



# NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

## 2021 Albuquerque City Council Candidates Survey

**Candidate Name:** Lori Robertson

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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Candidate for what office?

City Council

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District #:

District 7

Q9

What is your campaign website or other online access so voters can learn more about you and your positions?

[www.LoriRobertsonABQ.com](http://www.LoriRobertsonABQ.com)

Q10

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

No past political activities! No agenda, just standing up for our community!

Q11

Why are you seeking this office?

My real estate background plus my volunteer work with homelessness gives me a no-nonsense approach to solving issues with less regulation. My goal is to bring balance to the community, work together regardless of political affiliation and propel our citizens forward while creating a safe environment for all to thrive.

Q12

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.

No

Q13

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

No

Q14

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

Q15

Do you believe that the crime rate in Albuquerque negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

Yes

Please explain your answer:

Absolutely, crime impacts Albuquerque businesses! Currently, Albuquerque businesses are taking the brunt of our crime issue and they should not be expected to pay the cost associated with our lack of law and order. We need to support our APD officers, provide them with the tools to enforce the law and elect officials that will hold citizens accountable for their actions.

Q16

How would you make the citizens of Albuquerque safer?

We must be advocates for our community by supporting pro-public safety legislation, revise case management orders, revise the bail bond amendment and lobby for keeping repeat offenders behind bars. City Council must work diligently with the mayor to increase manning levels and morale within APD. Lowering our city's crime rate and improving our education system must be top priorities if we want Albuquerque to prosper. These are large challenges and can't be solved overnight but there is much to be learned from neighboring cities who are having success with change.

Q17

What is your position on Albuquerque being a 'Sanctuary City'?

Oppose

Please explain your answer.:

Giving special rights/laws to subgroups of the community does not work. We all must be held accountable for our actions and follow the law, with no exceptions.

Q18

On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that elected leaders become more involved in doing whatever is necessary to have the court ordered Consent Decree covering Albuquerque Police Department ended?

1 (Critical)

Briefly explain your answer:

The DOJ agreement should be modified to include an exit strategy. The tax payers in Albuquerque are currently paying over a millions dollars a year for the DOJ oversight. It is not only costing taxpayers money but destroying the morale within APD. We must have a plan to complete the strategies implemented by the DOJ and move forward. Our community can not continue the negative narrative on the police force. We must work diligently to keep the bad apples out of our police force but we need to move forward and support law enforcement and allow them to do their job and uphold the law.

Q19

If the city experiences a budget deficit or a decline in revenue as it has in the recent past, what would you propose to balance the budget or otherwise address declining revenues?

Albuquerque has implemented too many "political pet projects" over the years without any long term planning. We must quit throwing good money after bad and re-evaluate programs and projects that are not successful.

Q20

What is your position on government mandates (paid time off, scheduling, minimum wages, etc.) as they apply to businesses?

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I oppose government mandates and am in support of less regulation from city, state and federal agencies. Our small businesses are hanging on by a thread through the COVID pandemic and we can not mandate additional burdens on small businesses.

Q21

On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that City Councilors thoroughly review ordinances and regulations to determine usefulness in regards to best serving citizens without unnecessarily overburdening business?

1 (critical)

Please explain your answer:

Small businesses are the backbone of our community. Common ground found through sincere communication is key to any long-term solution. We need to meet in the middle and work together as a cohesive unit to better Albuquerque. Respect for one another and our willingness to learn will be the strengths that move our city forward.

Q22

Do you support or oppose using Albuquerque resident's tax dollars to build a new soccer stadium?

Oppose

Please explain your answer:

The voters of Albuquerque will determine whether I support or oppose the stadium on November 2nd. If approved by the voters, we need to make sure we do our due diligence, and the location should be chosen based on the economic feasibility of the site. Multiple sites should be considered and studied to determine the best fit for our city. I don't feel the city has given the voters enough information to make an educated decision on the stadium. I would like to see more clarity and transparency. I chose "Oppose" to this answer based on District 7 constituent feedback. I have talked with thousands of District 7 community members and the majority have been against the stadium, however I believe more people would support the stadium if more effort was made to be transparent and ensure long term goals were upheld and abided by.

Q23

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

Albuquerque is uniquely diverse in its population. We need to pull together as a whole and celebrate our differences, remain curious and give each other grace. The city needs to come together as a whole and work for the betterment of all. We must stop all the negativity and find respect for one another to move forward in a positive way. We need to support APD, bolster local businesses and create a sense of pride in our city.