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Candidate Questionnaire**

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Voters are central to our democracy. Voters need information in order to make decisions that reflect their priorities and values. Six nonpartisan, nonprofit, New Mexico organizations developed the following Candidate Questionnaire for all New Mexico House and Senate candidates to provide voter education to our members statewide. The responses are listed according to district number and the results will be continually updated as more completed surveys are received. If no response was received from a candidate, her/his contact information is included. You can contact the candidate and ask where they stand on these issues, and/or other issues that are important to you.

To use the results, you need your district numbers for the both the House and the Senate. You can find these on your voter registration card. Or, you can follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the New Mexico State Legislature Website (<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/legislatorsearch.asp>), and select "Search by Name, District or Zip Code" for both the House and the Senate.
- 2) Enter your five-digit zip code plus the four-digit code. (To find the last four digits of your zip code visit <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp> and enter your home address.)
- 3) Then enter your full zip code on the State Legislature Website in "Search by Name, District, or Zip Code" to find your Representative and Senator.

If you have any questions about your current districts please contact your local county clerk.

Your voice matters!

### Methodology

The contact information for the candidates was accessed through the New Mexico Secretary of State office. After mailing the questionnaire to every state legislative candidate, representatives of the six organizations performed follow-up calls encouraging candidates to respond to the questionnaire via mail, fax, or email. The responses and comments posted below are presented in their entirety. If a candidate did not choose either "support" or "oppose" on the form, their response was recorded as Not Available (N/A).

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District 4

**Mr. George K. Munoz (D)**

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*No response received.*

District 4

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans? <b>Comments: "if" New Mexicans.</b>	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas? <b>Comments: Who are you referencing to tax? Specify</b>	<b>N/A</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing? <b>Comments: I would rather develop educational (vocational) to homeless so they can get their own housing.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Support</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges? <b>Comments: Need more information that specifies how and who pays.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously? <b>Comments: Undecided at this time.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.) <b>Comments: Undecided at this time.</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## District 5

**Senator Richard C. Martinez (D)**

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: unsure!</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 6

**Senator Carlos R. Cisneros (D)**

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: All New Mexicans should have access to affordable housing for those that cannot afford a home the State has a moral responsibility to provide housing.</b>	
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Long term treatment is best with an option to gain skill training and support before release back into the same element that created the problem.</b>	
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: In addition we need to add more money into Medicaid to leverage Federal match.</b>	
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: This type of illegal activity must be stopped.</b>	
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Support if data is intended to be used for the safety and emergency purpose only.</b>	
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: everyone should pay a fair share of tax .</b>	
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: If the funding is used for assisting and providing help to a community in need.</b>	
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: In this country no one should be homeless.</b>	
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Education must be accessible to all New Mexicans.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: I support Treatment over jail anytime.</b>	
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Any effort to reduce the number of uninsured is a must.</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Victims of human trafficking must be treated with the same respect as other victims and afforded the necessary assistance to allow application Federal victim status.</b>	

District 7

**Senator Clinton D. Harden (R)**

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	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	N/A
	<b>Comments: Current revenue projections demand a fiscally conservative approach. Any increase in programs involving the use of state funds must be viewed cautiously.</b>	
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	N/A
	<b>Comments: In concept I support this form of alternate sentencing, however the number and type of conviction must be taken into consideration.</b>	
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	N/A
	<b>Comments: The fix for health cars (sic) needs much study. A strategic holistic approach is more appropriate than a fix here and a fix there.</b>	
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	N/A
	<b>Comments: In general I support this concept. My support for specific legislation will depend on the FIR and wording on final passage.</b>	
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I support TIF in undeveloped areas. Undeveloped is not synonymous with green field.</b>	
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	N/A
	<b>Comments: Current revenue projection demands a fiscally conservative approach. Any increase in programs involving the use of state funds must be viewed cautiously. I support employment programs that assist in paying the rent and subsidized employment programs with Behavioral health funding.</b>	
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I do not support programs that have both a tax deduction and a tax credit. I will support programs that offer one.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I support this type of alternative sentencing depending on the number of convictions and whether the woman is a chronic user who is placing and (sic) unborn child I (sic) harms way</b>	
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	N/A
	<b>Comments: The length of time may be to (sic) long. While I think tax breaks for business may encourage more people to offer health are to employees the fix for health cars (sic) needs much study. A strategic holistic approach is more appropriate than a fix here and a fix there.</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 7

