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

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10. Why are you seeking this office?

To improve living conditions in Albuquerque and for all New Mexicans. Including my extended

family.

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11. 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.

- No
- Yes (please explain)

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

- No
- Yes (please explain)

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13. 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
- Yes (please explain)

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14. 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

- Expansion of already existing state government programs to reach and serve more New Mexicans
- Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds
- Other

Please explain your answer

If possible I would check both this and the first choice. We need to limit spending to a sustainable level without additional tax burden. In fact, an option not listed here, is to return a portion of the extra funds to the taxpayer by reducing the tax rate. Infrastructure should be funded to the level needed to keep up with population growth and safety.

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15. 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
- Distributed based on a formula that recognizes either time in service or leadership role for greater distributions.
- Distribution based on economic activity and tax income production by county

Briefly explain your answer

The population of very district is fairly evenly distributed. Other than basic needs and minor difference, the full legislature should decide any expenditure.

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16. State Tax Code: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico completely restructure its tax code?

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Briefly explain your answer

(1) Businesses are overburden with taxes. If the State allowed businesses to grow, more people would be employed at pay levels that reinforces employee development thereby improving business capability. Better paying jobs leads to keeping some of our higher level of educated population from leaving the State further reinforcing business development and improvement in the lives of all New

1 (Critical)
Mexicans.

2

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5 (unimportant)



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

- Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)
- Sales Tax
- Other

Explain your answer

It matters not which tax is selected. Perhaps Sales Tax is fairer. However, New Mexico should not have both taxes. Two taxes hide the actual cost of materials. Similar to income tax and sales tax. Government taxes twice.

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18. 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
- No

Please explain your answer

Not only does crime prevent new business from coming to New Mexico, crime is a factor in business leaving New Mexico.

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

- It has operated as needed and we have reduced the overcrowding of the prisons
- It has been detrimental to the state by putting dangerous criminals back on the streets
- Other

Please explain your position

In a time when New Mexico does not have sufficient law enforcement, letting criminals run unchecked

does not help the situation. This is another reason people are leaving the State.

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

- It is necessary for the government to strictly regulate business operations to assure best practices are enforced and the public's safety and interests are met.
- Some mandates are acceptable but should be formulated through a review process that assures goals are met while not hindering or impeding 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.
- Other (please specify)

Let the free market work. Government artificially alters the balance of the market placing added burden on customers as well as business.

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21. 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
- No
- Other

Please briefly explain your answer

Not using these resources unnecessarily limits wealth. Again, any excess revenue should be safed

for time NM income reduces. Not wasted on unnecessary and wasteful programs.

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22. 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?

- 1 (Critical) 2 3 4 5 (Unimportant)
- 1 (Critical) 2 3 4 5
(Unimportant)

Briefly explain your answer

(5) Sufficient regulations from federal and state government are more than sufficient to protect the environment. I am not aware of any environment issue in New Mexico requiring additional regulation.

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

- Support
 Oppose

Please explain your answer

I am not familiar with the balance and the trend in changing balance. However, 5% may not be sustainable and maybe should be lowered.

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

- Support
 Oppose
 Other

Comments There should be a contract between the employer and employee. A third party unnecessarily complicates the relationship. Again, government involvement raises the cost of business.

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25. 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 government mandate, such as the recent increases in minimum wage
- Wages should be determined by allowing the free market or supply/demand to determine an appropriate amount
- Other

Please explain your answer

Employees are free to move to any job that meets their needs. Not only in wages but other aspects such as time off and other benefits. Any artificial increase in wages translate into inflation. The extra production cost is passed on to the consumer. Reducing the purchasing power of all.

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26. 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?

- 1 (Critical) 2 3 4 5 (Unimportant)
- 1 (Critical) 2 3 4 5
(Unimportant)

Explain your reasoning

(1) Skilled labor is in short supply. Plummers, electricians and other skilled labor will always be in demand.

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27. 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?

- 1 (critical) 2 3 4 5 (unimportant)
- 1 (critical) 2 3 4 5
(unimportant)

Please explain your answer

(2) Business benefiting from economic incentives should live up the agreement establishing the incentive,
However, circumstances, COVID, may prevent meeting requirements and should be considered.

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

- New Mexico should be a sanctuary state
- Sanctuary status violates federal and state law and should not be an option for New Mexico
Please explain your answer
No explanation needed. Violates federal and state law.

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29. 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?

- Support
- Oppose
- Other (please specify)
I would reduce the declaration time to 30 days. Plans should exist to accommodate almost any emergency.

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

I have a small business and the burden of taxes and reporting requirements adds unnecessary complications and expense. The State does not have a 5 or 10 year plan for economic development and support for infrastructure. I would push for a long term plan. I would also like to see a limit to the number of bill introduced. The number of bill each session is ridiculous.

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