

Candidate questions for the 10/23/25 Gallup Mayoral and City Council Forum at UNMG:

1. What do you think are the biggest problems in your district (or in the city, if mayoral candidate) that you will face during your term?
2. (If City Councilor) As one of five city councilors, each with equal power, how will you work with the city councilors to ensure that the needs of your district are represented? (if Mayor) How will you ensure you are representing the sometimes conflicting needs and views of the whole city?
3. How do you view the role of municipal police in assisting federal immigration enforcement? What safeguards would you support to balance community trust with public safety?
4. What do you believe are the primary factors driving homelessness in our city, and what policy or policies would you implement to address those underlying causes?
5. What do you see as the most pressing threats to our city's long-term water security, and what specific policies or projects would you champion to mitigate those risks and ensure a reliable, safe water supply for all residents?
6. Federal policy changes are impacting key quality-of-life services such as arts, libraries, public radio, and parks. How would you ensure the city adapts and protects these essential resources for residents?
7. Effective regional cooperation involves state and county bodies, the Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo. Can you outline the key steps you'd pursue to establish and sustain productive relationships with each of these entities? Each candidate will be given two minutes to introduce self and her/his position.

There were seven questions, with each candidate will given two minutes to respond to each.

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