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?  <b>Comments: Such an outlay of funds should be within budget and with oversight (sic).</b>	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)  <b>Comments: This should also include herbals.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?  <b>Comments: As long as they are given the resources they need to collect such data.</b>	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?  <b>Comments: As long as the budget allows. Developing a strong economy will reduce homelessness.</b>	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?  <b>Comments: I will not support anything that takes money away from public schools or violates the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the US.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?  <b>Comments: I would include community service.</b>	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?  <b>Comments: We need to do everything we can to provide health benefits to everyone.</b>	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)  <b>Comments: As long as it fits into the budget and I would create laws that would allow the government to seize (sic) the property of such traffickers.</b>	<b>Support</b>

District 8

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*No response received.*

District 9

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*No response received.*

District 10

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*No response received.*

District 10

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: I support the <u>HSA</u>.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling? <b>Comments: Racial profiling is never acceptable.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas? <b>Comments: I need to study this issue. I am not well enough educated on this issue.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children? <b>Comments: This subject must be looked at more closely.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously? <b>Comments; Tax credits need to be studied for fairness.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 11

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*No response received.*

## District 12

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	<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans? <b>Comments: We need a mix of rental units <u>and</u> home ownership for low and lower middle income families. I think governmental assistance is needed to make this feasible as the private sector tends to avoid it.</b>	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time? <b>Comments: We are losing the “war” on drugs by relying so heavily on punishment. Treatment can work if we give it an honest try.</b>	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: I don’t believe market mechanisms or incentives will make health care affordable. Insurers’ profits and our reliance on heroic measures and expensive pharmaceuticals will doom all such tweaking of the system to failure.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling? <b>Comments: I think that such profiling is dangerous and should be stopped. The effective barrier to it is Civilian Oversight with genuine Citizen Review. This is vehemently opposed by policemen but is the only true deterrent.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops? <b>Comments: I think this potentially opens the door to Civil Rights abuses so I can’t see its benefits.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax (“CIT”). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits? <b>Comments: This loophole needs to be plugged as it amounts to a subsidy of multistate operators...to the disadvantage of local small businesses.</b>	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas? <b>Comments: I am reassessing my previous support for TIDDS – I do think we have protections in place to prevent some problems other states have faced. But we shouldn’t give local government the opportunity to appropriate the state’s share of GRT.</b>	<b>?</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing? <b>Comments: I think the “Housing First” approach has great merit but unless we also increase addiction services and mental health services, we will simply spin our wheels.</b>	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children? <b>Comments: This approach <u>could</u> have some merit if they were still actually <u>blind</u> contributions with the donor not allowed any say in the awarding of scholarships. Problem is private schools cost <u>far more</u> than most scholarships so truly needy still won’t benefit.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges? <b>Comments: Many women charged with drug possession are actually protecting boyfriends/husbands. The treatment option would save money <u>and</u> produce better results.</b>	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously? <b>Comments: Until we have universal, single payer financing this could be a mildly effective interim measure. I’m dubious about very many employers being incentivized to do this for tax breaks.</b>	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

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1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: I am in favor of help to health care consumers <u>first</u> ; providers, employers and insurers already get considerable tax breaks which they do not always pass on to the health care consumer.</b>	
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: I don't know much about this but I'm suspicious...</b>	
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: I'm unfamiliar with this proposal.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Doesn't that punish those who already offer insurance and give them a competitive disadvantage? Tax breaks are only one way to get insurance to more people.</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: There are other incentives...</b>	

District 14

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time? <b>Comments: As long as there was not another crime involved such as sexual assault or any other violent crime.</b>	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: I don't think tax and regulatory burdens are the problem with health care affordability. However, I support affordability for consumers.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits? <b>Comments: This is essential for local businesses and to make our tax system more equitable.</b>	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children? <b>Comments: I believe this is the first step toward vouchers and using public dollars for private education.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously? <b>Comments: I don't believe this is the best way to provide affordable healthcare for all.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 15

