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Humane Voters of Arizona Primary Election Endorsements Reflect Support for Humane Treatment of Animals

Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) has announced its August 26 primary election endorsements for the Arizona Legislature.

The endorsements reflect the broad based, non-partisan support of Arizona voters for the humane treatment of our state's animals. HVA has endorsed a diverse slate of candidates from both parties. In a highly divisive political climate these endorsements highlight how support for humane issues crosses all party lines.

Key endorsements include John Kavanagh, candidate for Arizona Senate in Legislative District 23 and Senator Steve Farley, running for re-election in Legislative District 9. Both were recognized by a variety of organizations for their support for humane legislation during the 2013 legislative session.

Another example of the non-partisan support for these issues is in the Senate race in District 18 where HVA has endorsed a Democrat, Janie Hydrick and a Republican Tom Morrissey.

The endorsement list will be updated for the general election. The endorsement list and survey responses are posted on the Humane Voters of Arizona website at www.humanevotersaz.org

Arizona State House of Representatives

LD 1: Frank Cuccia*

LD 2: Demion Clinco (i)

LD 3: Marcario Saldate (i)

LD 7: Albert Hale (i)

LD 8: Frank Pratt (i)

Comments: HVA endorses Rep. Pratt solely because of his past sponsorship of the bill to ban roadside animal sales.

LD 9: Victoria Steele (i)*

LD 10: Stefanie Mach (i)
Bruce Wheeler (i)*

LD 11: Jo Grant*
Holly Lyon*

LD 12: DJ Rothans*

LD 13: Diane Landis*

LD 14: James C. Burton*
Susan Syfert*

LD 16: Cara Prior*

LD 18: David Pheanis*

LD 19: Mark Cardenas (i)*

LD 20: Anthony Kern*
Amy Schwabenlender*

LD 22: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson*

LD 23: Bob Littlefield*
Michelle Ugenti (i)

LD 24: Lela Alston (i)*
Ken Clark*

Comments: Both Ken Clark and Rich Bauer had excellent survey responses, but as a former legislator, Clark was a strong supporter of animal protection. For that reason HVA endorses Ken Clark.

- LD 25: Haydee Dawson* *was a strong supporter of animal protection. For that reason HVA endorses Rebecca Rios.*
- LD 26: Juan Jose Mendez*
Andrew Sherwood*
- LD 27: Norma Munoz (i)
Rebecca Rios*
- LD 28: Eric Meyer (i)*
- LD 29: Richard Andrade*
- LD 30: Jonathan Larkin (i)
Debbie McCune-Davis (i)
- Comments: Both Rebecca Rios and Reginald Bolding Jr. had excellent survey responses, but as a former legislator, Rios*

Arizona State Senate

- LD 2: Andrea Dalessandro (i)*
- LD 3: Olivia Cajero Bedford (i)
- LD 7: Carlyle Begay (i)
Jamescita Peshlakai
- Comments: House incumbent, Rep. Peshlakai is challenging incumbent Senator Begay in the primary race. Both of these candidates have excellent voting records on animal-related bills.*
- LD 9: Steve Farley (i)
- LD 10: David Bradley (i)*
- LD 16: Scott Prior*
- LD 17: Kristie O'Brien*
- LD 18: Janie Hydrick*
Tom Morrissey*
- LD 19: Lupe Chavira Contreras (i)
- LD 20: Patty Kennedy*
- LD 22: Archangel Muscato
- LD 23: John Kavanagh (i)*
- LD 24: Katie Hobbs (i)
- LD 26: Ed Ableser (i)
- LD 28: Kelli Butler*
- LD 29: Martin J. Quezada*
- LD 30: Robert Meza (i)

Key

LD = Legislative District

(i) = Incumbent

* = Responded to HVA Questionnaire

About Primary Election Endorsements

Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) is an all volunteer, non-partisan organization that supports candidates who care about animals and animal protection. HVA does not provide endorsements for all legislative districts. In some district races HVA either does not endorse any of the candidates, or does not have information about the candidates. In such cases HVA has made no endorsements. In races in which HVA is making endorsements, those endorsements are based on a nonpartisan basis, considering legislative report cards and questionnaires. Please note that we only have legislative report cards for incumbents and former legislators, and we only have questionnaires for candidates who have responded to our request. Voting records, when available, are always given more weight than questionnaire responses.

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