

Sheryl M. Williams

Party:
Democrat

Born:
July 30, 1957, in U.S. Virgin Islands.

Resident of:
Albuquerque since 1975.

Education:
Bachelor's degree in education, 1978, New Mexico State University; master's degree in multicultural education, 1987, University of New Mexico; Specialist in Education Administration, 1990, University of New Mexico.

Occupation:
Assistant principal, Career Enrichment Center, an Albuquerque Public Schools magnet school.

Political/governmental experience:
Vice-chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party since 1991; "Get Out The Vote" coordinator for the



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American Federation of Teachers, 1992 Clinton-Gore Campaign; Founding member, Southeast Heights Gang Intervention/Prevention Task Force.

1. Legislative priorities

Jobs, economic development with jobs and increased funding for public schools.

2. What, if anything, should be done at the state level about health care in New Mexico?

I favor comprehensive health care for all New Mexicans. The single-payer plan goes to an extreme of government control and the Clinton plan doesn't go far enough. We need a moderate plan

that gives universal accessibility and privacy of health information.

3. Do you think any state tax increases are needed to bolster programs? If so, please specify which taxes should be raised and for what purpose.

No.

4. Do you favor cutting taxes? If so, please specify which taxes should be cut.

No. Taxes should be cut only after the annual per-student spending on public education, which now is at \$4,196, surpasses the national average of \$5,026 per student per year. The 6-cent-a-gallon increase in gasoline taxes should be reduced only after spending on public education makes up half of the state general-fund spending.

5. Do you support either a state lottery or legalization of video gambling in New Mexico?

I support a state lottery. But

because New Mexico's population is so small, I favor our state joining another state's lottery. A fixed percentage of the income from a state lottery should be earmarked for education. I am undecided on whether video gambling should be legalized in New Mexico.

6. Would you support a state constitutional amendment providing term limits for state legislators?

No. Legislators should be given a reasonable amount of time to achieve their goals. History has shown that a legislator with more experience in the Legislature acquires more pork to take home to their district.

7. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of drunken driving or any felony?

No. ■