

**Why are you seeking office?**

I am seeking office to best represent the traditional values and interests of my fellow community members here in Albuquerque's West Side. We need common sense approaches to addressing crime, supporting law enforcement, supporting local businesses and working-class families. I am positioned to do this in a more effective manner than my opponent, having seen his track-record for the last four years, I believe voters are ready for the change I bring to the table.

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

I am engaged with my local community, I have trusting relationships with many local business owners in my community. As a small business owner myself, many of these owners express concerns and ideas for necessary improvement. I am proud to say that many of these businesses are supporting my campaign, it's a valuable vote of confidence that I am honored to receive.

**What is the biggest issue impacting "Quality of Life" and "Quality of Place" on Albuquerque's Westside?**

The biggest issue impacting our community's "Quality of Life" and "Quality of Place" is certainly the growing presence of criminal activity. Everyone in this community is experiencing the increase in recent years of retail theft, vandalism, street violence, and homelessness. These issues, much like any metro area, have always been present; however, in the last few years it has become increasingly prevalent and we need to address this issue now.

**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?**

I think it's simple, we need more business-friendly policies that support existing businesses as well as encourage prospective entrepreneurs to invest in our community. We also must prioritize business-friendly economic policies. In these tough times businesses' operating costs are increasing which in turn increases the prices to their consumers, we must do everything we can do from the Legislature to support these business-friendly economic policies. My opponent, Harold Pope supported the Paid Family Medical Leave Act, a harmful measure that was strongly opposed by business owners and was thankfully killed by Democrats and Republicans alike.

**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?**

The Oil and Gas industry fuels our state's economy. Policies that discourage companies and producers from expansion and operation in our state must be defeated. We all can agree that our energy is the cleanest in the world and continues to advance as science and technology does; however, this radically progressive environmentalist movement that my opponent tends to vote in line with seeks to attack our oil and gas industry.

**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?**

Unlike my opponent Harold Pope, I would never support such a damaging measure to small businesses like the Paid Family Medical Leave Act (SB 3). Thousands of business owners rightfully opposed this unnecessary measure to incur new and unsustainable monetary strain on employers of businesses with five employees or more. I was proud that Democrats (except my opponent Harold Pope) and Republicans worked together to kill this measure in the best interest of local and small businesses.

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

I believe this "public safety" special session is an attempt to score political points for the Governor and progressive Democrats like my opponent, to appear to care about meaningfully addressing our surging crime crisis. Very little in the proposed legislation from the Governor actually addresses crime. My priorities for a special session focused on public safety would be: increasing penalties for fentanyl distribution and possession, increasing penalties for felons in possession of firearms, I also support the effort led by Senator Craig Brandt to fix our RICO Act to combat organized criminal activity, lastly, I would support policy proposals that address our open border crisis that allows for human trafficking, drug smuggling, and illegal immigration.