

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. <a href="#">Opposed bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks unless women's life was at risk or pregnancy was from rape or incest.</a>	Ban. <a href="#">Voted to ban abortion after 20 weeks unless women's life was at risk or pregnancy was from rape or incest.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads to disclose largest funders? Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	Yes, on disclosure. <a href="#">Sponsored bills to reverse Citizens United, &amp; require tax-exempt social welfare organizations that run political ads to reveal donors.</a>	<a href="#">Supported Citizens United.</a> No position on disclosure bills. <a href="#">Voted to defund House Ethics office after it investigated his staffer.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat?	Yes. <a href="#">It would be irresponsible to ignore human impact on the changing climate. Modern science should guide our policy.</a>	No. In 2010 said Intergovernmental Panel, which measured climate change, <a href="#">"doesn't even believe the crap."</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	Yes. Says: <a href="#">Limit greenhouse gases, join Paris Climate Accord, lead on renewable energy—50% of energy from renewables by 2030, 80% by 2040.</a>	No. <a href="#">"Burdensome regulations are killing jobs &amp; driving up energy prices." Voted to prohibit EPA from regulating greenhouse gases.</a> Called Paris Accord <a href="#">an unfair deal for Americans.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	No. Access to free contraception essential <a href="#">"regardless of employer's religious beliefs."</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"This is not an issue of birth control, it's an issue of government control."</a>
<b>Courts:</b> Support Judge Kavanaugh nomination? [before recent controversies]	No. <a href="#">His "reactionary judicial record threatens decades of progress for" woman's rights, LGBTQ rights, civil rights, &amp; access to healthcare.</a>	Yes. Hopes nomination process will reveal Kavanaugh to be <a href="#">"committed to preserving our freedoms as set forth in the Constitution."</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	No. Concerned will cause <a href="#">"dangerous &amp; short-sighted"</a> trade war, harming NM agriculture & consumers.	Some reservations. <a href="#">"I will not support putting our businesses at a disadvantage &amp; raising prices on our consumers."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports passing constitutional amendment to allow distributions from NM Permanent Fund.</a> Also supports universal pre-K & shifting funding from administrators to classroom teachers.	Unclear. <a href="#">Reluctant to dip into Permanent Fund, for pre-K or in general. "Far more complex than just throwing more money at the situation." Support better management, mental health support &amp; apprenticeship programs.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Provide publicly funded vouchers to help pay for private schools?	No. <a href="#">Strongly opposes school vouchers.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"Vouchers break link of low-income &amp; low-quality schools."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for higher education?	Yes. <a href="#">Find sources of money to replace lottery.</a> In Congress <a href="#">opposed budget that would have lowered Pell Grants.</a>	No. <a href="#">"Right now we don't have the money." Must first grow the economy, so that we have the money.</a>

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<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">Supported NM marriage equality before Supreme Court ruling.</a>	No. <a href="#">Personally opposes, voted against, but now settled law.</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Yes. <a href="#">Strengthen background checks, ban assault weapons &amp; high-capacity magazines. Ban anyone convicted of domestic violence from buying guns.</a>	No. <a href="#">“I don’t think gun control legislation works.”</a> Restrictions would divert resources to <a href="#">“cataloguing &amp; confiscating the guns of law-abiding citizens.”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare?	<a href="#">Supports ACA, voted against repeal. Protect &amp; strengthen Medicaid.</a>	<a href="#">“Repeal &amp; replace.” Voted for repeal.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	No. <a href="#">Opposed work requirements enacted by current governor Susana Martinez.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Require “able-bodied” Medicaid recipients to work.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	Yes. <a href="#">Values their preventive care.</a>	No. <a href="#">Willing to shut down government to stop any public funding of them.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DREAM Act (DACA), allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, then grew up in the US, to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	Yes. <a href="#">Worked to protect their status. Supports earned path to citizenship, for DACA recipients and illegal immigrants in general.</a>	Yes. On DACA, proposed 10-year <a href="#">“conditional protected status”</a> with option to renew but no path to citizenship. <a href="#">Supports guest worker program, without amnesty.</a>
<b>Labor:</b> Enact right-to-work law, preventing unions from mandating dues for workers they represent?	<a href="#">No, opposes.</a>	<a href="#">Yes, supports.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	Yes. <a href="#">Supported NM medical marijuana program &amp; voted in Congress to protect. Supports recreational legalization.</a>	No. Strongly opposes recreational legalization. <a href="#">“It would hinder the economic fortunes of poor people.”</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage from current \$7.25/hour?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports raising to \$10 immediately, &amp; to \$12 in 4 years, indexed to inflation.</a>	No. <a href="#">Raising the minimum wage would hurt small business &amp; people at the bottom of the economic ladder.</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	Yes. <a href="#">Co-sponsored Congressional resolution to reinstate net neutrality.</a>	No. Net neutrality rules <a href="#">“undermine the free marketplace.”</a>
<b>President Trump:</b> <a href="#">Percentage of major votes</a> supporting Trump’s positions?	Voted <a href="#">25%</a> with Trump as of October 1.	Voted <a href="#">90%</a> with Trump as of October 1.
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">Committed to facilitating investments in renewable energy sector.</a>	No. Wants to <a href="#">“support every form of energy.”</a> Voted repeatedly against credits or support for renewables.
<b>Student Financial Aid:</b> Increase federal or state student financial aid?	Yes. <a href="#">Backed Elizabeth Warren proposal to lower student interest rates by taxing the wealthy. Also backed Pell Grant support &amp; financial aid for people not pursuing 4-year degree.</a>	Unclear. Voted for a 2015 Federal budget that significantly cut Pell Grants. Also 2006 budget that cut student loan support in favor of deficit reduction.
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	No. They resemble failed past policies that <a href="#">“reward the wealthiest people &amp; special interests, while adding as much as \$1.5 trillion to our national debt.”</a>	Yes. Will <a href="#">“give a shot in the arm to all manufacturers, &amp; small businesses will be able to become a little more stable.”</a>
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. <a href="#">“Burdensome voter ID laws &amp; purging of voter registration rolls... disproportionately impact poor, elderly, disabled &amp; Americans of color.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Voted for photo ID in federal races.</a>

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