

Rudy B. Mora Questionnaire Responses NM Senate D10

Why are you seeking office? New Mexico State Senate District 10

Beyond being a customer, please describe your engagement with your local business community.

My wife and I have owned a small business for 28 years. We understand and live through the day-to-day challenges of owning a small business. We are active with NM Business Coalition and the State Legislature in following and advocating for laws that do not hurt or impact small business in New Mexico.

What is the biggest issue impacting “Quality of Life” and “Quality of Place” on Albuquerque’s Westside?

The biggest quality issues for not only the westside but the entire city is crime and our criminal justice system not holding criminals accountable for their actions. These forms of crimes such as theft, vandalism and trespassing to the increasingly prevalent cybercrime there is a broad spectrum of criminal activities that can have severe implications for business operations, reputation, and ultimately, profitability.

What priorities do you see as being necessary to stimulate the state’s economy, grow jobs on the Westside, and make New Mexico a place where businesses want to locate?

The objective remains clear: fostering economic growth and generating local revenue, creating job opportunities, and ultimately improving the well-being of the community. Elected officials have an opportunity to speak with their communities and urge them to support local businesses. Elected officials can support local businesses through government sponsored programs, networking events, incentives, and tax benefits. However, the driving factor is to reduce crime so westside businesses can run and operate their businesses in a safe environment. Once crime is under control, tourism will increase, and businesses will thrive. The westside is the major west to east stopping point off I-40 and quite frankly, travelers do not feel safe stopping in Albuquerque.

Public education is critical to our future workforce. In New Mexico the state entirely pays for Public Education, and it is typically the largest portion of the State’s budget, what is the primary revenue source of our state’s budget and, how would you ensure the continuation of this funding stream?

Oil and gas is our primary funding source as it has generated 7.5 billion for the State General Fund in FY23 and other 6.4 billion in non-general fund money, we must reform our current economic structure to bring prosperity and diversify our economy.

Over the past two legislative sessions one of the most controversial bills for small business has been Paid Family Medical Leave, do you support the legislation proposed? If yes, how should it be paid for to ensure it is sustainable?
No I don’t!!

The Governor announced a special session focused on public safety. What are your top public safety priorities?

As small business owner, I fully understand that employees will always be our greatest asset. With that businesses do not need bureaucrats telling them how to run their business when most of them have never owned and was responsible for their entire business. Our criminal justice is broken, and our current leadership's solution is to go after law-abiding citizens and their constitutional rights. There are laws on the books, but the fact of the matter is that criminals are not held accountable. I believe everyone deserves second and even third chances but when diversion programs have no "teeth" criminals manipulate the system and continue to victimize. In 2016, the voters overwhelming voted for and passed the constitutional amendment to reform our criminal justice system. I believe voters truly need to be informed by doing their own research before going into vote. Lastly, we need to establish a law that criminals MUST prove they are not a danger to society before they are released.

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