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**Q9**

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

I have never been involved in politics of any form. I am a small business owner and NM native.

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I believe it is time for common sense. As a small business owner, I am acutely aware of the struggles employers, employees and business owners face while trying to navigate the crippling taxation as well as regulation by our state.

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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?

**Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds**

Please explain your answer:

Until the education system, New Mexican economy and infrastructure platform are re-vamped, we must save so as not to waste our funds. Spending is not always the answer.

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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?

**Distribution based on economic activity and tax income production by county**

Briefly explain your answer :

This would allow legislators to take a hard look at laws and policies regarding business development and maintenance. A clause as to the review of past spending habits of each district should be implemented as well.

**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)**

Senior citizens should not be taxed on their social security income and personal income tax is an insult as far as the services currently being provided for our citizens.

**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:  
Sales and use tax.

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q19**

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

**Some mandates are acceptable but should be formulated through a review process that assures goals are met while not hindering or impeding business operations.**

Please explain your position:

Government should not be overly involved in day to day business. Most industries are capable of self monitoring. However, general guidelines, if laid out and monitored properly, are needed in some cases.

**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:

Our oil and gas producers have become very adept at protecting the areas in which they extract our natural resources. This is not just a budgetary issue. This also allows us to produce some of our OWN resources and reduces dependency on out of state energy sources.

**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:

**5 (Unimportant)**

There are already numerous laws, policies and procedures in place to ensure our land, air and water are protected. These need to be reviewed, assessed and restructured as necessary.

**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)**

New Mexican businesses, employees and citizens are currently over regulated.

**Q23**

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

**Oppose**

**Q24**

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

**Oppose**

**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:

Each business in each industry has a different price point to maintain profitability and growth. Minimum wage laws are crippling the small price point businesses.

**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)**

Without skilled tradesmen, we will suffer. My family is a great example. We are 4th generation water well drillers. There is no option in this state to learn the art of groundwater extraction. The only way is to start as a laborer on a rig and hope the driller will teach you.

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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:

**3**

Our state must provide incentives if we want the healthy companies to come in and provide quality employment opportunities for our residents. In the same breath, transparency and clear cut benchmarks must be monitored, adhered to, and if those benchmarks are not met, a clear cut exit plan must be executed.

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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:

The federal government currently has minimal power over each state, and in turn each state is supposed to have minimal "power" over each county and on down to the city/town/village level. Regarding term limits, federal officials are normally hired positions. When referring to "officials", if we are referring to legislators, if they feel they are "officials", it is time for them to go.

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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?

District 36 is currently under-represented. We are a very diverse district spanning from the north boundary of Dona Ana County all the way into the historic district in the heart of Las Cruces. I feel that legislators have a responsibility to listen to their constituents, provide constituent services and only take actions that directly represent their district.

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