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Q1

Candidate full name as it will appear on ballot:

Nathan Brooks

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Political Party Affiliation:

Republican

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District #:

HD 68

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How long have you lived in the district you seek to represent?

4 years

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Q7

Have you, or a business you have been associated with, ever been the subject of a tax lien or a bankruptcy proceeding?

Yes (please explain):

I had filed for bankruptcy many years ago. Unfortunately, I do have experience in this area. It is something I would not wish upon anyone. In these tough and challenging times, I know others have also found themselves in similar situations. Luckily, I was able to learn from the experience and build a better current circumstance for myself. That journey gave me a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and businesses, and I am committed to using this knowledge to support and advocate for policies that promote economic resilience and stability.

Q8

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state?

Yes (please explain):

Unfortunately, I do have experience in this area from many years ago as well. I deeply regret my actions from that time and have taken full responsibility for them. The experience taught me valuable lessons about accountability and personal growth. I am committed to using my experiences to advocate for policies that help others avoid similar mistakes and support their paths to positive change.

Q9

What will be your #1 priority and what is your plan of action to address it, if elected?

My number one priority will be improving infrastructure in New Mexico, with a specific focus on widening Paseo del Norte and Unser. My plan of action includes advocating for increased funding for these projects, collaborating with local governments and stakeholders, and ensuring that projects are completed efficiently and on time. Improving these critical corridors will reduce traffic congestion, promote economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for residents.

Q10

Recently, New Mexico has enjoyed record budget surpluses in the \$3.5 billion range. What do you feel is the best use of surplus funds? (Please select and explain your top priority for surplus funds.)

Non-recurring investments that are focused on improving specific aspects of our state. (What specifically would you seek to improve?)

Other or comments::

I would seek to improve our infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transportation systems. Investing in infrastructure not only creates jobs but also ensures long-term economic growth and enhances the quality of life for all New Mexicans.

Q11

Do you support or oppose the use of the Gross Receipts Tax system currently in effect?

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The current Gross Receipts Tax system is burdensome for businesses, particularly small businesses. I support exploring alternative tax structures that are fairer and more conducive to business growth and economic development. Simplifying the tax code and reducing the tax burden can help attract new businesses to New Mexico and support existing ones.

Q12

Do you support or oppose the current bail system our courts are using?

Oppose (Please explain.),

Other or comments::

The current bail system often fails to protect public safety and does not ensure justice. I advocate for a bail system that better assesses the risk of re-offense and ensures that dangerous offenders are not released while awaiting trial. Reforms should focus on protecting the community while maintaining fair and just practices for those accused of crimes.

Q13

Crime has reached an all-time high in New Mexico. What do you think the state legislature could do to address crime?

Address mental health treatment.,

Pass legislation, similar to federal laws, with significant mandatory sentencing requirements for certain crimes and repeat offenders.

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Address addictions and other lifestyles that impact criminal behavior.

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Other or comments::

We need a comprehensive approach to crime that includes better mental health services and addiction treatment programs. Additionally, passing legislation with significant mandatory sentencing requirements for certain crimes and repeat offenders can help deter criminal behavior and protect our communities.

Q14

New Mexico has passed laws that govern employer-employee relations such as increased minimum wage and paid time off among others. There have also been discussions about Paid Family Medical Leave Act (PFMLA), a living wage, and shortened work weeks. If elected, what position will you take on additional regulation of businesses on issues like those mentioned?

I will not support additional government regulations on employer-employee relations.

Other or comments::

While it is important to ensure that employees are treated fairly, over-regulation can stifle business growth and economic development. I believe in balancing employee protections with a business-friendly environment that encourages job creation and economic prosperity.

Q15

New Mexico's state tax revenue is largely funded by oil and gas producers who operate under some of the most stringent environmental regulations in the country. Do you support or oppose continued oil and gas production in NM?

Support,

Other or comments::

I support continued oil and gas production in New Mexico as it is a vital part of our state's economy. It is possible to maintain strong environmental protections while also supporting this critical industry, ensuring both economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Q16

Do you feel that environmental regulations need to be increased or expanded from their current levels regarding New Mexico's land, air, and water?

No; the environmental regulations we currently have in place work well for our state.

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Other or comments::

Our current environmental regulations are stringent and effective in protecting our natural resources. Additional regulations could hinder economic growth and place unnecessary burdens on businesses.

Q17

What is your position on mandatory requirements for state-funded incentives that include pay-back measures if the requirements are not met?

Support,

Other or comments::

It is reasonable to include pay-back measures to ensure accountability and the effective use of taxpayer dollars. These measures can ensure that state-funded incentives achieve their intended goals and provide a return on investment for the state.

Q18

Do you support or oppose changing the constitution and/or laws to require legislative approval for any emergency declaration/order lasting more than 60 days?

Support,

Other or comments::

I believe that any emergency declaration or order lasting more than 60 days should require legislative approval to ensure checks and balances and prevent the overreach of executive power.

Q19

What is your position on abiding by the state constitution?

I support abiding to the state Constitution as written.,

Other or comments::

The Constitution provides a fundamental framework for governance and must be adhered to in order to maintain the rule of law and protect citizens' rights.

Q20

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

As a candidate for the New Mexico House of Representatives, District 68, I am committed to promoting pro-business policies, improving infrastructure, addressing crime, and ensuring a high quality of life for all residents. I am dedicated to listening to my constituents and working tirelessly to address their concerns and needs. Together, we can create a prosperous and vibrant future for New Mexico.
