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

I was elected to the Las Vegas City School Board and I served three terms. I served as President of the BOE as well as Region three President. I served as President of the New Mexico School Boards Association for two terms. I served as Board President with the Rio Rancho Board of Education. I serve as the President of the Sandoval Ethics Commission. I volunteer coach with Rio Rancho High School Boys Basketball since 2015. I also volunteer coach at a T-ball manager for our local little league.

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Why are you seeking this office?

I am running for the office of House of Representative in district 23 to be your Representative because I feel that today's political climate has limited its access to our voters, small business, and our workforce. We must put people first! If our elected officials would back up their beliefs and opinions with action, our state would not be having the problems we are facing today. New Mexicans are dealing with very difficult times. We are all struggling to pay our bills. We find increased prices at the grocery store, pharmacy, gas pumps, and rent. On top of that, the pandemic has dealt a huge blow to our small businesses which employ 53% of our workforce. I have a proven track record of energizing disenfranchised voters by continuing to reach out to them and bring them to the table. For New Mexico to move into the future, we must invest in ALL NEW MEXICANS regardless of party. I will not need to learn on the job, my past 20 years of leadership experience in New Mexico working with the taxpayers and constituents has prepared me to take on the challenge of moving our district and our state forward.

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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.

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?

Other,

Please explain your answer:

The state of New Mexico must learn how to stop over spending money that we don't have. They continue to throw money at issues without taking time to see what the root causes are. Given the increase revenue coming in to the state budget due to oil and gas it should be used towards infrastructure needs around the state. We also need to look at putting revenue into the reserve fund due to the economy not being steady at this point. We need to be smart with this money to make sure we are taking care of New Mexicans basic needs while dealing with the non-recurring needs such as roads, water, and sewer systems. We must look at helping the underserved while continuing to improve our educational system we are still rank at the bottom in education and throwing more money at the issues has not helped improve outcomes. We must reevaluate how we are spending taxpayers' dollars in this state the lack of transparency is at an all-time low. Speaking with business owners they feel we need to deal with the negative business aspects of the GRT that is hurting small business. The existence of a major surplus can be used to transform the current code while protecting against risk that the reformed system will generate less money than the old one.

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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 :

We need to make sure that the state properly utilizes the dollars they need from the budget process. Building the state budget must be transparent so we all know where our tax dollars will be spent. We need to make sure that the recurring dollars meet the needs of the state and the needs of all New Mexicans. The nonrecurring dollars we need to make sure that we are transparent on how those dollars are spent within our district. We need to make sure as a legislature that we have a true understanding of the needs with in our district and how we expect to meet those needs. In my district I have aging infrastructure from water, roads and aging schools that are in need of major upgrading.

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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:

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The tax code in New Mexico needs to be completely overhauled. I would move to pass legislation to help make New Mexico a more business friendly state and look at ways to reduce over regulated policies that are hurting our small business. We need to incentivize business who want to relocate to New Mexico. Also, by having pro-business policies will help keep New Mexicans from closing their business or wanting to relocate to other business friendly states.

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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?

Other,

Explain your answer:

According to local business owners our state has a burdensome tax code that is negatively impacting our business. I personally believe that we must overhaul our GRT and look at ways to improve our system with businesses and taxpayers in mind. This will not be an easy undertaking but the work must begin now. A sales tax would be levied on the buyer not the seller those are areas we must look at to see what the pros and cons would look like.

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 definitely, All New Mexicans deserves to live in safe community without fear of being a victim to a crime. I would propose legislation to stop the revolving door that we are currently seeing in our state. I will push to enforce our state laws and hold criminals accountable for their actions. We must support our local law enforcement officers by enforcing our state laws that will keep violent criminals behind bars and off of our street. If we continue to see the crime increase, we will have a harder time recruiting business to our state and we will start to see more New Mexicans leave our beautiful state.

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

Please explain your position:

Once again, we must hold violent criminals accountable for their actions and we must do everything legal to keep these violent criminals off of our streets and away from our families. We need to address the issues the courts are having when it comes to keeping felon's behind bars. The revolving door has been very detrimental to our state and the criminals have taken full advantage of the disfunction. Must come back to the table and fix all the loopholes this constitutional amendment has left out.

Q20

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

Other (please specify):

I believe we need to limit government overreach and policies that negatively impact our local businesses. I feel we need to make sure that all stakeholders are at the table to help draft up policies that will help keep the community safe and provide a living wage to all employees. We saw many businesses close or take a huge financial hit during COVID and this really brought out the important issues we must address moving forward. This pandemic was not only detrimental to the business owners but their employees as well. Many New Mexicans lost their livelihoods and struggled to pay their bills and keep their family's feed.

