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

No political activity.

Community Volunteer-Chamber, Rotary, Bank and Credit Union Boards, Workforce Board.

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Why are you seeking this office?

To bring a voice of the people of our District to Santa Fe.

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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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No

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

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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?

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

Please explain your answer:

The State Budget needs to be looked at conservatively, in my business I prepare for a rainy day but if we have extra revenue we utilize it to make improvements to our business and enhance the services we offer. The State should consider making investments that are going to create a return in the future.

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 :

I don't agree with any of the above. Again, the State should be looking at distributing money to communities based on return on investment. Each community is different and has different needs, we need to discontinue the use of one size fits all for all but rather what is going to give the biggest economic benefit and return on investment.

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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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We need to discontinue taxing Social Security, mirror some of the tax code that our neighboring states have adopted and revamp the system to better retain and attract.

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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:

Gross Receipts allows a fair share of taxes to be paid by not only the consumer but by business. I understand the strain that this can cause, however, business needs to pay its fair share of tax.

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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?

No,

Please explain your answer:

We blame the criminal system for the lack of proper investment in education. If we educate them early, we have a better chance of avoiding crime and incarceration. We must invest properly in education to build a better, smarter State. Incarceration should not be confused with treatment, and stiffer penalties do not create safer communities, early intervention does.

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.

Please explain your position:

NM should harness its natural resources such as solar and wind energy. This is an investment in the future and will pay huge dividends.

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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 effective land and resource management and am appreciative for the revenue that these natural resources have created for our State. However, the volatility of the market has created a unsound basis by which to run a State, we need to look at other areas of revenue to depend on. I am not opposed to oil and gas production but do support common sense, responsible extraction that will not impact our environment in the future.

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)

We must protect our land, air and water. It is short sided to assume that the damage that we do to our environment today is not going to impact the future.

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:

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Regulations are good as long as they are not extreme. We need common sense regulations that assist business to operate in a safe manner. If business is operating under smart common sense regulations, we protect ourselves as business people as well as the people who work for us and that we serve.

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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 make a proper investment in education. Education is economic development. If we create GREAT schools, we will attract families, companies and others to our State. This is win/win. It has been said the permanent fund is for a rainy day, we are in the midst of a storm and need to tap it now for education.

Q24

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

Other,

Comments:

I support the idea, however, I do not support a one size fits all approach. I think the benefit should be looked at and designed to fit each industry sector differently.

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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Please explain your answer:

Minimum wage is just that, a minimum. Again, each industry is different, common sense needs to be applied for it to work.

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)

We need to enhance the road to technical and trade related jobs. This begins by investing in properly funding programs in Middle and High Schools to put students on the road to a rewarding career.

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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)

We need to continue to invest in the attraction of good paying jobs to the State. We also need to properly fund training and have a workforce that is ready with the necessary skills. However, the investment that the State makes in attracting business needs to be carefully monitored to ensure that the investment we have made is netting the anticipated return.

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?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

We need to return the power to the people. Career politicians have lost sight of what their job is and this is to serve.

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

My family has been in business in our community for over 80 years, we know the community, we know business and we know the needs of this community. I am in the trenches with the people that I would serve.
