



NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

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Candidate Name: (As it will appear on the ballot)

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In what quadrant of Albuquerque do you reside?

Southeast

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How long have you lived in Albuquerque?

Three and a half years

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Q7

Economic development: Albuquerque business owners have reported that getting permits can take 6 months or longer, and needless 'red tape' stifles efforts to open or expand. What will you do to speed up business permits and other business requirements to encourage economic development, business expansion, and new businesses?

I have a plan to eliminate "sludge" that will spark business growth and attract new investment. Sludge (unnecessary paperwork, outdated processes, and excessive red tape) creates costly delays for entrepreneurs trying to navigate city requirements. It signals inefficiency, frustrates job creators, and deters companies from doing business in Albuquerque.

As mayor, my solutions include streamlining permitting, modernizing licensing systems, and establishing a one-stop shop for businesses. By auditing burdensome processes, empowering staff with digital tools, and setting clear timelines for approvals, we can dramatically improve the speed and ease of doing business in the city. Internally, reducing sludge also boosts employee productivity and morale, resulting in faster, more responsive public services.

My message to the business community is clear: under my leadership, this city is open for business—efficient, innovative, and ready to grow.

Q8

Homelessness: Albuquerque's homeless population has grown exponentially in the past few years and is creating problems for both the homeless and the residents of the city. Please answer the following questions: Do you support or oppose expanding legal 'safe outdoor spaces' for camps around Albuquerque?

Support,

Please Explain:

Every person deserves a chance to rebuild their life AND every resident deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood. As mayor, I'll support temporary, secure outdoor spaces that connect the homeless to housing, treatment, and accountability. But we will not allow these spaces to sprawl or encroach on residential areas. This is about balance: compassion with boundaries, help with expectations, and real progress that respects everyone who calls Albuquerque home. We'll treat homelessness as a challenge to solve, not just to manage.

Q9

What is your plan to deal with illegal encampments in the city?

As mayor, I will not allow illegal encampments to take over our parks, sidewalks, or neighborhoods. That's not fair to families, businesses, or those experiencing homelessness. I'll lead a clear, firm process—offer services and shelter first—but enforce the law when people refuse help. We will protect public spaces, restore order, and demand responsibility—because real compassion means helping people move forward, not letting them stay stuck.

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Q10

Do you support using taxpayer dollars for homeless programs? If you support, what kind of programs would you seek to fund?

Support,

Please explain::

Yes, I support using taxpayer dollars for homelessness programs—but only for programs that deliver measurable results. That means funding services that help people transition off the streets, not stay stuck in cycles of dependency. I'll prioritize mental health care, addiction recovery, transitional housing, and job readiness programs —because the goal isn't to manage homelessness, it's to reduce it. Every dollar must be tied to outcomes, not just effort.

Q11

Will you cooperate with or oppose federal agencies regarding the deportation of those who have entered the U.S. illegally and are a threat to society?

Cooperate,

Please explain::

I fully support legal immigration—it strengthens our communities, drives our economy, and reflects the American Dream. But with that opportunity comes responsibility. As mayor, I will work with federal agencies to ensure that individuals who enter this country illegally and pose a threat to our community are held accountable, including through deportation when necessary. National security and public safety are not optional—they are foundational. We can welcome those who follow the law while taking decisive action against those who break it and endanger our families. Upholding the law is not extreme—it's essential to a safe and thriving city.

Q12

Crime: Albuquerque is in a crime crisis, and is one of the most dangerous cities of its size in the U.S. Please answer the following: How would you empower the Albuquerque police force to better address this situation?

As mayor, I'll focus on rebuilding trust between law enforcement and the people they serve. That starts with consistent neighborhood assignments so officers become familiar, visible, and accountable in the communities they patrol. We'll expand foot patrols, school resource programs, and youth mentorships—because preventing crime begins with presence and connection. When residents trust their officers, they're more likely to report issues early, share information, and be part of the solution. Stronger relationships mean safer neighborhoods.

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Q13

Some businesses are afraid to call for police assistance when a crime is committed because they don't want to be labeled a nuisance property. What will you do to ensure that businesses are receiving proper police protection?

I hear business owners loud and clear—they're dealing with theft, vandalism, and safety concerns, and they shouldn't be afraid to call for help. As mayor, I'll make sure no one is labeled a "nuisance" just for trying to protect their staff, their customers, and their livelihood.

I'll review the nuisance property policy to ensure it supports, not punishes, responsible business owners. I'll also increase patrols in high-impact areas, assign dedicated officer liaisons to business districts, and make sure response-times improve. Businesses create jobs, invest in our city, and keep the lights on. They deserve a mayor who's got their back—not one who makes them feel like a burden for seeking help.

Q14

Albuquerque Police Chief Harold Medina was involved in a highly controversial car crash. The corruption within APD, including high-ranking officials on DWI cases, is alarming. On the positive side, it was recently announced that the Department of Justice consent decree will soon end. If elected, would you retain or replace Chief Medina?

Replace,

Please explain::

As mayor, I will make leadership decisions based on performance, not politics. The recent controversy involving Chief Medina raises serious questions, and Albuquerque deserves answers—not silence. With the DOJ consent decree at its end, we're entering a new chapter for public safety. I will conduct a full review of APD leadership and determine whether Chief Medina—or anyone else—is the right person to lead this department forward. I will always choose accountability and integrity over loyalty to any one official.

Q15

How will you stop the open drug dealing and drug use in Albuquerque?

As mayor, I will take immediate action to stop the spread of deadly drugs (i.e. fentanyl) in its grip on our streets. I'll direct APD to target drug dealers with urgency—especially near schools, parks, and high-crime zones—and increase patrols in areas hit hardest. We'll strengthen partnerships with federal and state agencies to disrupt supply lines and shut down known trafficking routes.

At the same time, I'll expand access to addiction treatment and recovery programs, with dedicated outreach to unhoused individuals struggling with drug use. I'll support court diversion programs for nonviolent users and launch a citywide fentanyl prevention campaign in our schools. My plan is simple: stop the dealers, help those ready to recover, and protect our neighborhoods with a full-force response.

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Q16

If elected, would you expand, reduce, or maintain the size of Albuquerque's Government? If applicable, please explain where growth or reduction would occur and how.

Reduce,

Please explain::

I believe every tax dollar should work as hard as the people who earn it. That's why I'll cut back on administrative bloat and reinvest those savings into core services like policing, code enforcement, and small business support. We'll right-size departments based on performance—not politics—and build a city government that's lean, responsive, and built to serve.

Q17

What specific plans do you have to improve Albuquerque's infrastructure and road conditions, and how will you prioritize and fund these improvements?

As mayor, I'll launch a citywide infrastructure plan that prioritizes repairing roads, upgrading outdated utilities, and modernizing public spaces—starting with the areas that impact safety, traffic flow, and economic activity. We'll focus on business corridors, school zones, and underserved neighborhoods, using a full infrastructure audit to guide smart investments.

I'll secure funding from federal grants, redirect underutilized city funds, and bring private partners to the table where possible. Strong infrastructure isn't just about smoother streets—it's about attracting businesses, creating jobs, and building a city that works better for everyone.
