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Dear Candidates and Staff,

As you know, Our Revolution New Mexico is a consensus, volunteer organization and chapter of the national Our Revolution organization, so nothing is overnight. Because this is the first of many campaign cycles that we hope to push towards a return to true Democracy, we just wanted to get it right. So here we are, ready to cross another line in that regard.

Thanks for your patience. As soon as you can, please get your campaign's Q&A Response back to us by 9pm, Sunday. The Q&A is formatted as a WORD Document so that you can insert your answers with as much space as you might require. As soon as we receive your responses, we Admins will be discussing the results, information, pros and cons of each candidate, till late, I'm sure.

This race is an embarrassment of quality candidates and we thank you for your interest in seeking our recommendation. We want to announce our recommendations to the national OR on Monday early afternoon to the public here in New Mexico. Our Revolution National will receive our recommendations as well. I am not certain when they will announce their final review and endorsement, as they will also take into account the other Our Revolution chapters who have sent their recommendations on these races.

We felt very strongly that the process we adopted and used this first time had to be a fair, inclusive and transparent process. The People's Progressive Forum was one of those steps for the CD1 race. In other statewide races, forums, websites, videos, and campaign materials will be the many things we will sift through to make decisions. This Q&A is another important step. In addition, we have made every effort to look at FEC reports by the campaigns, because following the money matters. The most important issue was that we did not want to be guilty of doing things that other organizations have done in the past; decide in a tight circle who the candidate is and then go through a pretense of a vetting interview, after the fact, with no other candidates with whom to compare.

We have insisted on extending the invitation to every person running in these important races to be deliberately inclusive. We Progressive Bernie Supporters, know all too well the pain of the many unfair moves that were made against Senator Bernie Sanders by the DNC and corporate owned media. We as an organization, refuse to become that which we hate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In fairness to our little group, we are experiencing the normal 'growing pains' of a new, wholly volunteer organization. It's important to get things right, from the beginning. Please remember, that not just one person makes this decision at ORNM. We know from the outset, with multiple candidates, there will be candidates disappointed and upset with our outcome, but at least you all can rest assured that we gave every person in this race an opportunity to earn our support.

In solidarity and on behalf of the entire ORNM Team, Thank you!

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Our Revolution New Mexico Candidate Questionnaire

Background and Premise

At a crucial time in our country and our state, where Corporate interests, greed, open racism and patriarchy are the rule of thumb, we believe that it's way past time to focus on the work and interests of the people. It is in this spirit that Our Revolution New Mexico (ORNM) operates as a volunteer arm and chapter of the National Our Revolution (NOR) organization. The foundation and intention of both the national and state organizations is to advocate, challenge and push for progressive values and principles to be at the forefront of all reform in the following things: political, social, judicial and economic policy and law for the benefit of the 99% of Americans, not corporations and special interests.

Because of these values, it is imperative to vet the candidates most likely to support and promote our values as elected public servants. This questionnaire is part of a serious attempt to vet candidates in a transparent, inclusive and fair manner. All the questions are important to the Progressive Platform and are only a sampling of the hundreds of topics that could be covered. Within this process, in order to be fair, all candidates are invited to participate in this questionnaire.

For statewide candidates, this questionnaire, along with personal interviews, candidate websites and materials will be reviewed by ORNM Research Administrators, along with FEC reports, which are public information and will be part of the foundation of ORNM Chapter's Recommendation process to the NOR. Congressional District #1 candidates will be vetted with these materials, along with the People's Progressive Forum on February 25th in Albuquerque. Additional Vetting opportunities will be sought with Congressional District 2, in the southern district of New Mexico.

At ORNM we recognize that every elected position means that one day you may serve in higher office capacity and so, it is important that people share our values and principles, in particular, ending big money in politics. Please help us to understand you and your ability to serve. All of these questions are equal in importance and the order of the questions/inquiries is merely a reflection of the collective and collaborative work within ORNM volunteers and administrators. When you respond to all of these questions, use as much space as you require to respond fully, but please try to be as succinct as possible.

We are committed to 'Common Men and Women', Citizen Activists being elected to serve. In that spirit, we will do all we can to help people create the government they want and deserve by providing credible information to the public. All of these topics and questions are equally important and affect so many. Please help us to understand you and your campaign. Let's begin!

