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2021 Albuquerque City Council Candidates Survey

Candidate Name: Renee Grout

Q2 Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

Q3 Candidate for what office?

City Council

Q4 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?

Vote.ReneeGrout.com

Q10 What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

I vote in all elections. I have been a volunteer in past elections, block walking and working at the polls. I have been a leader in our community for more than 40 years having served in various capacities in local non-profit and national organizations.

Q11 Why are you seeking this office?

I love Albuquerque but I don't like what has become of my hometown. Sadly, crime and homelessness are plaguing our beautiful city. I'm running for City Council because I love Albuquerque and believe we can create a city where jobs are plentiful, crime is low and the quality of life is high. We need Common Sense Leadership to return to this city I love.

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 it does! Criminals are running this city, because they are allowed to commit crimes without facing any real consequences. As a small business owner, I have been vandalized 4 times in the last 4 years. We must start enforcing ALL of the laws, including shoplifting, loitering, vagrancy and prostitution. Our city needs to have the crime and homelessness issues under control in order to attract new businesses, industries and families to our city.

Q16 How would you make the citizens of Albuquerque safer?

We need to support our police officers. The city needs to provide a healthy supportive environment. Our police need to know they are appreciated. Recruiting and retaining the very best will improve when they are supported. Also, police need to be able to enforce ALL of the laws including shoplifting, loitering, vagrancy and prostitution.

Q17 What is your position on Albuquerque being a 'Sanctuary City'?

Oppose

Please explain your answer:

We need to work with government agencies including ICE in deporting criminal illegal immigrants.

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)

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?

Cut expenses. Balance the budget.

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:

We've seen incredible increases in minimum wages due to great employee/employer relationships. A perfect example of this is Walmart. I am glad to see employees with higher wages.

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)

Q22 Do you support or oppose using Albuquerque resident's tax dollars to build a new soccer stadium?

Oppose

Q23 Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I love Albuquerque and I'm committed to making it a better safer place for us, our children and our grandchildren.