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Phone number

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**Q9**

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

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

To bring new and proven leadership to my district and New Mexico.

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**Q11**

**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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**Q12**

**No**

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

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**Q13**

**No**

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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**Q14**

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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Please explain your answer:

We need to ensure we meet our requirement of reserve funds. Then from there we can start funding capital improvement plans.

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**Q15**

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 :

We need to help our rural and underserved communities in New Mexico. Belen and Meadow Lake struggle with things like lighting and waste water plant improvements. Although, I don't think it should be distributed entirely equally as Albuquerque and bigger cities deserve bigger piece of the pie since they bring in more revenue. But we each serve an almost equal amount of people in each district and people have needs in smaller communities and deserve a good quality of life.

**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:

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Our state relies on oil and gas revenue, while our municipalities rely on local GRT. As long as the restructuring doesn't affect the municipalities life blood, then I'm willing to work together with other legislatures to make GRT not so burdensome on our citizens and businesses across the state.

**Q17**

State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

**Other,**

Explain your answer:

I am in favor of GRT for municipalities, I'm willing to move New Mexico taxes to a sales tax, it'll be easier on services across the state.

**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:

Yes, it doesn't only affect business directly like robberies. It affects business indirectly when repeat offenders continue to terrorize communities.

**Q19**

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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Please explain your position:

We NEED reform on the state level. Especially for repeat offenders.

**Q20**

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

**Some mandates are acceptable but should be formulated through a review process that assures goals are met while not hindering or impeding business operations.**

**Q21**

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**

**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:

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I don't think any new oil and gas should come to our communities. I don't want our water being poisoned. My district is full of farmers. But we shouldn't add restrictive measures that will hurt our state economy.

**Q23**

Land Grant Permanent Fund: Do you support or oppose increased distributions (above the current 5%) from the Land Grant Permanent Fund?

**Support,**

Please explain your answer:

I'm huge on education. We need our schools to be properly funded.

**Q24**

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

**Oppose,**

Comments:

I'll support in some cases but for small business this can be detrimental.

**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**

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Please explain your answer:

We're not a huge state with the best economy. Mandating minimum wage on small businesses is a killer. I'll oppose any future increases.

**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)

**1 (Critical)**

Explain your reasoning:

We need more people in tech and trade!

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**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)

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**Q28**

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:

This is not a priority for me. My priority is the citizens of my district. Let the cities that want to be a sanctuary city be a sanctuary city.

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**Q29**

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?

**Oppose**

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**Q30**

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

Please feel free to check out my website, it has everything I'd like to say on there. [dannybernaljr.com](http://dannybernaljr.com)

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