

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 NEW MEXICO SENATE RACE

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. Safe & legal without restrictions.	Legal. Personal aversion but recognizes as law of the land.	Ban. Life begins at conception.
Campaign Finance: Require political ads to disclose largest funders? Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited corporate political donations?	Yes. Supported DISCLOSE Act of 2015 to do this. Overturn <i>Citizens United</i> through Democracy for All Amendment .	Yes. Transparency is the only campaign reform needed. Says corporations should be able “to contribute as much money as they want.”	No position found.
Climate Change: Consider climate change a serious threat? Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	Yes to both. Climate change is “devastating”—with “moral obligation to be responsible stewards of this earth.”	No. Says human activity is a contributing factor, but doesn’t support government role in regulating.	Unclear. Mentions but not as urgent issue. Says Sandia Labs coal plant filter can solve CO₂ emissions.
Courts: Support Judge Kavanaugh nomination? [before recent allegations]	No. Threatens healthcare, environmental protection, & workers’ rights.	Yes. Would “probably” vote to confirm.	Yes. “Strong record of upholding our constitution & laws.”
Economy: Support Federal spending to promote economy?	Yes, particularly transportation infrastructure.	No. Cut government spending by 20%.	Yes. Energy development & infrastructure repair.
Economy: Support Trump’s imposition of tariffs on China?	No. Sledgehammer where need surgical approach.	No. Hurt US industries that need imports like solar.	Yes. Current trade with China is not fair.
Education: Help parents send children to private schools with public money?	No. “Privatization policies would be especially damaging to rural New Mexico”	Yes. Competition improves choices. “Why can’t we apply that to schools?”	Yes. Supports “vouchers, savings accounts, & scholarship programs.”
Elections: Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan gerrymandering?	Yes. Require independent, bipartisan redistricting commissions.	No. Prefers term limits & selecting Senators by state legislators.	No position found.
Environment: Support cutbacks of Environmental Protection Administration (EPA)?	No. EPA needed to protect health & well-being, & move to clean energy economy.	Unclear. Believes that the EPA has an important role to play.	“Natural environment” is “fragile,” but businesses are overregulated.
Financial Regulation: Support cutbacks of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)?	No. Called for its continued funding & independence.	Yes. Scrap Dodd-Frank, the legislation that authorized the CFPB.	Yes. Congratulated Trump for Dodd-Frank rollback.

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Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	Yes. Early supporter.	Yes.	No position found.
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Yes. Former NRA member, backed legislation to ban bump stocks & deny those on the federal no-fly list.	No. Says evidence doesn't show that such laws make us safer—actually less safe.	No. “Constitutional right.” Wouldn't restrict semi-automatic weapons or silencers.
Healthcare: Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Support. Repeal would make rural hospitals close & tens of thousands lose coverage . Against Medicare work rules.	Repeal. Would repeal ACA & cut Medicare. Supports free-market approach to health coverage.	Repeal. “Restore a free-market approach to health insurance.”
Healthcare: Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion healthcare?	Yes. “1 in 5 women has relied on for... birth control & lifesaving cancer treatments.”	Unclear. But supports across-the-board federal funding cuts.	No. “Should not receive any government funding.”
Immigration: Path to citizenship for “DACA” recipients or “Dreamers,” brought here as children?	Yes. Original supporter of DACA, backs “tough but fair path to earned citizenship.”	Unclear. Wants “immigrants to obtain work visas & move back & forth across border.”	No. If want citizenship, “they must leave & apply like anyone else.”
Marijuana: Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	Yes. “It's time to legalize marijuana.”	Yes. Long-time advocate for legalization.	Opposes legalizing recreational use.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 /hr?	Yes. Raise to \$15.	No. Eliminate federal minimum wage.	“Remove all regulations that discourage hiring.”
Net Neutrality: Require internet providers to provide equal access?	Yes. Voted to reverse FCC's repeal of net neutrality rules.	No. Government shouldn't regulate.	No position found.
President Trump: Response to his actions and policies?	Generally a vocal opponent. Has voted 26% in support of his policies.	Criticizes immigration & trade stands. His 2016 supporters exceeded Trump margin in enough key states to have potentially changed outcome.	“Trump's words make people nervous, but his actions aren't always bad” When [he] is good for the state, I'm good with him.”
Privatization: Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	No. Signed Social Security Protectors Pledge.	Yes. Some or all of Social Security should be privatized.	No position found.
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. Championed renewable investments to “create thousands of new jobs.”	No. Proposes “a free market approach,” with technological innovation as only driver.	No. Would only support renewable energy without government subsidies.
Student Debt: Refinance student loans at lower rates, by increasing high earner taxes (Elizabeth Warren bill)? Increase aid, like Pell Grants?	Yes. Co-sponsored Warren bill in 2017. Co-sponsored bill to “address the significant loss in value of Pell Grants,”	Supported elimination of all student loans, though would explore reduced interest. Called for Pell Grants cuts.	No position on Warren bill. Consolidate income-contingent loans. Let Pell grants cover job training.
Taxes: Support President Trump's tax cuts ?	No. Does little for working families.	Yes. But should have also cut spending.	Yes. “Stimulated investment & job creation.
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules like photo ID?	No. Disproportionately affect minority communities.	No. Mostly about “restricting Hispanic voters.”	No position found.

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