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: We need to change the system so that people come first.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling? <b>Comments: I support prohibiting law enforcement agents from racial profiling. It is an abhorrent practice.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits? <b>Comments: The question is confusing. We want businesses who do business in New Mexico to pay taxes on the monies earned in New Mexico. If we allow multi-state combined reporting, New Mexico could be losing money, i.e. Walmart.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas? <b>Comments: TIF should be used for rehabbing older neighborhoods.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing? <b>Homelessness needs to be addressed in all areas of health, nutrition and shelter.</b>	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children? <b>Comments: I support the idea, more needs to be done to provide better foundations for our lower income children, however, giving tax credits could be unconstitutional when providing contributions to parochial schools.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 16

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time? <b>Comments: It depends on the offense. I don't think possession of pot should be included. It should be the equivalent of a parking ticket.</b>	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: There are many European models we could use. We have to get started. However I do believe the problem is the Health Insurance providers, not the doctors or the patients.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops? <b>Comments: I would like to hear about this in the interim.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Oppose</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 17

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	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
	<b>Question: I worked for two years on human trafficking issues in Cambodia, it's important to address root cause, which this would enable.</b>	
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans? <b>Comments: Affordable single family housing is critical for transforming my district into a place people are proud to live, work, play and raise a family in.</b>	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time? <b>Comments: I'm also a strong advocate of Drug Court.</b>	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: I am in favor of proactively trying creative solutions to our healthcare situation that increase coverage and decrease premiums and reduce costs.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling? <b>Comments: It is an issue of social justice, it is critical that we protect the rights of individuals regardless of their ethnicity.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops? <b>Comments: Same as above</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits? <b>Comments: Firms that use our state's resources should have to pay for them regardless of headquarter tax jurisdiction.</b>	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas? <b>Comments: TIFs should be used for blighted areas only, which typically mean urban infill areas/brownfield investment.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing? <b>Comments: Homelessness is an increasing issue in my district in particular.</b>	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children? <b>Comments: This is the cornerstone of encouraging corporate philanthropy and would sync the law for corporations with that of individuals.</b>	<b>Support</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously? <b>Comments: This is the first step to getting more of our population ensured (sic) and allows for businesses to adjust over time.</b>	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 18

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District 19

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	<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
1	<p>What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?</p> <p><b>Comments: I am unfamiliar with federal programs and only know of the Regional Housing Authority. Rules <u>must</u> be tightened in order to avoid “non low income” people from abusing the system. Certainly housing will enable families on the <u>margin</u> from becoming homeless. Maybe a presentation to our Welfare Committee of model programs would be useful.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
2	<p>What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?</p> <p><b>Comments: I have been fully supportive of Drug Courts, which have proven to be highly effective. Especially in rural areas, there are very few drug rehab programs. A complete audit of Value Options needs to be conducted to assure that money is going out to service providers and that people are not being denied services. Detox programs are now not allowed by providers, we need to confirm that emergency room services are being reimbursed (sic) by V.O.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
3	<p>What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)</p> <p><b>Comments: I have proposed legislation having to do with tax credits, both to employers for providing insurance to low income employees and to individuals whose employers do not offer insurance – these bills fail to pass. Insurance across state lines is also a good idea if you can find more affordable products. It might also create more competition.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
4	<p>What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?</p> <p><b>Comments; This is very complex as the border is in our state. We have currently, an executive order prohibiting law enforcement from asking to citizenship. Terrorists can also cross, so we must have a balance.</b></p>	<b>N/A</b>
5	<p>What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?</p> <p><b>Comments: I am not aware that this is done currently. Besides “racial profiling”, would this be done for determining age profiles? This is complex; i.e. what would it be used for? Targeting “anti drinking programs?”</b></p>	<b>N/A</b>
6	<p>Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax (“CIT”). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?</p> <p><b>Comments: Large corporations would not stay in the state if their out of state sales are taxed. This could be very costly for NM jobs.</b></p>	<b>Oppose</b>
7	<p>What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?</p> <p><b>Comments: Mesa del Sol will be a wonderful development for jobs and housing multi-socio-economic families. Possibly we should tighten requirements for further developments.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
8	<p>What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?</p> <p><b>Comments: Have strict requirements to avoid abuse of higher income people taking advantage the system.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>

