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

2020 Rep Nominee for HD52

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Why are you seeking this office?

Our state is at a crossroads, we need new leadership in Santa Fe that is business-friendly-has real solutions for inflation and education- control the border and the curb rapidly increasing crime in our communities.

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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.

Yes (please explain):

Foreman Transport, small trucking company-we owned semi-trucks and ran a family business. It was one of the greatest learning experiences of my life.

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

No

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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.

No

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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?

Non-recurring investments aimed at improving specific aspects of our state

Please explain your answer:

I also believe in keeping a solid reserve and protecting the bond rating of our state. I believe the best way to do this is by cutting taxes and regulation, expanding business and allowing tax revenues to increase with a growing economy.

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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 :

I believe that allowing funding to be based upon tenure or position can lead to fraud and corruption. While each representative should have equal proportions, I also recognize that each of our 33 counties have different needs

Q16

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)

There are many weaknesses in our current tax code, among just a few are the continued taxation of Social Security and Veterans benefits and the need to reform GRT taxes.

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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 first step in controlling taxes is greater accountability in government spending. Once this has begun, taxes can be softened at all levels making businesses more competitive and allowing working people more disposable income to help their families.

Q18

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:

Living in southern New Mexico with uncontrolled borders has increased crime in Las Cruces and our rural communities at a rate that we have never seen before. It is out of control and local authorities seem to be disinterested in any real solution.

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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?

It has been detrimental to the state by putting dangerous criminals back on the streets

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

Other (please specify):

While some reasonable regulations are always needed, heavy-handed/ top-down mandates such as we have seen the past three and a half years have ruined many businesses and driven many jobs out of our state.

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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:

While there is a reasonable role for renewables, the backbone of our energy independence and our state economy is gas and oil. When elected, I will be a strong supporter of free enterprise and the gas and oil industry.

Q22

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:

5 (Unimportant)

I am a conservationist, thus I believe in being good stewards of the beautiful state and resources God has given us here in New Mexico. However in this process, extremes need to be avoided that are often driven by political agendas instead of sound economic or conservation principles.

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:

Historically when we have had strong bond ratings it has been based much the strength of our Permanent Fund. To overuse in this area will negatively affect bond ratings and drive away potential investors to our state.

Q24

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

Oppose,

Comments:

When we allow free enterprise and competition, wages and benefits are always on the increase as employers seek to retain and recruit quality employees. I believe it's the role of the market, not government to set the tone for economic growth and prosperity.

Q25

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

Q26

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)

While I am the superintendent of a college preparatory school in Las Cruces, I also believe that each of our 33 counties should have a vocational school. NM has the highest high school dropout rate in America which can be greatly reduced as we train a new generation of skilled workers to stay in our state and help build NM economically.

Q27

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)

I am all for anything that helps our businesses and young people succeed in our state. However, whether it be in business or education I'm also a strong supporter of accountability. I believe programs and schools that work and can show tangible results deserve funding, those that don't - do not.

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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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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):

We've seen our governor clearly abuse emergency powers and make decisions financially and politically without accountability of the legislature, or local communities. This is an abuse of power by the Executive and it must be stopped.

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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?

As a former small business owner, I understand what it's like to sign both sides of a paycheck. I understand what it's like to risk any security that my family has and put it on the line to start a small business. I also understand what it's like to sweat, get my hands dirty and work long hours to be successful in business. I have great respect for those who are doing the same, or have the desire to do so. They will always have my support.

I believe in smaller government, lower taxes and less regulation. I believe in unleashing the incredible potential of our state for economic growth and development. Good government should clear the pathway for business success, not intentionally create barriers to success.
