

Common Cause New Mexico 2014 Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform Questionnaire

<p>1. In January 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in <i>Citizens United</i>, ruling that corporations and unions have the right to make unlimited political contributions. The <i>Citizens United</i> decision also expressed support for laws that require disclosure of the sources of contributions and expenditures in political campaigns. Do you support bringing our state's Campaign Reporting Act up to date by requiring independent political groups to report who their donors are, how their money is spent on campaigns, and whether they are coordinating with candidates?</p>	Yes	No
<p>2. It is incredibly difficult to determine who is influencing decisions at the Roundhouse, which impact the everyday lives of New Mexicans. Do you support improving our lobbying reporting system to ensure consistency, enforcement, and availability of reports from organizations and individuals lobbying elected officials?</p>	Yes	No
<p>3. Since the 1940 passage of the Hatch Act, sponsored by Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico, the federal government has prohibited federal contractors from making contributions to federal candidates. Would you support a bill that would mirror this prohibition at the state level by banning political contributions to candidates for statewide and legislative office from major state government contractors and potential contractors with bids under review?</p>	Yes	No
<p>4. A December 2013 poll by Common Cause New Mexico demonstrated that 79 percent of New Mexicans believe corruption is a serious or very serious problem in our state politics. Do you support the formation of an effective independent ethics commission, which can re-instill faith in the political process?</p>	Yes	No
<p>5. In New Mexico voluntary public campaign financing is available for qualified candidates for the Public Regulation Commission, appellate judgeships, as well as in some city council races. Do you support expanding such a system to include races for statewide executive positions such as governor, attorney general, and secretary of state? What about State Senate or State House?</p>	Yes	No
<p>6. In the past, New Mexico, like many other states, has offered up-front incentives to try to attract businesses to locate here. In some cases, these incentives have lacked accountability and the companies have failed to deliver on their promises. Would you support legislation to establish a post-performance incentive in New Mexico that companies could only receive after documenting that they have created new high-paying jobs and new state tax revenues?</p>	Yes	No

Letter to House Candidates

Dear New Mexico House candidate:

As a candidate for the New Mexico State Legislature, Common Cause New Mexico and our members are very interested in your opinions on ethical and open government in NM. I encourage you to complete the attached Common Cause New Mexico survey regarding Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform so your

constituents are better informed about your position(s). The answers will be published on our website, as well as distributed to our members in New Mexico.

Please email the completed questionnaire to vharrison@commoncause.org, or mail to Common Cause New Mexico, PO Box 278, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

We are looking forward to your responses so we can let our members and partner organizations know how you feel about these critical issues.

Answers from House Candidates

Alfred Gordon Glass, Jr.	Democrat	State Rep	1
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1. Yes, Comments: Campaigns should be transparent.
2. Yes, Comments: As a representative, I would make my schedule of appointments and consultations with outside parties available for inspection.
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: Anything that increases the possibility that a greater diversity of candidates will participate, and decreases the influence of excessive spending on campaigns.
6. Yes

Doreen W. Johnson	Democrat	Representative	5
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: Yes, but I would add that it needs to be adequately funded. If public financing is only optional then it needs to be funded adequately so that a candidate can communicate with voters effectively.
6. Yes

Lorenzo Pino	Democrat	State Representative	12
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: Public financing should be available for all races to level the playing field and allow a the voters a greater choice of candidates.
6. Yes, Comments: We also need transparency about what is really in the contracts, and we need to look at whether we are getting the best bang for our buck, or if we can do better for our communities by, for example, investing in and working cooperatively with existing local businesses instead of giving incentives to large/chain corporations, for example, investing in a locally family-owned Chinese restaurant to help expand their business (and keep revenues in the local economy) instead of giving an incentive for Panda Express to build a new store (and sending 60% of the revenues out of state).

Patricio Ruiloba	Democratic	House Rep	12
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

State Rep Miguel P García	Democratic	State Representative	14
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: I support public financing of all legislative races.
6. Yes

Emily Kane	Dem	House Rep	15
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes, Comments: In other words, limiting the possibility of state contractors, including out of state contractors, influencing elections to possibility get business.
4. Yes, Comments: I would like to see how that could be done.
5. Yes, Comments: I support the concept. The execution is very difficult. I've studied other states to find a good model.
6. Yes, Comments: I strongly believe a tax rebate, rather than an up-front incentive, is the responsible way to show state support.

Josh Anderson	Democrat	State House	20
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

Jim Smith	Republican	Representative	22
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: I am very concerned about how much money is spent on State House and Senate campaigns, which are un-paid positions. New Mexico has a "citizen's legislature" and should be completely transparent to the citizens.

6. Yes

John Wallace	Democrat	Representative	22
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1. Yes, Comments: I support transparency in campaign finance. Contributions should not be unlimited and do not equal speech.

2. Yes, Comments: Citizens should know the lobbyists who are influencing our elected leaders.

3. Yes

4. Yes, Comments: I support the concept and spirit of an ethics commission to fight political corruption.

5. Yes, Comments: We need good people to run for office and this would help do that.

6. Yes, Comments: We need to seriously consider the state economy when we provide “incentives” to large corporations who should pay their fair share of taxes for the citizens of New Mexico.

Christine Trujillo	Democratic	House of Reps	25
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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

Bob Coffey	Democrat	State Representative	30
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1. Yes, Comments: Absolutely

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes, Comments: very good idea.

Andy Nunez	Republican	State Representative	36
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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. No

4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes

Joanne Ferrary	Democratic	NM House	37
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1. Yes, Comments: Would the IE’s report to the SOS?

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes, Comments: The expenditures of the opponent would have to be matched at any level and money was distributed fairly.

6. Yes, Comments: I highly support this effort!

Nick Salazar	Democrat	State rep	40
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

Matthew McQueen	Democrat	State House	50
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1. Yes, Comments: Absolutely.
2. Yes, Comments: Absolutely.
3. Yes, Comments: Absolutely.
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: I support public financing (and certainly wish it was an option in my race), but it probably needs to continue to be phased in as we learn from experience. (In other words, I wouldn't add all of those positions at once.)
6. Yes

Dr. Donna Tillman	Democrat	House 57	57
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

Richard Mastin	Democratic	Representative	59
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes, Comments: This sounds like a good idea so I'm saying I would support it but I wonder how much it would cost to design and administer such a system and I wonder how many candidates would end up running for each position. It could get pretty unwieldy if there was a large number of candidates receiving public funding. If it proved workable, I would say yes to the State Senate and House as well.
6. Yes

Linda Sanchez Allison	Democrat	State Rep	60
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1. Yes
2. Yes, Comments: I would love to see all lobbyist out of the state office. Especially those run by corporations.
3. Yes, Comments: Absolutely, this should apply to state government contractors.

4. Yes, Comments: Yes, a commission would work if people could show they were independent from those being investigated.

5. Yes, Comments: I would very much support campaign finance for other offices. We are spending too much money on campaigns. The election period is too long. This would be a more honest approach. My opponent is being funded by several groups that are members of ALEC.

6. Yes, Comments: There has to be more accountability for companies who receive incentives, if located in NM. We need to ensure all that agreements are made to enforce creating good jobs and that the jobs add to the state revenue.