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

Deputy Secretary in charge of Policy, Legislative Affairs, Operation, Department of Veteran Services (NMDVS)
Vice President of Santiago Neighborhood HOA

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Why are you seeking this office?

After talking to many of my neighbors, people are not happy with the direction this state is headed in. With my experience in advocating for veterans and their families for 25 years, I feel I am very qualified to advocate for the residents of Rio Rancho and Bernalillo. I have a passion to serve others and look forward to serve every constituent in my district.

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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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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 as well as one-time, non-recurring expenditures, such as road construction, infrastructure, expansion, ... etc. What do you think is most important for New Mexico to do when there is surplus revenue?

Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds

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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

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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:

1 (Critical)
Businesses are suffering under the onerous GRT program. A total overhaul of our tax code is absolutely necessary if we are to compete with other states for manufacturing, high tech industries that could take advantage of our scientific, DoD, as well as DoE enterprises located around the state. Instead of the confusing GRT system, we need to move to a simple sales tax system to make it easier for businesses and consumers.

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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:
The GRT system with its pyramiding tax and other specialized exemptions are difficult to navigate especially for small businesses that are fighting to survive after the widespread closures during COVID. A simple sales tax system would be easier to manage and make this state more business friendly, especially for small "mom and pop" shops.

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Crime: Do you believe that the crime rate and the court's sentencing of criminals in New Mexico negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

Yes,
Please explain your answer:
Who wants to open a business or move a business to New Mexico when we have become a sanctuary for criminals. They know that no matter what crimes they commit, they will get a slap on the wrist and let out of jail in a matter of hours or days. They have no fear of punishment with the current system in place.

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Crime: What are your thoughts on the 2016 Constitutional Amendment, Denial of Bail for Certain Felonies, and its impact on the state?

Other,

Please explain your position:

This amendment needs to be fixed and clear and concise direction for judges need to be enacted. Right now, criminals are getting out with no bail and judges feel frustrated because they are shackled by the current law and are getting blamed for the rise in crime.

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Government Mandates: What is your position on general government mandates on business operations?

I oppose government mandates on general business operations because these decisions should be left to business owners on how they run their business.

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Energy: NM's oil and gas producers were largely responsible for the dramatic increase in state tax revenue. 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:

We are a oil and gas rich state and we are not taking advantage of this like other states are doing. New Mexico has the second largest reserves in the county and the current rules are hindering the extraction and processing of fossil fuels. If our State would work with the industry and allow them to implement their own clean extractions and remediations, this state could turn the corner and have one of the strongest economies in the country.

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Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that environmental regulations be increased/expanded from current levels to protect New Mexico's land, air, and water?

(no label)

Briefly explain your answer:

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New Mexico needs water but I oppose the land grab being made by the state and federal governments. New Mexico has long been a state that valued private land ownership. Private citizens can do a better job of protecting our environment if the government would just get out of the way and let them do it. The fossil fuel industry has high standards and can police themselves without the government interference. They are working on newer remediation programs, site clean up, and carbon recapture programs. Let's get out of the way and let their scientists implement these programs in order to get our economy back to recovery.

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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:

We are currently distributing millions in Land Grant Funds. By decimating this fund, we are making it harder for our children to have the ability to fund programs in the future. The current estimate of a 6% ROI would not keep pace with the proposed reductions and would eventually have a negative effect on the funds available for future generatoins.

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

Oppose,

Comments:

These decisions should be left to the employer and let the market set these benefits. For example, if an employee feel they can get a better deal with another company, then they have the opportunity to seek employment where ever they desire. By having the government mandate these benefits, we are moving away from a free market system where the individual business makes these decisions to a socialistic system. This is not what our founding fathers envisioned for the future. All we need to do is look at Venezuela, a once prosperous economy under a capitalistic system that was taken over by the socialist government and now rampant poverty is the norm.

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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

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Please explain your answer:

Once again, I support the free market system. If an employee is not satisfied with their rate of pay, they can seek other employment and find out their own market value. For example, if Joe's Burgers is paying \$8/hr and Tim's Burgers across the street pays \$8.25/hr, then Joe's employees are free to apply with Tim. The market will fix itself when Joe realizes that in order to keep employees he needs to raise his wages by \$.25 or hire new people.

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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)

If New Mexico is to grow, we are going to need skilled labor. Not everyone is cut out to be a doctor or lawyer, and most times, a plumber or electrician can earn as much without the burden of hundred of thousands of dollars in student debt.

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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)

If we are to continue with these programs, we as a state need to be able to recuperate those funds if the requirements of time, jobs created, local employees, and other earmarks are not met. If not, then this is just a gift without an expected return.

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What is your opinion of sanctuary status for the state of New Mexico?

Sanctuary status violates federal and state law and should not be an option for New Mexico

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Please explain your answer:

I believe in the humane treatment of everyone, but if you are here ILLEGALLY, you should not have more rights than the average citizen and especially those who migrated to our state in the prescribed legal avenue. We are a nation of immigrants, legal immigrants. Criminals should be held accountable for their actions.

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Currently the governor can extend emergency declarations/orders 30 indefinitely. Do you support or oppose new legislation requiring legislative approval of any executive 'emergency' declaration beyond 60 days?

Other (please specify):

There needs to be a balance of power, that is how our Democratic Republic was set up.

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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?

New Mexico is a great state with great people. It is time that we elect people who will protect our rights and values and not seek elected office simply for personal gain or power. We are a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people". For far too long now, it has been a government of the few, by the few, and for the few, and everyone else needs to get in line.

New Mexicans are tired of coming in last in every measurable, economy, education, public safety, and quality of life. We need to elect people who will do more than make undelivered promises, pretend to be moderates, "run to the middle, and vote to the left". We need a government that will protect our rights, improve our quality of life, educate our children instead of indoctrinating them, a government that cares if we can afford to buy bread, fuel our cars, afford to buy a home, raise our children and encourage them to excel, instead of telling them that because of their zip code, they have no hope, we need a government that will reward hard work and help those in need to get back on their feet and improve their own lives instead of keeping them bound by government assistance.

We can do better, we need to do better, we will do better, because when we work together as citizens of our Great State, we can do great things, New Mexicans deserve nothing less.
