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**Q9**

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

Field Organizer at NM GOP and volunteer for state legislative races

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

As a lifelong New Mexican, I'm running for SD 18 to change the status quo in Santa Fe. I will help New Mexico reach its full potential as a state rich with opportunity through policies that make it easier to work and run a business, provide a better start for our children, and keep our families safe.

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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?

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

Please explain your answer:

A budget surplus should be used to fund targeted projects, such as infrastructure improvements, that will produce a return on investment through the economy, public safety, and government efficiency.

**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 :

Each legislator in their respective chamber represent approximately the same number New Mexicans. Therefore, funding should be equally distributed. I do believe, however, that there should be a more transparent process on how each legislators chooses to spend their allotted funding.

**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 current tax code it not fair to businesses or hardworking New Mexicans. I am in full support of reforming our tax code to become a more appealing place to do business.

**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:

Our GRT is unfair to local businesses and entrepreneurs. Currently, those who want to sell New Mexico products and services have to bare the brunt of the tax burden.

**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:

New and existing businesses want to operate in communities that are safe for their business and their employees. The way the courts handle our current laws to not provide the necessary public safety measures to attract new businesses and industries to our state.

**Q19**

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

**Other,**

Please explain your position:

The goals and mandates listed in the ETA are likely unattainable. I support consumer-friendly energy policy, and the costs of the ETA will hurt lower-income New Mexicans.

**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:

The oil and gas industry should be allowed to operate safely, to the capacity of the market.

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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:

**3**

The vitality of New Mexico's environment is very important to me. I believe regulations to protect the environment should be determined by sound science, not by special interest groups.

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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)**

Unfortunately, many of our state's current regulations on businesses choose winners and losers rather than protecting citizens. Regulations should be reviewed to ensure there is a balance struck between protecting our citizens without unnecessarily overburdening businesses.

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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?

**Oppose,**

Please explain your answer:

New Mexico has withstood many "rainy days," however the current health and economic crisis caused by COVID-19 has proven that we need to ensure that our reserves are kept secured for the survival of unforeseeable and unprecedented challenges.

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**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

While these mandates are written with the best intentions, they cripple local small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. Burdensome mandates on small businesses lead to many in our communities losing their jobs and livelihoods.

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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 allowing the free market or supply/demand to determine an appropriate amount**

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Please explain your answer:  
See explanation to question 24.

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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:

**3**

I don't think the state should mandate which degrees or certifications a higher learning institution offers, however I do believe that trade and technical skills are vital to New Mexico's economy and future.

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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:

**2**

Any taxpayer money used as incentives for business investment into the state should be used appropriately and transparently.

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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?

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**Respondent skipped this question**

**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**