

Q7

Email address

[REDACTED]

Q8

Phone number

[REDACTED]

Q9

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

Candidate for county commissioner in El Paso, TX 1982

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

To diversify the state's economy and to be a voice in the legislature for fiscal sanity and upholding our oath to the Constitution of the United States in good times and bad.

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.

Q12

No

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

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.

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:

Since there is not likely to be a surplus for the foreseeable future as a result of the pandemic this question is really moot. If by some miracle there would be a surplus it should be held in reserve to help the state get through tough times (like now) without major disruptions or tax increases.

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 :
My real answer to this question is "they should not be distributed in this manner."

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:

2
Our taxes are simply too high. If we are to attract private sector jobs and more retirees to our state we need to totally revisit how we raise revenue not to mention what we do with it.

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:
A low sales tax on goods only. Taxing services is counterproductive.

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:
Focus our resources on violent crimes against persons and property. Crimes without victims are not really crimes at all. Release non-violent offenders from custody to make room for the truly irredeemable criminals. Non-violent persons could be monitored and allowed to return to work and be productive. Judges who allow violent offenders to continue their assault on honest citizens should be personally held to account for the crimes of repeat offenders they continue to release.

Q19

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

Other,
Please explain your position:
While it is fashionable to support so called "green energy", I do not believe it is yet reliable enough. Government should play no role in picking winners and losers in the energy marketplace. When the free market has found a solution to storing solar and wind generated power for extended periods this question can then be debated on the merits of comparison with fossil fuel generated energy and the relative costs and benefits of both.

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:

As long as fossil fuels can be extracted safely and with minimal damage to the environment I support their production. The fact that they were a large part of state revenue increases is unfortunate. The fact that our state's leadership was shortsighted enough to ignore the possibility that oil and gas prices could decline and base budget decisions on historical high price levels is inexcusable.

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:

4

It is unfortunate that so much of New Mexico is publicly owned. I prefer to let property owners decide in a court of law what environmental damage one has done to another. Regulations often have unintended consequences and are administered unevenly. Short of damage caused deliberately or by sheer stupidity I favor less regulation.

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:

5 (unimportant)

As a general rule I oppose the "nanny state". Once this course is taken it invariably becomes worse than the problems it purports to solve.

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:

Once politicians and bureaucrats get the opportunity to dig deeper into the piggy bank they will. There are always compelling reasons why more money is needed. Economics is the science of allocating scarce resources and we must make the hard choices necessary to maintain solvency.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

I do not believe it is a proper role of government to dictate to private business what their workplace policies should be. In a free market employers who offer better pay and benefits will attract the best employees and be more successful.

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

Please explain your answer:

A minimum wage that is too high just keeps unskilled new workers out of that first job that sets them up for ensuing advancements. A 15 year old doesn't have the same skillset as an older worker but still has to start somewhere.

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)

2

Explain your reasoning:

There is a shortage of skilled tradesmen but the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute converted to a community college. If there is a plan to offer programs in plumbing, carpentry or electrical trades, it must be conceived better than the previous effort.

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:

If taxpayers are being asked to provide incentives there must be transparency to prevent graft and provisions for recoupment if things just don't work out as planned. There are many positive examples of programs that have worked well. We just need to be careful that we don't create a spoils system.

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 believe a constitutional convention should only be called for a single issue at a time. This would limit the convention and avoid a runaway convention that could make things much worse. I support a balanced budget amendment and term limits. I believe if we actually enforced the 10th amendment in addition to the two items mentioned above we would have far fewer problems.

Q29

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

I will work to reduce the tax burden. I will try to foster a spirit of cooperation not confrontation. I will ALWAYS uphold my oath to the Constitution of the Unites States.
