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**Q9**

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

State Legislature Analyst 2018, volunteer to Adan Mendoza for SFC Sheriff campaign, volunteer to Ronald Trujillo for Mayor of Santa Fe campaign, Santa Fe Crimestoppers board member

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

Because 50 out of 50 is unacceptable. New Mexico has too much potential to continue such a poor National showing year after year.

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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**

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.

Yes (please explain):

I was arrested for stealing a 12 pack of beer when I was 19. I completed community service and paid a fine for this offense.

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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:

While I think some surplus revenue should be put in reserve funds, I would like to see grants or low interest loans given to citizens who want to open small businesses. Of course, our infrastructure should receive funding for road construction, repairing water lines, etc.

**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 :

The bulk of economic activity takes place in a handful of cities and regions. New Mexico is vast and a farmer in Rio Arriba isn't going to bring in the tax base of Albuquerque with its Balloon Fiesta or Santa Fe with tourism. Yet, these sparsely populated communities deserve a nice park for their children, reliable internet service, and good roads.

**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:

**3**  
In some areas I believe it's critical. But "completely?"

**Q17**

State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

**Other,**

Explain your answer:

Both. New Mexico must attract industry and businesses. We need jobs so our citizens can earn a living wage with benefits such as health insurance. Our GRT needs to be competitive with other states. We make exceptions for the film industry. Totally eliminating GRT and trying to recoup those funds through sales tax would put a burden on the individual citizen. This is a poor state so I think striking a balance is paramount.

**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:

No business wants to locate into a lawless community. Some corporations have stated they won't rebuild in places like Portland and Seattle and that makes sense. There went jobs and benefits for those citizens. We have to get control of Albuquerque, in particular.

**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:

An example of a needed mandate is the Child Labor laws. A mandate to not hire undocumented workers would be another. Paying these people under the table so a company doesn't have to pay payroll tax is wrong. The free market needs the chance to grow in New Mexico and that will mean lifting unreasonable mandates.

**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:

New Mexico needs revenue. Now more than ever. However, the land and water must be taken into serious consideration.

**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:

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Environmental regulations are needed, but not to the point where industries have the lifeblood drained from them and we lose employment opportunities.

**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)**

Over-regulation is a huge obstacle to industry and business. A review is in order, while we recognize that business focuses on profit and sometimes loses sight of the environment and the well-being of its human resources. Again, striking the balance.

**Q23**

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:

In most cases when asked this question, I would oppose. Given the state of affairs we have found ourselves in we truly might need more money this year. We don't know if our schools will be open, or to what degree, and we might need to provide state-wide Internet access. We might need to hire teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers without underlying health conditions. We just don't know. But I would not support this on a continual basis.

**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

These are benefits that employers use to attract quality employees. PTO and sick leave are not something that the government needs to be involved in.

**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:

The "happy medium" between the first two, heavy leaning toward the free market.

**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)**

This just can't happen soon enough. Some families don't have the money to send their children to college. Some children have no desire, maybe because of poor grades or they need to go to work after graduation. This is a huge crack for them to fall into. If they could leave high school with a marketable skill, with hope, I believe our state would see huge benefits across the board. Of course, we have to marry the trade with attracting employers.

**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:

**1 (critical)**

We should expect a positive return on our tax-paying citizens' investments. Every effort should be made in ensure the proper programs match the proper industry, and that an economic benefit to New Mexico is realized.

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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:

Six months ago my answer would have been "Yes." And I believe we need fiscal restraints and term-limits. However, with what I have witnessed in the last 3 months, the rioting and looting in many American cities, makes me question if the Federal Government should have more power. The governors and mayors in these cities are out of control and can not be reigned in to protect their constituents.

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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?

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**Respondent skipped this question**