

Bob Mason's answers to the Duke City Ledger

Emailed to the Ledger on Oct. 20, 2026, by Robert (Bob) Mason, Republican candidate for the New Mexico House, District 21, in reply to questions the Ledger sent him on Oct. 15. The Ledger's questions are in bold; his answers follow exactly as sent. Nothing was removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to address these concerns. Here are my thoughts.

1. In this office, what would you do about the proposed sale of PNM and your electric bill?

This is a Public Regulation Commission (PRC) issue and should be handled at that level. I urge anyone with concerns to contact their PRC commissioners.

2. In this office, what would you do about license plate cameras such as Flock and who can see their data?

I believe it's possible to support public safety while also ensuring individual privacy. For instance, Bernalillo County's new contract with Axon replaces Flock and will provide better control.

3. In this office, what would you do about crime and homelessness?

We must take crime seriously. Crime is made worse by the state's catch and release policies. Multiple bills in the legislature to address crime have been stopped by progressives who are more interested in criminals than victims. Fentanyl trafficking should be a 1st degree felony (attempted last year but failed), reform bail laws and policies, and stop sanctuary policies so law enforcement can get rid of criminal illegals.

These steps will also address the homeless situation as they are closely related, although homelessness is primarily a municipal issue. For instance, the situation in Albuquerque is made worse by the cities hands-off policies.

4. What's one thing about this office most voters don't know, but should?

A state legislator works for the people living in their district, but state legislators deal with state-wide issues. The legislature should have a balance of ideas and beliefs. Currently that isn't the case as our legislature heavily favors a progressive agenda that is less concerned with the well-being of the state's citizens than the interests of special groups and donors.

5. Who are your largest donors, and is there any decision this office makes where you'd step aside because of them?

The majority of my donations are from individuals. Although I appreciate others who have donated to my campaign to help make New Mexico a better place to work and live, I will go to Santa Fe to represent my districts issues. Those issues and my own moral compass will determine how I vote.

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