the comfort of their own homes. New Mexico State University has developed some great programs dealing with rural health care outreach and we must continue to fund those initiatives.

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

Other,

Please explain your position:

I am interested to see how this act actually is enacted.

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 support safe and regulated oversight of these industries.

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)

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)

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

Support,

Please explain your answer:

In this current economic crisis I think that a bit more above this amount would be helpful to infrastructure needs.

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

Other,

Comments:

I think that we need to move to something that provides people these benefits but I do feel that we need to be careful of how we make this legislation work for all businesses.

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

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)

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)

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,

Please explain your answer:

I would have to look at this a bit closer as it would apply to individual states.

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

New Mexico recently released the New Mexico Standards Based Transition Assessment of Math and English Language Arts (TAMELA). The assessment revealed that math proficiency has decreased while language arts saw a 1% increase. Overall in all these areas we have seen only net gains of 2% overall. We must do better. Our state needs voices like yours in Santa Fe, families who are working with our school districts to develop curriculum that helps our students meet the challenges of the next decade.

We as parents must have a voice within our children's education and become active participants in their overall development. I joined my fellow board members in supporting the Martinez Yazzie lawsuit.

When Santa Fe was slow to solutions, we reached out across the state to bring forth a lawsuit that would provide real direction for education in New Mexico.

As your State Representative I will work with you, the governor, and the legislature to implement realistic changes to our educational system by providing teachers with a salary that is reflective of their commitment to their profession, to a curriculum that is inclusive to all our students no matter where they grow up and gives them the opportunity to get to where they are going, and creating an environment where parents are always valued throughout their children's education.