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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?

Other,

Please briefly explain your answer:

The oil and gas industry has been a significant part of our economy and we depend on it heavily since a very large portion of the state budget is funded by oil and gas. When oil price is high the states revenues are good, but when the price is low, our state suffers financially. That's why we need to look at alternative source so we don't only rely on oil and gas. We need to continue to work on a long-range plan that will provide alternative options for our state while working with the oil and gas industry to clean up greenhouse emissions and methane pollution. It doesn't have to be one or the other and we must not forget how much oil and gas has done for our state. We can work with everyone to make sure we are maximizing production while supporting keeping our lands and air clean and safe.

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:

1 (Critical)

All New Mexicans deserve to live in a state that has clean air, quality drinking water and clean lands. We all must do our part to protect our environment. Once again we must have all the stakeholders at the table to make sure that we are doing everything in our power to protect our state precocious resources, citizens and environment without enforcing unnecessary regulations.

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:

I would oppose any increase above the current 5% distribution from the Land Grant Permanent Funds. We need to make sure that we can continue to provide the land grants with resources so they can develop their lands for agricultural and economic development purposes. We must protect their integrity and culture of the areas and the land they represent.

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

Other,

Comments:

I don't agree with government overreach what I do support is bringing all the stakeholders to the table so we can create sensible polices/laws that provide employees with a stable work place that takes into consideration an employee's well-being. I do support businesses looking at ways to provide their employees with paid sick leave and time off to help to care for themselves or loved ones. We must partner with our business so that we get a true understanding how these mandates have negatively impacted their businesses. Mandatory mandates pits one against the other and that will never produce a positive outcome. Having a working strong partnership will help stop the unnecessary regulations.

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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.

Please explain your answer:

There at least needs to be a minimum threshold so that people's quality of life would be able to be sustained. From this point it would be up to the private sector to determine what the compensation would be set for their employees above the threshold. We need to make sure that the public sector would be able to make those adjustments as well. Due to inflation and costs going up the private and public sectors have been looking at ways to increase compensation to help provide for their employees and continue to provide services. We currently have full time employees who still need state assistance for their basic needs and I would like visit the root causes of this issues. I do support a living wage for all New Mexicans so that's why it's important for state government to partner with our business community so together we can work on building a better New Mexico.

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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)

We must go back to the basic when our community colleges once offered technical and trade related courses that allowed students to have a certificate in a trade before they graduated high school. Now we have two-year institutions competing against the four-year institutions for the same students. Not all students are going to college so by offering trades and technical courses we will allow them to have an option to go straight to the work force. We need to allow school boards to continue to oversee their budgets to make sure that our tax dollars are reaching the classrooms. We must hold our local school districts accountable for student outcomes. The coronavirus pandemic closed schools for one third of the 2019–20 school year, which created major challenges for the children of New Mexico. Our children have suffered academically, as well as socially and emotionally. Students and teachers shifted from face-to-face learning to virtual learning. This shift created a lack of academic support as well as a lack of technological resources to help our educators conduct online classes. We must revamp PED/Higher Ed the revolving door at the leadership position is alarming and we must do more to help our students be successful in school or in the workforce.

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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:

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I do support LEDA the partnership between the private business sector and the government I feel this will help to support economic development efforts here in New Mexico. I feel I would need to do more research on the JTIP program to see what areas can be improved and what issues the states faces with this program.

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

Please explain your answer:

I believe we must help immigrants who are in need of help and fleeing horrible situations but we must do so by following the laws that are currently in place. We must work to fix our broken immigration system that places a huge burden on taxpayers to help cover the costs that come with it. I feel the money that we spend on this issue can be spent on our local taxpayers needs like education and public safety. This is one issue that seems to get kicked down the road election after election with no action. Immigration is not going away they are looking for a better future for themselves and their loved ones, but we still need to follow the law and we must make sure that through the correct process we help families in need while keeping the criminals from coming in.

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?

Other (please specify):

I feel that the legislature should have the opportunity to vote on any emergency executive order beyond the 60 days. It's important to be transparent since taxpayers' dollars would be spent to help with the emergency.

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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?

I will support legislation that provides resources to our small businesses in New Mexico. I will support policies that allows our businesses to grow without excess regulation and high taxes to stifle entrepreneurship. New Mexican business owners will not grow the jobs and technologies of the future. Today's shortsighted policies are hurting our children's future. New Mexicans are calling for policies to promote growth. We need to really look at the root causes of how regulations that negatively impact our small businesses and prevents them from succeeding. The state must have an office that is ready at all times to help deal with issues that our small business face on daily basis.