9	<p>What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?</p> <p><b>Comments: Low income children can be trapped in low performing schools. Higher income families can move or send their children to private schools.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
10	<p>What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?</p> <p><b>Comments: They must be monitored closely as they are jeopardizing the health of <u>lives</u> of their unborn children.</b></p>	<b>Support</b>
11	<p>What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?</p>	<b>Support</b>
12	<p>What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)</p> <p><b>Comments: I am unfamiliar with this federal program. Does it provide citizenship in front of others awaiting the process? They certainly need shelters and (temporary) medical services. What the state should do after that needs to be studied.</b></p>	<b>N/A</b>

District 19

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District 20

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I would generally support state programs to increase affordable rental housing but would need to review specifics and fiscal impact.</b>	
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I strongly support treatment programs for substance abuse and have voted for increased drug and mental health courts.</b>	
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	N/A
	<b>Comments: I would need to look at specifics.</b>	
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I was a co-sponsor of Rep. Barela's HB 451 in 2008 which did not ban TIF financing of greenfield development but changed the scope of the state increment to 20% and added affordable housing requirements.</b>	
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Oppose</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	N/A
	<b>Comments: I would need to look at specifics.</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	N/A
	<b>Comments: I would need to look at specifics.</b>	

District 26

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	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans? <b>Comments: Housing is not a right, nor should it be subsidized by government. The US and NM State Governments already provide a subsidy for all through deductible interest on mortgages. I would support low interest loans from the Permanent fund for 50% of the down-payment for first time home buyers that are under 25 or veterans. Home ownership means commitment. Rental subsidies are akin to the State helping with hotel bills.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time? <b>Comments: Drug rehabilitation is the hardest, if not impossible, to achieve. If the person has failed to adhere to the conditions of his/her probation or parole, what makes you think that a parole officer can modify this person's behavior by remote control? In what little I have seen of the parole officer system, they are already overworked and underpaid</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.) <b>Comments: The cause of the ever-escalating medical costs is Medicaid &amp; Medicare. Market-driven cost controls don't exist in the US. 30% of all Medicare/Medicare expenditures go to treat the sickest (&amp; usually the eldest) 1% of the population. The recommendations you offer would have little or no effect on costs</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling? <b>Comments: I oppose racial profiling. However, given that I have had direct experience(s) with being singled out at US Immigration for extensive scrutiny simply because I was born in Cairo Egypt. I am a US Citizen and certainly not an Arab. Your prohibition against racial profiling I support, but in practice it is another reality.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops? <b>Comments: What for?</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits? <b>Comments: Legislation like that simply makes people stupid. Go ahead and try imposing a unitary tax on multi-state corporations. California tried it and those big n' bad multi-state corporations all promptly voted on the matter – that is they voted with their feet. Upon reflection, along with a quick accounting of the lost tax revenues and jobs, the California Legislature quickly rescinded this tax. If you want exact dates and figures, please let me know.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>

7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: I will not support any preferential treatment or subsidies to businesses by the State. Granting preferential treatment to certain segments of the business sector is akin to a referee making special rules for the weaker team.</b>	
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: I oppose the State being in the slum landlord business.</b>	
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Absolutely not. Constitutional questions aside, you cannot do indirectly what is prohibited to do directly. This is just another subterfuge to subsidize private education.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: This is truly a dilemma. Women that arrested for drug possession charges are, most of the time, drug addicts and abuse alcohol to begin with. Court supervised substance abuse is not effective and risks a child born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, underweight, aids infected, and possibly retarded. The best insurance against having a mentally or physically impaired child brought into the world is to keep the mother in jail to assure proper pre-natal care and nutrition.</b>	
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: New Mexico has already opened the gate to socialized medicine by subsidizing low income New Mexicans by paying part of the premiums to NM Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Such a scheme would discriminate against companies that have always offered such benefits – would you provide tax credit retroactively?</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: I oppose this proposal solely on the grounds that the State should not be subsidizing lawyers. On the subject of human trafficking I know very little and cannot offer a reasoned opinion.</b>	

District 27

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Oppose</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

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District 30

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Support</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax (“CIT”). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Undecided.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Support</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Tend to support but undecided at this time.</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Support</b>

