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

I have worked on various campaigns from Janice Arnold-Jones for Congress in 2012 to Brook Bassan for City Council. I have previously run for House District 27 in 2020 and 2018.

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Why are you seeking this office?

As I knocked on doors and spoke with thousands of people over the years, I was shocked to hear from so many that want to leave this state or whose children have already left the state because of the lack of opportunity. I want to be part of the movement that changes the environment of New Mexico so people want to come here, not leave.

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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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Please explain your answer:
State revenues can be variable because we lack economic stability and diversity, so I favor building 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)

Our current tax system discourages business from moving to New Mexico thereby depriving our citizens greater access to the prosperity provided by the free market enterprise system. The tax burden needs to be more equitably distributed among a broad base.

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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:
I believe the GRT discourages growth in the business community by taxing productivity and punishing smaller businesses. It also fosters an environment for special interests to maintain any GRT exemptions they may have procured over the years. I prefer a lower rate sales tax spread over a large base of taxpayers.

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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:
Law enforcement has lost control over crime. Anybody coming into New Mexico is going to want to know that there are safe places and communities where they can live and conduct business. The high homicide rate in Albuquerque and the amount of loss incurred by business caused by criminals walking out of stores with stolen merchandise has reached crisis levels.

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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

Please explain your position:

As with almost any situation in a state dominated by one political party, we find ourselves careening from one problem to another, very often created by the solution to the problem. We have democrat judges hearing cases presented by a democrat District Attorney and defended by democrat defense attorneys. These entities seem to have more interest in achieving some sort of social justice instead of justice for the victims or the community. It is not a surprise then, that the criminal justice apparatus seems more concerned with the offender's condition than the impact of the offender on the community when he gets released.

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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 have figured out ways to use these natural resources that create so many benefits for our society and have created so much wealth while minimizing any negative environmental impacts. Failure to effectively exploit these resources would be a crime against our citizens.

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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:

5 (Unimportant)

Successful regulation depends on maintaining a balance that offers reasonable protection to the environment while, at the same time, allowing economic development. We seem to be out of balance now to protect the environment at any cost.

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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:

1. Responsible distribution levels from any fund needs to be 5% or less in order to protect the body of the fund. 2. Radical interest groups are trying to use the Permanent Fund to increase government involvement in areas where the government does not belong.

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

Oppose,

Comments:

Businesses need the flexibility to respond to market forces in order to be successful. They need the freedom to act as they see fit and to attract employees with their own incentives. The idea that government should be able to control some costs of business activity when it has no control over other costs makes no sense. Further, it goes completely against the framework of freedom upon which this country was founded.

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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:

The free market is the best mechanism for setting wages and benefits. The value of an employee cannot be accurately set by government when government is not even involved in the activity. Perversely, the inability of government to properly regulate immigration increases the supply of unskilled labor putting downward pressure on wages. Government then inserts itself into the equation by artificially setting a wage to remedy a situation they created.

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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:

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I subscribe to the idea that our citizens need more opportunity to learn trades and gain access to non-academic based careers but I'm not sure that should be handled at institutions of higher learning.

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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 think there is a valid reason to believe that tax incentives are needed to encourage business to come to New Mexico or for local businesses to succeed and there needs to be claw back provisions. I would rather see an overall tax environment that allows business to succeed without incentives.

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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:

The practice of state or local governments not cooperating with the Federal government on immigration matters results in criminal aliens escaping prosecution for their Federal offenses. Since a lot of the crime in places like Albuquerque is driven by the narcotics trade, and the Mexican Sinaloa Cartel dominates drug trafficking here and uses illegal aliens to facilitate trafficking, sanctuary policies encourage more criminal aliens to the state because the Cartel knows they will not be turned over to Homeland Security if they are arrested.

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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):

I support legislative approval for emergency declarations beyond 30 days.

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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?

We often hear from our political leaders that New Mexico is a poor state. When those leaders are democrats whose party has controlled this state since 1929, we have to wonder if poverty is not what they want. They act as if they are our feudal masters and New Mexico is their personal fiefdom. A passing knowledge of the feudal political and economic system reveals that it was characterized by oppression and poverty for the serfs and incredible wealth for the powerful. This all changed with the birth of the free market enterprise system which created opportunities for everyone to achieve prosperity. We can bring this to New Mexico by removing the top down, political elitist mentality that dominates our state. We need to take advantage of all our natural resources like copper, uranium, timber, rare earth minerals, along with oil and gas. We need to determine our energy use organically and not dictatorially. We need to let the law enforcement professionals do their job. We need to use the 16 billion acre feet of brackish water that lies within our state. We need to improve the educational opportunities for our students by opening up to education competition and spend our education dollar on the student instead of the system. Last, but not least, we need to raise our expectations, they are too low. That may be the biggest affliction of our society right now. We don't expect students to learn, teachers to teach, adults to act like adults or people to not commit crime. We're making excuses for anything which allows people to get away with everything. When you have a political party that, in general, does not expect a woman to carry a pregnancy to term, or expect a person to pay for their health care or their higher education, or take responsibility for their criminal acts, or expect foreign nationals to respect our borders, or expect people to not live on the streets, then you know where the problem originated.
