

ECONOMY

Albuquerque has to attract career based industry. Good paying jobs, benefits, and retirement. Our citizens cannot survive on part time minimum wage jobs.

Albuquerque deserves better. Small business cannot survive without an industry base to support the small business.

POLICE

Under the Berry and Schultz administration, and lack of leadership the Albuquerque Police Department has gone from being rated top 10 in the nation to being faced with the take over by The United States Justice Department. The current Mayor and Chief of Police both need to be replaced. A new Chief of Police needs to be appointed from local applicants and be able to lead the department to regaining the trust and the respect of the community. (We in ABQ can solve our own problems. We do not need to hire someone from outside our community.)

DRUGS and CRIME

Mayor Berry promised to go after property crimes at the speed of business. Property crime has had a huge increase in Albuquerque since the Berry administration. To lower the property crimes the reason for the crime should be the focus. Most people commit property crimes to get drugs. Putting drug offenders in jail does NOT work. We have learned this over the years during the so called war on drugs. I propose a pilot program for criminals who are addicted to drugs. In our rehab center we will get the drug addict off drugs, teach them a trade, get their GED if neccessary, and have a job waiting for them when they return to society. This will overall reduce the cost to the tax payer, stop the revolving door of putting these addicted people in jail and getting out of jail, and starting their crime sprees all over again to obtain drugs. (Stop the demand, the supply will go away)

EDUCATION

Our students are dropping out of school at an alarming rate. I propose working with CNM and Charter Schools to start trade schools. Our Country needs people to work the trades, these trades pay high salaries, have benefits and retirements. Rather than dropping out of school, drop into a trade school.