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

16 years local government. City of Bayard Council member two terms, Mayor two terms and elected to Grant County Commission. Served eleven years State Representative. My experience and knowledge of the legislative process is advantageous to this office.

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Respondent skipped this question

Why are you seeking this office?

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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.

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.

Q14

Surplus tax revenue should be used to build reserve funds

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?

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Please explain your answer:
With significant increase in revenues, an increase in the amount of revenues should be used to build reserve funds. Over the years we have seen the increase and decrease in state revenues, building a stronger reserve will prepare the state for the future.

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 :

Legislators are elected to represent their districts. The legislator is elect to be the voice of their constituents, not be restricted by the time in service or leadership roles or based on the economic activity and tax income production of the district. We must recognize that most of the rural district do not have those opportunities. The funds which are provided are to promote job and assist in a safe and healthy community.

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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During the past sessions there has been legislation introduced that began the process of revamping the tax code structure. I believe that within time this restructure will be in place. As mentioned, a balanced approach needs to be taken.

Q17

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),

Explain your answer:

I am in favor of the current GRT system until a fair and equitable tax system is devised and implemented.

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:

I believe the crime rate and court's sentencing of criminals in New Mexico has negatively impacted our ability to attract new businesses and industries in our state, especially in the larger metropolitan cities.

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 operated as needed and we have reduced the overcrowding of the prisons

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Please explain your position:

It has operated as needed and has reduced the overcrowding in municipal, county and prisons. However there needs to have more stringent assessment on those that are being released.

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,
Please briefly explain your answer:
We understand the increase in state tax revenues that are provided by the extractive industries, however these industries should realize there are rules and regulations that need to be followed to protect our land, air and water.

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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It is important that we provide a balanced approach in enforcing our current environmental levels to protect New Mexico's land, air and water.

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 support increasing distribution above the current 5% from the interest received that goes into the Land Grant Permanent Fund.

Q24

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

Support,
Comments:
Employees deserve some type of benefits.

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:
One size does not fit all. Consideration should be given to those Ma and Pa business that are struggling. As mentioned, I believe in a balanced approach to legislation and models we implement.

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)

New Mexico needs a well-qualified, trained work force in order to attract industry with high paying jobs. Not all students benefit from traditional higher ed and these trade education opportunities are vital to our future workforce.

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)

Such incentives are needed for business and industry to start and or expand businesses which creates jobs and stronger tax base for the state.

Q28

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

New Mexico should be a sanctuary state,

Please explain your answer:

Undocumented immigrants should be protected. Our country was established and prospered under the hard work of immigrants seeking jobs and a better way of life.

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):

Our state leaders should have the authority to extend emergency declarations to protect the citizens of our great state.

Q30

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

I have been a public servant all my life, starting with my service in the US Airforce-Vietnam. I feel strongly about representing those I am here to serve. I also believe in a strong balanced approach to the work we do. Business interests are vital to the successes of our state, and I will always have an open ear to hear from my constituents.
Thank you.
