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**Q9**

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

Producer & location manager. Over 65 film & TV projects in NM and beyond. Satisfied clients include Fox, Paramount, Warner Bros, Disney, ABC, Discovery, Amazon, Netflix, Coen brothers, Ridley Scott, Tommy Lee Jones, Seth MacFarlane and Andrew Stanton.

Events Producer. Father Richard Rohr, Center for Action & Contemplation.

English teacher. Bosque School, ABQ and National Cathedral School, Washington DC.

Elected several times to the boards of Location Managers Guild International and IATSE 480.

Education

2002 Georgetown University, Washington DC Graduate study in linguistics

2000 Amherst College, Amherst MA BA, English, cum laude. Concentration in Native American literature.

1996 National Cathedral School, Washington DC Diploma, cum laude

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I want to serve us. Effective solutions are neither flashy nor quick, and implementing them often demands courage, innovation and clear morals. From fifteen years working in every New Mexico county and collaborating every economic sector, I have learned how everything is connected in New Mexico. Internet access affects education, which affects our small businesses, which affects state tax revenues. So we will succeed by electing systems-thinkers.

I'm not here just to get elected. I'm here to improve our lives.

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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?

**Other,**

Please explain your answer:

Either none or all of the above, in proportion to a realistic assessment of the current situation at the time.

Unfortunately, due to COVID we are not likely to have surplus for years if not decades, and must therefore, for the foreseeable future, protect funding for fundamentals like 21st-century infrastructure, education, and public safety.

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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?

Briefly explain your answer :

None of the above. Capital outlay should be awarded to generate maximum return to the state's economy. This means we need to upgrade our capital outlay process to make it: 1) Transparent. Disclose every dollar and completion status. 2) Centralized. Legislators need an efficient method to triage needs statewide and coordinate cross-district. 3) Prioritized. Some projects are more urgent than others.

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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)**

Our state's entire undergirding fiscal scaffold, including the constitution, is over a century old. With our crashing oil market, stagnant economy and neglected foundations revealed by COVID, it's time to re-examine our state's entire monetary system, and craft a more stable, resilient and equitable fiscal structure that supports us all, including our small businesses.

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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:

See above #16. This question needs to be considered against our current unprecedented fiscal backdrop, and it's too early to know. So the best answer may be yes, no or both.

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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:

I don't just believe this—from my years of experience doing business in the state, I know firsthand our public un-safety deters outside investment. In addition, unsafe communities choke our abilities to develop our own homegrown businesses and economies. And let's remember that the courts are tasked with upholding the laws that, for better or worse, Senators send them.

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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:

We are in a global ecosystem crisis. To create a stable business environment and position New Mexico for a favorable economic future, we must protect our water, lands and move away from volatility. Initiatives like the ETA make New Mexico more resilient and stable, and therefore more attractive for new business. And, with everything, all initiatives have to work within our budget.

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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?

**Other,**

Please briefly explain your answer:

It's a moot question. COVID has essentially halted US oil and gas production for months if not years, or possibly permanently. So as NM oil and gas producers begin to close or bankrupt, the smartest use of our state's resources is to swiftly recoup AROs, and act now to build a diverse, vibrant state economy to generate revenue for our schools, police, infrastructure and other essentials.

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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)**

Same answer as #19.

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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)**

As with our fiscal system, we are overdue for an overhaul of regulations. Some are outdated and cumbersome; others lag behind our neighbors, and many impede business or fail to protect our citizens.

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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?

**Support,**

Please explain your answer:

We must strategically liberate funds from our state savings accounts to save our small businesses now, while protecting reserves for the future.

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**Q24**

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

**Support,**

Comments:

Our human population is the primary, underlying infrastructure, out of which arises everything else. The best way to produce a robust economy is to first ensure a healthy population. And, as COVID-19 is demonstrating, "sick leave for you" helps keep me healthy too. Also, pending its final fiscal analysis, I support the NMHSA, in order to shift the burden of health care away from our businesses, so they are liberated to do... business.

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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:

Both. First we need living wage for those who are keeping us living during COVID. Jurisdictions with a government-set "floor," eg minimum wage, experience greater resilience, health and safety. Then, the free market is free to determine wages above that "floor."

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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)**

Whether it's advanced degrees or vocational training, an educated workforce creates stronger, more resilient businesses.

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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)

**1 (critical)**

Please explain your answer:

This is just basic good fiscal management.

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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,**

Please explain your answer:

For better or worse, COVID is rapidly unraveling many structures of power and shifting the jurisdiction of the federal government. In this emerging world of regional state alliances and new election rules, it's too soon to know the exact best changes to create prudent checks and balances. In general, I support any structural changes that make us more resilient and anti-fragile, and that prevent too much power from accumulating in too few hands.

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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?

With COVID, we are living in unprecedented times. To survive and thrive this paradigm shift, New Mexico needs fresh thinking. We need pragmatic, creative Senators. Senators who listen, look for alternatives, negotiate, and find common goals to work toward. We need Senators with a track record of bringing people together, who understand that the health of the whole and the health of the individual are intertwined and interdependent. We need Senators who appreciate the complexity of this situation and the consequent long-term implications of aggressive actions. We need Senators who can envision and then create new systems and structures to sustain and enhance life for all of us.

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