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**Q9**

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

This is my first time running for office. As an Air Force Officer I served in several leadership positions. I retired Honorably after serving over 20 years of service. After retiring I was appointed by Mayor Keller to serve as an Advisor in the Municipal Development Department. Below is my Education and Community involvement:

Education:

M.S. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Florida, Gainesville Florida  
M.A. in Military Operational Arts & Sciences, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
B.S. in Biochemistry, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Community Involvement:

Chairman of the Board, March of Dimes-Albuquerque, NM 2018 - 2020  
Board Member, March of Dimes – Albuquerque, NM 2017 - Present  
Board Member, Northwest Community Policing Council 2018 - Feb 2019, July 2019 – Present  
Board Member, E.S. Foster Board of Trustees 2018 - Present  
Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters Central NM, Amy Biehl High School 2017 - Present  
Western Region Officer, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 2017 - Present  
Chapter Officer, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 2014 - Present

Active Membership, Volunteer, or Contributor:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Life Member  
NAACP  
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Life Member  
Sankofa Men's leadership Exchange  
American Legion  
Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV)  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)  
Sierra Club

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I'm running for State Senate because New Mexico is at a crossroads; we can no longer allow our families to struggle and the state to languish at the bottom in national rankings, we need bold and visionary leadership, not the same ineffective policies. I listen and care deeply about my community and will be their voice in Santa Fe, ignoring big money and corporate interests. Let's move forward together and lift up our people in order to build a New Mexico for all of us.

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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**

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.

Yes (please explain):

After graduating High School in 1993, I was charged with conspiracy menacing. The charges were dropped.

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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?

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

Please explain your answer:

The revenue should be used to make investments in infrastructure and incentives in order to diversify our economy and support new startup businesses.

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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 :

This is the most equitable way to distribute the funds. Legislators should still work together to prioritize not only their districts but also the needs of the state.

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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:

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More needs to be done to make the tax system less regressive for families making a lower income. Low-income families shouldn't have to pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than high-income families. There are also so many tax credits, exemptions and deductions in the tax code making our system less accountable.

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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?

**Sales Tax,**  
Explain your answer:  
I would support a transition to a sales tax to help reduce burdens on businesses and make New Mexico more competitive.

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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**

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**Q19**

Government Mandates: What is your position on government mandates as they apply to businesses?

**It is necessary for the government to strictly regulate business operations to assure best practices are enforced and the public's safety and interests are met.**  
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Please explain your position:  
Clean renewable energy is vital to our state's health, economic competitiveness, and security. The state must continue these types of engagement and play a role in our transition to clean energy.

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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:  
I support land and resource management that ensures accountability, oversight, and remediation. These resources belong to the people of New Mexico so we should ensure that the environment is protected and that taxpayers are not responsible for the cleanup.

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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)

**1 (Critical)**

Briefly explain your answer:

Our land, air, and water must be protected for the welfare and security of all New Mexicans.

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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)

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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 need to look at making some non-recurring investments from Land Grant Permanent Fund in order to diversify New Mexico's economy.

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**Q24**

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

**Support,**

Comments:

This is a safety and public health issue. Workers should not be working while they are sick, putting others at risk. While there is a cost these benefits improve worker productivity, reduce the spread of illnesses, and reduce workplace injuries.

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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 government mandate, such as the recent increases in minimum wage**

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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)

**1 (Critical)**

Explain your reasoning:

We should be providing a diverse array of educational opportunities in order to give everyone an opportunity to make a good living.

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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)**

These incentives must be tracked and oversight must be made to ensure these tax dollars are utilized properly. We must ensure that these programs lead to high paying long-term jobs for New Mexicans and not a money grab for out of state corporations.

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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?

**No,**

Please explain your answer:

While I agree with fiscal restraints and term limits, we have never used Article V to amend the Constitution. I fear that utilizing this untested option moves us into uncharted territory and in our present toxic political climate we run the risk of having a runaway convention. For example, what came out of the Philadelphia convention of 1787 was very different from what was proposed in the Articles of Confederation. There are also no rules or limits in scope to this type of convention.

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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?

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**Respondent skipped this question**