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Phone number

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**Q9**

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

I have never been involved in politics

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**Q10**

Why are you seeking this office?

I am running for this office because I believe that the state's political leadership has not only kept the state from reaching its fullest potential but has also caused the state to regress as a result of bad policy. I have lived in Belen most of my life, and when this seat opened up, I saw an opportunity to continue to be an advocate for my district as our current legislator. My desire is to create a New Mexico in which our young people don't feel they have to leave in order to be successful.

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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**

Yes (please explain):

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

Gold mines shut down because of falling gold prices. We worked in the gold industry at the time.

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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?

**Other,**

Please explain your answer:

When the state has surplus revenue, I believe the state needs to either return this surplus revenue to tax payers, or rollover the surplus revenue to the following budget cycle and decrease state taxes in that year to offset the costs for the taxpayer.

**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?

**Distribution based on economic activity and tax income production by county**

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Briefly explain your answer :

My district that encompasses Valencia County is growing rapidly. With this method of distribution, the state is able to recognize areas with the potential for growth, and both reward and incentivize economic activity and tax income production.

**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:

**1 (Critical)**

New Mexico's tax code is outdated. We are one of two states in the nation that has a Gross Receipts Tax AND a state income tax. New Mexico needs to mirror the tax codes of our neighboring states if we want to see the same prosperity as those states.

**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 believe New Mexico needs to eliminate GRT, and do not find it necessary to replace this tax with another tax. Rather, New Mexico's state budget can be reduced, therefore allowing the possibility for less tax expenses on the everyday New Mexican

**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:

Crime is out of control in New Mexico. This makes our state an unattractive location for business, while also creating issues for our current business owners and their employees: Goods are stolen, property is destroyed, and much more. Crime has become a business expense in New Mexico, and that needs to change.

**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:

A significant amount of crime in New Mexico is committed by individuals with a criminal history. Criminals need to be held accountable, and this includes ensuring they stay in jail for particular crimes until they have a trial. My oldest son was attacked and held at gun point by a violent criminal awaiting trial for other offenses. I want to prevent that from happening to other families.

**Q20**

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.**

**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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Water supply has become a very concerning issue in New Mexico, and without a solution in the near future, this can soon become a crisis. However, the solution to this is not more environmental regulations. This is a legal issue regarding water rights, as well as a lack of maintenance to our water infrastructure/the development of new water technologies and infrastructure.

**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:

The state is receiving record revenues and we need to instead focus on the expansion of recurring spending.

**Q24**

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

**Oppose**

**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:

Wages should be determined by the value of the labor a business owner feels that an employee is providing... Business owners are more than capable of compensating employees at a wage that is feasible for their business.

**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)**

College is not for everyone... many students in New Mexico who are attending college find themselves with massive student debt and the inability to find a job that they can turn into a career. However, New Mexico has an amazing technical and trade job market. We need to make students aware of these opportunities and create opportunities to pursue these fruitful careers. Students should have the opportunity to gain certificates in trades while and in high school and after graduation.

**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)**

Right now, major corporations receiving New Mexico's state incentives are overpromising and underdelivering. The shortcomings of these businesses are not doing the taxpayers of New Mexico any favors and they must be held accountable.

**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:

We need to welcome those coming to our great country for a better life, but we also cannot ignore national security. We need to know who is here, why they are here, and make sure they are following the law—including our immigration laws.

**Q29**

**Support**

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?

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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?

As a teacher and coach in Valencia county for the last 10 years, I have poured into my community in order to empower the young people to achieve their dreams. I love my community and my state. All too often our young people decide to leave our state because of job opportunities. I want to create a Valencia County and New Mexico that when these young people realize their dreams, they don't have to leave to achieve them.

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