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2021 Albuquerque City Council Candidates Survey

Candidate Name: Louie Sanchez

Q2

Political Party Affiliation:
Democrat

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Candidate for what office?
City Council

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District #:
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Q9

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

louiesanchezforabq.com

Q10

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

This is my first time seeking political office. I am a retired police officer for APD.

Q11

Why are you seeking this office?

Various community leaders reached out to me asking if I would run. I had no political aspirations, but the westside needed someone to step up and address this crime crisis.

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:

Crime and homelessness are stifling Albuquerque's economy. It hurts our existing businesses and also deters new ones from coming in. As city councilor, I would fight to recruit and retain officers to address the crime crisis. I would also fight to rework the IDO, to make it more clear and time sensitive to attract new business.

Q16

How would you make the citizens of Albuquerque safer?

Council can pressure the Mayor's Office to enforce quality-of-life issues that APD currently is not, such as shoplifting, criminal trespassing, and human trafficking. This needs to happen immediately to let criminals know these actions will no longer be tolerated.

Q17

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

Oppose

Please explain your answer:

It pits the residents against the immigrants. Residents feel the immigrants are taking their jobs we should all work together for success. And everyone should be treated equally as far as crime is concerned. We are all equal under the law.

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:

We have to make progress and work with the DOJ but we have to stand up to them when an item is unreasonable or may put the officer in danger or put the department in a bad situation. We need to confirm items are checked off and done and hold DOJ from continuing to move the goal post.

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?

I do not support raising taxes. I would look into more responsible fiscal spending.

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:

As a small business owner I know the first 3 years in business are critical to the sustainability of the business. Burdening these companies with these costly ordinances is unfairly punishing the little guys. I support local, small businesses to strengthen our city's economy.

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:

As I have already touched upon, ordinances can be very burdensome to businesses. As your city council I would look at these ordinances from the perspective of a small business owner and make sure ordinances and regulations are fair to all stakeholders.

Q22

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

Oppose

Please explain your answer:

If tax payers vote to approve funding the stadium, I would support strong language in the lease agreement that ensures the team has skin in the game. I would support strong claw back measures.

Q23

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

I was born, raised and educated in District 1, not a recent transplant. I know the needs of our neighborhood because I have lived in it for 56 years. I have 26 years' experience fighting crime, our No. 1 issue. I am the only choice for the West Side.