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**Q9**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I grew up in the North Valley and chose to return to raise my kids here, but I am concerned about our future. I'm running for the New Mexico State Senate because I have always sought to be part of the solution and want our community to flourish. I couldn't sit on the sidelines any longer while too many students are struggling, too many of our neighbors are suffering from crime, and too many businesses are stifled by taxes and ineffective regulations.

**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.

**Q12**

Yes (please explain):

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

The great recession impacted our family income and we became overburdened.

**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.

**Q14**

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

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?

Please explain your answer:

If reserve funds are at sufficient levels, a rebate to New Mexico taxpayers should be considered.

**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 :

Other: Capital outlay funds should be spent in a fair and transparent manner that contributes toward long-term economic growth and development of our state.

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**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)

**1 (Critical)**

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**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:

The New Mexico tax code must be reformed so that it no longer hinders job creation and economic growth in our state.

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**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**

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**Q19**

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

Please explain your position:

By and large, businesses should be left to make decisions in the best interests of their owners, employees, and customers. Any mandates on businesses should have a clearly defined goal to benefit the public interest and be done in a way that meets these goals without causing an undue burden on the business owners, employees, and customers.

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**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?

**Other,**

Please briefly explain your answer:

Effective land and resource management should enable extractive industries to maximize job growth and generate revenue for our state while also protecting the environment.

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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:

**1 (Critical)**

Environmental regulations should protect our land, air, and water without killing jobs or harming the ability of regulated industries to generate tax revenue.

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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)

**1 (critical)**

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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?

Please explain your answer:

The Land Grant Permanent Fund belongs to future generations of New Mexicans. Any efforts to increase the distributions must be highly scrutinized to ensure they do not deplete the fund in a way that is detrimental to these future generations.

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**Q24**

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

**Oppose**

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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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**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)

**1 (Critical)**

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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)

**1 (critical)**

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**Q28**

**Yes**

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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**Q29**

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

I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve our district in a way that is responsive to the needs of families and small businesses. New Mexico faces many challenges and solving them won't be easy. Now more than ever we need leaders who know the meaning of hard work - and who respect their constituents. Turning our state around is possible, but I need your help to make it happen. Please visit [www.michaela4nmsenate.com](http://www.michaela4nmsenate.com) to learn more about my campaign, sign up to volunteer or make a contribution.

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