District 36

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Housing is a private industry activity – change codes to make affordable housing easier to build.</b>	
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Substance abuse should stop in prison. Treatment centers rarely work.</b>	
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: Profiling is another word for Experience and Judgement (sic).</b>	
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Law Enforcement officials should be allowed to Do their JOBS as they think will be successful. Legislators for the most part are not police experts.</b>	
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax (“CIT”). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Unsure; Restrictions on business will make that business not come or leave NM. We need more JOBS – NOT higher taxes on business. Lower business tax rates will help.</b>	
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: TIF’s are good for all projects NOT JUST undeveloped areas. It allows future benefits of bring in (sic) business activity to help the project happen.</b>	
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Not sure increased funding will attract more homeless and make the problem larger.</b>	
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: I like incentives in the form of tax credits but with the lottery scholarship - no extra help should be necessary.</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Substance abuse programs mostly don’t work. In jail all drugs should not be available.</b>	
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
	<b>Comments: I like incentives!</b>	
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: This puts benefits on non citizens who should be deported. (Unfortunately this is already law in NM)</b>	

District 37

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?  <b>Comments: This must be a state-wide outreach and not focused solely in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.</b>	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?  <b>Comments: There are two distinct issues. One is appropriate punishment for a committed crime. The judge should use his judicial discretion in his sentencing decision. The second issue is rehabilitation. This is a significant component in helping people to gain victory over their addiction.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)  <b>Comments: My voting record clearly supports this position.</b>	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?  <b>Comments: I oppose “racial” profiling or discrimination. I do believe that profiling in the general sense is an n effective method of fighting crime and protecting our citizens.</b>	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?  <b>Comments: This is no different than what the census bureau and other state and federal government agencies are doing.</b>	<b>Support</b>
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax (“CIT”). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?  <b>Comments: It is unfortunate that the present system has been abused.</b>	<b>Support</b>
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?  <b>Comments: My record reflects my steadfast opposition. I was the only legislator to oppose the original measure!</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?  <b>Comments: My record reflects this clearly.</b>	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>Support</b>
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?  <b>Comments: The judge has discretion to take this and other specific circumstances into consideration. It is alarming that a pregnant woman would not consider the health of her child a priority.</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?  <b>Comments: Generally supportive of this concept. Specific wording is important to prevent abuse and achieve real results.</b>	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)  <b>Comments: I cosponsored the “trafficking” bill last year.</b>	<b>Support</b>

District 37

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	<b><u>Question</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
1	What is your position on using state funds to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low income New Mexicans?	<b>Support</b>
2	What is your position on requiring people who are charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation/parole violations to complete court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time?	<b>N/A</b>
3	What is your position on efforts to make health care more affordable by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens on insurers, providers, and patients? (Examples might include eliminating the gross receipts tax on deductibles and co-pays and allowing New Mexicans to purchase health insurance across state lines.)	<b>Support</b>
4	What is your position on prohibiting law enforcement agents from engaging in racial profiling?	<b>Support</b>
5	What is your position on requiring law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all traffic stops?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Depends on demographic info you are talking about</b>	
6	Under existing state law, large multi-state corporations can shift their profits out of state to avoid paying New Mexico corporate income tax ("CIT"). What is your position with regards to legislation that would mandate combined reporting and require all corporations in New Mexico to pay CIT on their corporate profits?	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>Comments: Depends on legislation and how it reads</b>	
7	What is your position on making Tax Increment Financing available for the development of infrastructure of greenfield (undeveloped) areas?	<b>Support</b>
8	What is your position on increasing state funding for services that help homeless New Mexicans obtain and remain in housing?	<b>Support</b>
9	What is your position on creating a program that gives individuals and businesses a state tax credit in exchange for contributing to not-for-profit organizations that provide scholarships to private or parochial schools for low-income children?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Would have to read the legislation</b>	
10	What is your position on requiring court-supervised substance abuse treatment instead of jail time for pregnant women who are arrested for drug possession charges?	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: Legislation that does include some form of incarceration (to keep away from drug use) but emphasis on drug therapy</b>	
11	What is your position on offering personal and/or business tax breaks for five years to businesses who begin to offer health insurance to employees, but who did not do so previously?	<b>Support</b>
12	What is your position on making state funded services and protections available to victims of human trafficking? (Examples of such services include legal assistance with applying for federal victim status.)	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Comments: I don't know much about the whole issue and would like to see the legislation that would be proposed.</b>	

Note: "Many of the questions are yes or no issues - and as always I want to see the legislation's wording before I commit up or down."

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