

District 13 Questionnaire - 2009 Session

Please check the boxes next to your preferred choices. If more than one person is responding to this survey, please use a different color ink for each respondent.

1. State revenue has dropped in the past year due to the sharp drop in oil and gas prices. This year's budget (2008) now appears to be about \$450 million short, out of a total budget of \$6 million—a crisis the state has not faced in decades. Next year's revenues will fall at least \$200 million. What should the legislature do to maintain the balanced budget required by the constitution?

Please rank, with 1 the highest priority

- Raise gross receipts taxes
- Raise income taxes on highest brackets
- Reduce tax breaks given to the film industry, alternative energy producers and others in recent years
- Reduce the number of public employees
- Do not implement scheduled pre-kindergarten expansion
- Temporarily cut social programs like Medicaid, childcare assistance, and housing for low-income families
- Tap into the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund
- Tap into the Land Grant or Severance Tax Permanent Fund (requires voter approval)
- Tap into the 10% reserve fund (will reduce ability to borrow and respond to dire emergencies)
- Use money from unspent capital outlay projects
- Other _____

2. Which of these programs would you temporarily cut?

Please rank, with 1 the highest

- a. Public safety-state police, prisons, juvenile
- b. Higher education— universities
- c. Medicaid-lower eligibility and lower benefits
- d. Cultural affairs - state museums, arts programs
- e. Water projects and adjudications
- f. Public education K-12
- g. Pre-kindergarten
- h. Other programs for poor people
- i. Roads and buildings
- j. Other _____

3. Tax measures may be part of the budget discussion. Which do you favor?

- A 1% increase in Gross Receipts Tax to increase the school funding formula and provide \$500 million that school districts need
 Yes No
- No new taxes Yes No
- Increased taxes on cigarettes Yes No
- Increased taxes on alcohol, if a certain county votes for this
 Yes No

4. A number of ethics, election and campaign finance reforms will be brought forward this year. Do you favor:

- Limiting campaign contributions to state candidates Yes No
- Permitting election-day voter registration Yes No
- Forming an independent ethics commission Yes No
- Expanding the voluntary public financing system to statewide candidates or district judges Yes No
- Increasing the oversight of state contracting and the procurement process Yes No
- Requiring lobbyists to disclose compensation from each client
 Yes No
- Opening legislative conference committees to press and public
 Yes No
- Increased oversight of the Secretary of State's office Yes No
- Improvement of the Electronic Campaign Report filing system
 Yes No

Do you favor:

5. A requirement that deep wells drilled for brackish (salty) water on the West Side and elsewhere be licensed by the State Engineer
 Yes No

6. Stronger enforcement and increased penalties for Off-Highway-Vehicle riders who damage public and private property
 Yes No

7. A law banning the advertisement of alcohol near schools, college campuses and at athletic events
 Yes No

8. A state law enabling Tax Increment Development Districts on the West Side whereby assumed future increases in gross receipts taxes can be used to fund roads and infrastructure in the development. Developers usually fund the infrastructure themselves.
 Yes No

9. Taxes paid by property owners in the valley area of Bernalillo County account for almost half of the revenue collected by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD).

Do you feel that you are receiving adequate services from the MRGCD?
 Yes No

Do you favor modest improvement of trails along ditches?
 Yes No

How do you rate the performance of the MRGCD?
Circle a number below, with 1 the highest rating and 5 the lowest.

1 2 3 4 5

10. Do you support replacing the death penalty with life without parole? Yes No

11. Even with the current budget crunch, a number of measures will be proposed this session to provide affordable, accessible, quality health care to more New Mexicans. Do you favor:

- A Medicare-style universal insurance coverage plan for all
 Yes No
- Maintaining Medicaid funding levels Yes No
- A Health Care Commission to continue planning for systemic reform of the delivery and financing of health care services and coverage
 Yes No
- Mandated reporting of hospital acquired infections Yes No
- A requirement that insurance companies allow patients to choose their own doctor by contracting with any qualified provider Yes No
- A requirement that doctors and other providers disclose gifts received by pharmaceutical companies (excluding free samples)
 Yes No
- Changes in the state's handling of mental health and substance abuse services (currently contracted to Value Options) Yes No

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Happy New Year!

It was a long primary campaign, but after all was said and done, Sen. Feldman got almost 80% of the vote.

Thanks to everyone!!



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