Your name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Office you are running for: _____

District: _____

A. Reforming Democracy

- 1. Do you support legislation that expands participation in all elections? If not, please explain why not or any specifics to your objections.**
- 2. Will you support the creation of a public financing system for legislative and statewide elections throughout New Mexico? If not, please explain why.**
- 3. Do you support the restoration of voting rights for convicted felons? If not, please explain why.**
- 4. Do you support the ending of Super Delegates within the Democratic Party?**
- 5. Do you support Open Primaries, and the elimination of the Electoral College?**

B. Income Inequality

- 1. Please share your vision of tax reform.**
- 2. Do you favor the repeal of the latest #GOPTaxScam Bill? _____**
- 3. Do you support the enactment of a tax that will impact Wall Street speculators? Please elaborate on your position.**
- 4. What will you do to change the financial direction of our economy and the ability of of our struggling families to reach or access financial security?**
- 5. Do you support the adoption and change of the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour by 2020? If your answer is no, please explain.**
- 6. Will you support efforts to rectify the deep poverty issues within our communities, both Rural and Urban by supporting the Poor People's Campaign For A Moral Revival?**

C. Mass Incarceration & Police Reform

1. Do you support “presumptive release” or similar measures for defendants designed to reduce the financial and bail requirements? Please elaborate.
2. Do you have a plan to expand alternatives to incarceration for people convicted of nonviolent crimes, for example, small quantities of Marijuana possession for personal use? Please elaborate.

D. Marijuana & Hemp

1. Do you support the decriminalization initiatives of Marijuana and Hemp in New Mexico? If not, please explain.
2. What would your timeline be in both of these initiatives?

E. Strengthening Social Security

1. Do you support the expansion of Social Security by ‘Lifting the Cap’?
2. What are your intentions regarding Social Security at the state and national levels?

F. Medicare For All

1. Do you support Single Payer - Medicare for All?
2. Please elaborate the various options, if any. If not, please explain any changes you would make to the Affordable Care Act and why.

G. Guns - NRA

1. What will you do to create positive reform regarding access to firearms, like minimum age requirements and longer waiting periods?

2. Will you vote to ban military style Assault Weapons, such as the AR-15?
3. Do you support Universal Background Checks?
4. Will you work to expand resources and services for Behavioral & Mental Health?
5. Will you commit to signing the 'Vote Courage in November' Pledge, initiated by former Representative Gabby Giffords?

H. Women's Issues

1. What will you do to ensure that women can fully participate in their autonomy as equal members of our society?
2. If in Congress will you support extending the time limit for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) until all necessary states have ratified?
3. Will you commit to the Reproductive Rights Each Woman Act of 2017?
4. What additional legislation will you co-sponsor to ensure equal pay for equal work?
5. Explain your ideas for reform on issues of sexual harassment and sexual abuse.

I. War & Peace

1. Will you vote to repeal the 'The Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF)'?
2. What ideas do you have to cut defense spending overall while ensuring that our troops, their families, vets and the American people have adequate funding for the social programs they need?
3. Will you commit yourself to investigating or discovering how the Department of Defense spend billions of dollars more than their budget?

J. Veterans & Our Social Contract With Them

What will you do to protect the VA program from privatization and corporate profiteering?

K. Addressing Racial & LGBTQ Injustices

- 1. Please identify what you see as problems regarding race in our society and what you would do to improve and heal the rifts and divisions within our state and country.**
- 2. Please discuss your views and plans to support and advocate for the LGBTQ community; within your office, the state and the country.**

L. Climate Change & The Fossil Fuel Industry

- 1. What are the commitments you will make to ensure an efficient and aggressive transition to clean energy production?**
- 2. Do you support either a statewide or national ban on fracking, and how soon will you move to ensure this transition?**
- 3. How will you protect low income and communities of color from the environmental devastation and destruction? Please be expansive on the issue of sacrifice zones and injustice.**

M. Public & Sacred Lands & Spaces

- 1. What is your position on the Protection of Public Lands and Sovereign Lands within New Mexico? Consider your answers from the standpoint of Native & Sacred Land spaces, such as Chaco Canyon and please expand how you will ensure the protection of places like this UNESCO Site.**
- 2. In addition to the above considerations, talk to us about your views on the Permanent Land Fund, the impacts from the Gas & Oil Interests that continue to have 'Carte Blanche' from Governor Martinez as well as the Trump Administration and please tell us how you will push for accountability in these issues.**
- 3. What are your views regarding the clean up of water sources and land territories that have been devastated by careless Nuclear and Uranium operations throughout New Mexico?**

N. Immigrants, Refugees & Dreamers

- 1. If federal immigration officials attempt to deport undocumented immigrants from your community, how will you intervene and advocate with federal officials to stop those deportations?**
- 2. Do you support a state or national DREAM Act? Please elaborate on your position.**

O. Education Reform & Free College Tuition

- 1. What are your views on Education Reform and accountability for public and charter schools?**
- 2. How would you address the teacher shortage, when so many college students are not choosing this career path, and veteran teachers are moving away to other states or retiring early?**
- 3. How will you support the separation of the Fossil Fuel Industry's control of New Mexico's Education Budget?**
- 3. Please discuss your vision of vocational and graduate education funding.**
- 4. What will you do to encourage the careful use and investments of funding from the Permanent Land Grant Fund, for educational improvements in New Mexico?**

P. Clean Job Creation (The Big Essay)

Please explain your Economic Development Plans for Clean Job Creation, that does not exploit New Mexico's People, Air, Land and Water, while respecting the multicultural communities and preserving the cultural history of New Mexico's tribal lands.

Q. Tell Us Why You Want ORNM's Recommendation?