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**David Bacon says Cleaner Energy Sooner
Governor's Initiatives Positive First Step**

PRC candidate David Bacon is happy to see the governor focusing on Clean Energy Initiatives. Higher fuel efficiency vehicles and more energy efficient residential and commercial buildings are absolutely necessary components of energy independence and environmental health.

But David Bacon would like to see even higher clean energy standards for producers. While Governor Richardson is calling for raising the renewable portfolio standard to 25% by 2020, David Bacon thinks 50% by 2020 is achievable and necessary. This would not only benefit our communities environmentally, but economically as well.

“A Clean Energy Public Works program could put thousands of New Mexicans to work,” says David, “both through construction projects that would employ a substantial number of skilled laborers and through ongoing operation and maintenance of the facilities. As a state, we need to increase our local energy self reliance and keep our energy dollars in New Mexico.”

David differs with the governor on exporting energy to other states. “Huge centralized generators and long transmission lines are a part of the old paradigm.” David Bacon says, “When elected, I will do everything in my power to switch New Mexico immediately to clean renewable energy sources. Small scale, local generation of power is the future, and we need to move toward that future now.”

Lastly, David has to disagree with Republican gubernatorial candidate John Dendahl's suggestion to promote nuclear energy. “Nuclear power is not safe or clean, as some purport,” says David. “The uranium enrichment process alone releases even more toxic material into our air than a coal fired electric generator.”

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