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Q9

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

Retired Philadelphia Policeman (25 years)

Dona Ana County, NM:

Presiding Judge of Elections, twice

Judge of Elections, once

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

Restore a broken Education System in New Mexico,

Bring jobs into New Mexico through tax reform and deregulations

Restore Traditional Family values

Restore Public Safety and Security by following our agreed upon Laws

Q11

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.

Yes (please explain):

N/A

Q12

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

No

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.

No

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:

I would move the funds to JTIP, however I find that JTIP seems to limit the industries that are covered. JTIP should be opened up to all industries that want to hire trade school candidates In addition how about a tax rebate for the citizens to spend with New Mexico businesses?

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

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)

I looked at parts of the business tax code, and found that after the first paragraph, I could not understand any of what would be needed to comply. Clearly only a tax professional could figure out the tax code.

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:

The use of a sales taxes which is paid by the customer (consumer) shows how much they are paying to the state of New Mexico. Firms with low profit margins and high production volumes that have to compete with firms in states without GRT would be at a disadvantage with a Gross Receipts 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?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

I am against any legislation that relaxes enforcement of New Mexico's laws as it relates to law and order. Bills such as Senate bill 96 which prohibits employers from asking a job applicant about their criminal convictions on job applications are not business friendly and can open the employer to liability lawsuits in the future.

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:

Research from M.I.T. has concluded an electrical energy system built on 100 percent wind, solar, and battery storage would be exponentially more expensive. Additionally, New Mexico would still need backup sources of electricity, like coal and natural gas plants, to be available when the wind is not blowing, or when the sun is not shining at night. As a result, New Mexicans must pay twice for electricity they use once. Eventually as these prices rise to the point where businesses that rely heavily on electricity will move to other states with lower electricity costs.

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:

New Mexico is a poor state and must do what it can to support its state tax revenue from Oil and Gas and preserving the Permanent Fund.

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

I am all for reduction of unnecessary regulation. I believe that many of the regulations hurt New Mexico businesses and are in place to promote another agenda..

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)

Please see above answer in #21

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:

The Permanent Fund was earmarked for Education. It should not be used for anything but lifting New Mexico education out of last place.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

Employers should offer these benefits to be competitive and not forced by the government.

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:

Studies have shown that increasing minimum wages does not help low income workers. It leads to fewer hours, and business need to raises prices which makes it just as hard for low income workers to buy what they need. So in the end low income workers are worse off.

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)

Just as Community Colleges are offering some programs in technical and trade related degrees, there should be more programs. There should be joint business and education committees that can plan on what areas the education institutions should focus on and how businesses can support these programs with internships. Once the interns graduate, apprentice positions will be offered so our youth can stay in New Mexico

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:

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New Mexico needs to attract businesses to our state. Programs such as (Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) and Job Training Incentive Programs (JTIP) are needed to attract business to the state and to have a pool of qualified candidates to fill job openings. However, the programs should not be so onerous such that businesses would consider states with less rigid requirements before New Mexico. New Mexico's LEDA and JTIP programs must be competitive with other states, so claw back requirements must be fair and not a hinderance.

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:

With a Convention of States the possibility of a runaway Convention is possible as when the Articles of Confederation were tossed out. I doubt we have Statesmen with the wisdom of our Founders to produce a better Constitution. Also, if we follow the Constitution as written and intentioned, we wouldn't need to consider an Article 5. We do have term limits - at every election; the issue is to have an educated and registered electorate.

Q29

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

Our Public Education System in New Mexico is the worst in the Nation. Education Reform and School Choice solves part of the problem. Administration is top heavy and our classrooms are teacher poor; the money should follow the student. Parents and teachers should make the decision on their children's education not politicians, bureaucrats and unions.
