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1. What have you done in the past that demonstrates your progressive values? Please elaborate on your past efforts on issues such as defending civil liberties; promoting equal opportunity; protecting our health, safety and the environment; enacting anti-discrimination laws; diminishing wealth disparity; or more generally, acting to protect those that cannot protect themselves, including future generations.

In my near 27-year work experience with the State of New Mexico and local governments (Santa Fe and Rio Rancho), and more specifically as Director of the State of New Mexico's Construction Industries Division (Division) my primary goals were focused on Innovation in government... re-think "everything"...move past the red tape and age-old practices to be a part of productive change for the citizens we serve in our role as public servants. In this regard, my priorities included ensuring public health, safety, and welfare as well as promoting economic development and ensuring long-term solutions for sustainable/advanced building practices in New Mexico. This was accomplished by adopting and enforcing equitable and uniform building standards, including the most current energy codes and developing and maintaining an effective licensure program that furthers professionalism in the construction industries. Priorities and duties further included serving as a member of the New Mexico Fire Planning Task Force and various "green building" committees including the Climate Change Action Council and the High Performance Buildings Council.

Management Goals and Accomplishments include, but are not limited to the following:

- Political. Created strong, collaborative government relations resulting in aggressive business plans and legislative agendas. Served as the expert witness on over 400 bills before the House and Senate Floors and legislative committees. Legislative accomplishments include testifying on behalf of the passage of more than 90 bills related to the construction industry including those for sustainability, green building, tax credits for enhanced energy efficiencies, consumer protection, technology, budget and public safety.
- Renewable Energy/Advanced Building Techniques. Provided the oversight for the State of New Mexico's Construction Industries Division (CID), energy efficiency advocates and industry members to build on past code adoption efforts to meet or exceed the most recently published energy codes. Working with stakeholders and the US Department of Energy (DOE), the State developed one of the most progressive energy conservation codes in the nation.

2. The Four Corners region and the southeastern part of the state rely heavily on fossil fuel extraction and processing to employ thousands of New Mexicans. In the near term, what concrete steps would you take in the New Mexico legislature to address the climate emergency while considering the positive financial benefits of the New Mexico oil and gas industry to our economy and our state budget revenues? In the longer term, do you have a plan for the state transitioning from an oil and gas economy to a renewable energy economy? Please describe.

Clearly New Mexico has been a recipient of the financial benefits of the New Mexico oil and gas industry for many years. A transition to a renewable energy economy will certainly be a challenge...and will take some time; however, one thing is certain, in order to increase the usage of renewable energy sources like solar and wind, massive investments will need to be made. Important steps will include considerations for cost, storage and transmission. New Mexico has tremendous potential with solar and wind energy resources among the best in the country. We need to take advantage of these natural resources and utilize them to enhance our state revenues.

In terms of oil and gas production in the state, transition goals need to include finding ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions during production and limiting methane emissions in the oil fields. Further, any phase-out of gas and oil productions in New Mexico would require an equitable and well managed plan that protects and supports communities and workers.

### 3. What else would you do as a legislator to reduce climate change or mitigate its effects?

Addressing climate change has always been at the top of my personal, as well as professional priority list. Educated as an architect, my Bachelor's program at UNM and Master's program at UCLA focused on environmental conditions and designing buildings to achieve maximum efficiencies and reduce carbon footprints. Architecture has always played a huge role in climate change. We know that buildings contribute to nearly half of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions – which is a huge part of the problem, but the good news is, it's a huge part of the solution.

We've all experienced New Mexico's climate getting hotter and drier. In Santa Fe, which in the past, always seemed to be cooler than other parts of the state, homes can no longer be designed without integral cooling systems. Precipitation patterns have changed with more intense droughts and so much less snow than we're used to seeing across the state. Our goals need to include sustained efforts to mitigate consequences of less water, impacts of more excessive heat and the unfortunate increases of losses of life and property from wildfires. We need to develop stronger plans for safeguarding our state's natural resources.

My design career has always been focused on understanding the impact a well designed, environmentally responsible city and buildings can have on our climate. Architects can lead the climate change movement by designing the greenest, healthiest buildings and environments. As a member of the design and construction community as well as both a city and New Mexico state government employee for nearly 30 years, I've been in the unique position of collaborating with development partners, public agencies and community members to address issues related to climate change. These collaborations at the State level led to the development and adoption of the most progressive sustainability and energy conservation standards for the time. As our state works to adopt building codes that establish the minimum for construction across the state, one of our priorities remains the adoption of the most progressive building codes that are specific to New Mexico and New Mexico needs. Being flexible when necessary, and knowing how to communicate with interested parties is a must when addressing our climate crisis.

### 4. Economic dynamism and wealth creation has concentrated in urban areas, while rural areas and marginalized communities have largely been left behind. New Mexico is one of the least densely populated states in the nation. Many of its residents do not have access to jobs, health care, or the internet. As a New Mexico state legislator, what will you do to enhance broadly-distributed economic development and wealth creation in rural and marginalized communities?

When you ask people to describe what makes their city/town a great place to live, play, and work, you often hear things trails and open spaces for recreation; vibrant downtowns, opportunities for people to come together; access to quality health care, good schools, well-maintained infrastructure; good jobs and career opportunities. Together these assets define what it means to be a prosperous, "wealthy" community. Even communities that do not have a great deal of financial capital – persistently poor rural communities, for example – can have an abundance of existing resources that can be utilized for economic development.

The starting point is recognition of these existing resources. For example: Small farmers may have land that is sitting idle but, when connected to markets, can generate income and investment opportunities for these farmers; By building trails that connect lake access on the edge of town to downtown businesses, a community improves both the health of current residents and its attractiveness to new families; Various organizations can come together to support a literacy campaign for low-income adults, addressing a critical community issue. These are a few examples of opportunities for wealth creation in rural communities. Figuring out the right strategy toward wealth creation is a dynamic process with multiple pathways.

5. Indicate your stance on each of these issues on a 1-to-5 scale, with 1 for strong support and 5 for strong opposition. You may elaborate on any of these issues if you wish.

- \_\_2\_\_ \$15 minimum wage
- \_\_3\_\_ Assault weapons ban – 5 Strong opposition to large capacity magazines
- \_\_2\_\_ Community Solar Act
- \_\_1\_\_ Electric vehicle tax credit
- \_\_3\_\_ Health Security Act
- \_\_3\_\_ Independent redistricting commission
- \_\_1\_\_ Protection of a woman's right to choose
- \_\_1\_\_ Significant increase in fines for oil spills
- \_\_3\_\_ Significant increase in royalty rates on new oil leases
- \_\_1\_\_ Significant reduction of methane emissions from oil and gas production operations
- \_\_1\_\_ Transition away from regressive taxation