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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	Senator Martin Quezada
Q2: Party Affiliation	Democrat
Q3: Legislative Chamber	Senate
Q4: Legislative District	29
Q5: Campaign Website	www.MartinQuezada.com
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PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?	NO
Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?	YES,
	Comments I've been a pet owner all my life. Currently own 2 dogs.
Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?	NO

PAGE 4: FARM ANIMALS

Q11: Do you support removing farm animals and horses from protection under Arizona's animal cruelty law and placing them under new, weaker laws in the agriculture code?

NO

PAGE 5: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q12: Do you support Arizona's public initiative process? YES

Q13: If YES, what steps would you take to protect our public initiative process?

I have been the most vocal advocate for protection of the initiative/referenda/recall process in AZ. Each of these attacks have gone through the committee I sit on in Government, and I've taken the lead in being a vocal opponent of any efforts to weaken citizens initiatives. I will continue to be that advocate.

PAGE 6: ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW

Q14: Do you supportstrengthening Arizona's animal cruelty laws to correct loopholes that makeit difficult to prosecute animal abusers?

YES,

Comments

Although I voted for these measures this year, I do believe each of the bills needed additional work. I generally do not believe criminalization is always the answer to all of societies ills and I am interested in more creative ways to deal with this and other issues that end up creating more criminalization.

Q15: Would you supportlegislation to make itmore difficult foregregious acts of animal cruelty charged asfelonies tobe reduced to misdemeanors?

YES.

COMMENTS

In general, I don't believe it is necessary to make it harder for felonies to be reduced to misdemeanors. If a prosecutor has good reason to keep a charge as a felony, they should have the ability to do so and also if they believe that the interests of justice should allow for a charge to be reduced to a misdemeanor, they should have that authority also. Taking away this type of discretion I believe ultimately has an opposite impact on solving the underlying issue trying to be resolved (animal abuse) because the individual criminalized will still ultimately get out and often without the type of rehabilitation that might have prevented him/her from doing it again if the answer is simply a harsher penalty.

PAGE 7: WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Q16: Do you support a process that includes less than 1% of hunters & anglers and limits the voice of a majority of Arizonans to participate in the Arizona Game & Fish Commission appointment process?

NO

Q17: Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Boardshould be repealed?

YES

PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

Q18: Do you support legislation that weakens protection for endangered Mexican gray wolves?	NO
PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA	
Q19: Do you support captive dolphin programs for human entertainment?	NO
PAGE 10: ANIMAL CONTROL	
Q20: Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?	YES