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

I previously ran for a Magistrate Judge position, but was unsuccessful. I have always supported the Republican party in anyway that I can and I have volunteered in my community whenever asked to do so.

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Why are you seeking this office?

I am fed up with the fact that New Mexico has not had good stewardship from the political party that has been in charge in Santa Fe for almost 100 years. I am tired of appearing last or close to the bottom in all the important benchmarks for a state. New Mexicans deserve better than this, we need a change in leadership for our state. I decided to stop complaining about the issues and wanted to try to work to make something happen to help ALL New Mexicans.

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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.

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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:

I think that if we want to improve the lives of ALL New Mexicans we have to begin by making our state a more welcoming place to visit and do business. When the infrastructure is poor in your state, such as poorly maintained roads, bridges and parks, it hurts the atmosphere of the state. It is critical to work towards making our state a place where businesses know they can come to not just to survive, but to thrive.

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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 :

ALL New Mexicans need to thrive and until we distribute the funds equally we will continue to have areas that perform poorly and have New Mexicans that aren't able to even survive. The playing field needs to be equal for all if we hope to have any expectation of improving New Mexico at all.

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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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The punitive nature of the state tax code is not in the favor of helping businesses thrive so that they can pay their workers more and reinvest in themselves to grow.

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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?

Sales Tax,

Explain your answer:

I prefer to have sales tax because the state is then completely transparent for the amount they are collecting from their citizens.

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:

We need to be honest with ourselves, if the citizens of New Mexico don't feel safe, how can we expect businesses to want to stay here or come here to do business in New Mexico. It is also critical for the people in New Mexico to begin to take personal accountability when they end up in court; a catch and release protocol is just enabling bad behavior to follow more bad behavior. We must be accountable for ourselves or we will never get to a point where we can attract businesses and industries. Businesses have to spend an inordinate amount of money to protect themselves from crime and these policies make that cost continue to rise further and further.

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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.

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Please explain your position:

Businesses must be allowed the ability for maximum profit and growth. While it is understandable that some regulations are necessary for safety and preservation of resources, businesses have the ability to ensure profit and growth without sacrificing best practices.

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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?

Yes,

Please briefly explain your answer:

Without oil and gas producers and the monetary budget support they give New Mexico, we will never thrive. Effective land and resource management can be accomplished while also accomplishing good business practices for oil and gas producers.

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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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It is important to maintain some environmental regulation to safeguard the resources of New Mexico, it would hardly be prudent to just abandon all caution and not protect the beauty of our state. However, over regulation of our state can cause further damage as well, California is a prime example of this. They have not correctly managed their resources and their state is suffering due to it.

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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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This should be a 5, it should not be necessary to regulate behavior of citizens, but the sad fact is that it is a necessary reality. Just as we protect citizens from businesses, we must protect businesses from citizens as well. It needs to be a balance of the two sides, if the citizens are going to begin to thrive in our state, our businesses must be successful and the two must work together and work together well.

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:

Before I could support an increase in distribution, I would want a better use of these funds. A hard look needs to be taken to prove that we are getting results for the money that we have been spending on schools and universities. Our government needs to run like a business far better, we cannot continue to just throw money at schools and still end up at the bottom of the educational system. We must get our spending measured for results and then look at how we can better prepare the children of our state to be career ready.

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

Oppose,

Comments:

This decision should be left up to the individual business and industry. Each have their own unique challenges, it should then be up to a business to incentivize their employees with benefit packages that are beneficial to the business and the employee so as to attract and retain quality employees that will help their business be successful.

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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

Please explain your answer:

Not all jobs performed are worthy of a minimum wage, businesses want to have good quality workers and will pay great wages to get them. A minimum wage should reflect the minimum not the desired.

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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)

I do not just believe that our higher learning institutions need to do this, but our elementary, middle and high schools need to do this as well. I believe that all New Mexican kids both deserve and must have the best educational experience the state can provide. Starting with investments in early childhood and vocational education to help prepare kids for whichever path they choose. Whether college bound or preparing for a vocational job that is based in manual or practical trade related activities. Kids that can graduate job ready are crucial. The success of our state and its businesses and its attractiveness to new businesses is critical in our ability to have a great trained workforce. Kids in New Mexico will be far more successful if we begin setting goals for them to achieve early.

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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)

For the LEDA and JTIP programs to succeed we must be accountable to the system that provided the monies to the businesses. However, the mandatory achievement requirements need to be reasonable and attainable for the individuals and the businesses. The goal for all of these programs must be to help our state thrive and get out of the bottom.

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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:

I think again the issue becomes accountability for ourselves, our leaders and our government. I think not only does this need to happen at the federal level, but the state and local government levels as well.

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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?

I am New Mexico for New Mexico!