



Arizona 2016 Legislative Primary Election Voter Guide

About Primary Election Endorsements

Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) is an all-volunteer, non-partisan organization that supports state legislative candidates who care about animals and animal protection.

In races in which HVA is making endorsements, those endorsements are made on a non-partisan basis, considering HVA legislative reports and questionnaires. Please note that we only have legislative reports 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. Endorsements for incumbents are based on both 2015 and 2016 legislative voting records which are posted online on at www.HumaneVotersAZ.org

HVA endorsement decisions are based primarily on analyses of actions that candidates have taken in the past with regard to animal protection issues and on their stated positions on these issues. For candidates who do not have a historical record and have not provided written position statements, HVA has made no endorsements.

When making endorsements, HVA may also consider other factors including opposing candidates, PAC funding, and the climate of the legislative district. Some endorsed candidates do not have excellent voting records but would likely be better lawmakers on animal protection issues than their opponents.

In primary races where there are no HVA endorsements, please refer to legislative reports (for incumbents and former legislators) and candidate survey responses, which are posted on the HVA website.

Additional legislative endorsements will be made for the general election.

"Single-Shot" Voting: In Arizona House races voters choose two representatives for each district. In LDs where HVA has endorsed only one candidate, please consider casting a single vote for the endorsed candidate, which will maximize their odds against opponents where votes are split.

For federal election endorsements visit the Humane Society Legislative Fund at www.hslf.org.

Be a voice for Arizona's animals by voting in the state primary election, where many races are decided! Please share this voter guide with other animal advocates and encourage them to vote.

Candidates who support animal protection need your help! Please consider pitching in to help HVA elect animal-friendly legislators or to volunteer on their campaigns! If you can help, please contact us at humanevotersarizona@cox.net.

Arizona State House of Representatives

- LD 2: Rosanna Gabaldon (i)
- LD 3: Sally Ann Gonzales (i)
Macario Saldate (i)
- LD 4: Charlene R. Fernandez (i)*
- LD 9: Randall Friese (i)*
- LD 10: Kirsten Engel*
Stefanie Mach (i)*
- LD 14: Mike Holmes*
- LD 16: Kelly Townsend (i)
- LD 18: Denise "Mitzi" Epstein*
- LD 19: Mark Cardenas (i)
Diego Espinoza (i)*
- LD 20: Paul Boyer (i)
Chris Gilfillan*
- LD 21: Deanna Rasmussen-Lacotta*
- LD 22: Phil Lovas (i)
- LD 23: Jay Lawrence (i)
Michelle Ugenti-Rita (i)
- LD 24: Lela Alston (i)*
Ken Clark (i)
- LD 25: Kathleen Rahn*
- LD 26: Celeste Plumlee (i)*
- LD 27: Reginald Bolding (i)
Rebecca Rios (i)*
- LD 28: Kelli Butler*
- LD 29: Richard Andrade (i)*
- LD 30: Jonathan Larkin (i)

Key

LD = Legislative District

(i) = Incumbent

* = Responded to HVA Questionnaire

Arizona State Senate

- LD 2: Andrea Dalessandro (i)
- LD 3: Olivia Cajero Bedford (i)
- LD 4: Lisa Otondo (i)
- LD 5: Sonny Borrelli (i)
- LD 7: Jamescita Peshlakai
- LD 9: Steve Farley (i)
- LD 10: David Bradley (i)*
- LD 18: Sean Bowie*
- LD 19: Lupe Chavira Contreras (i)
- LD 23: John Kavanagh (i)*
- LD 24: Katie Hobbs (i)
- LD 26: Juan Jose Mendez (i)
- LD 28: Eric Meyer *
- LD 29: Martin J. Quezada (i)*
- LD 30: Robert Meza (i)

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Please Note: HVA will be making additional endorsements for the General Election.

If you have questions or comments please contact us at humanevotersarizona@cox.net.