



Arizona Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 2010

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Animals play an important role in the lives of many Arizonans, who consistently demonstrate concern for animal protection. Humane-minded citizens of all political stripes care deeply about the positions their elected officials take on animal protection issues. Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) appreciates your input on this 2010 State Candidate Questionnaire. HVA will be endorsing candidates for the upcoming primary and general elections based upon voting records and response to this questionnaire. HVA may also share questionnaire responses with other organizations that track and make endorsements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

Yes X No _____ **Comments** In the legislature I work diligently w/ the animal
rights caucus to run legislation and defeat bad legislation.

Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?

Yes x No _____ **Comments** All of my animals have a deep impact on me!
They are my family.

Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations? If so, which ones?

Yes X No _____ **Comments** I support Nat'l & local Humane Society;
Best Friends; PETA;

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

ANIMAL ABUSE LAWS

The link between cruelty to animals and violence toward humans is well documented. People who have committed acts of violence on animals are more likely to act out violently towards people in a number of scenarios and psychological profiles. Communities have good reason to be concerned about the whereabouts of animal abusers. An Animal Abuser Registry could prevent acts of violence against animals and people. It could also save thousands of tax-payer dollars by tracking repeat hoarding offenders who move from community to community, often violating terms of probation and plea agreements.

Would you support legislation that requires animal abusers to register in their communities, if it could be funded without general fund or tax-payer dollars?

Yes No **Comments** I have run that legislation and worked to pass it when other Republican legislators are running it.

ANIMAL CONTROL

HOMELESS ANIMALS

Every year, tens of thousands of cats and dogs are killed in shelters throughout Arizona. Taxpayers bear the cost of picking up, housing, and ultimately euthanizing these homeless or unwanted animals. The pet overpopulation crisis is the direct result of irresponsible breeding and animals left unaltered in our communities.

Would you be willing to work with animal control agencies and/or shelters in your district to address problems related to the homeless animal crisis?

Yes No **Comments** I wish we could fund spay clinics in Az to reduce the unwanted population of animals.

WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission (AZGFC) is charged with managing and protecting Arizona's wildlife. It has five members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Arizona Senate. Each serves a five-year term, no two may be from the same county and only three may be members of the same political party. Each candidate must be well-informed on the subject of wildlife.

For decades, Arizona has had an appointment process through which applicants would apply directly to the governor's office. However, last session the legislature passed SB 1200, a measure that creates a recommendation board controlled by

ranchers and clubs who represent less than 1% of Arizona hunters and anglers to appoint candidates to the AZGFC. The governor would be required to select only board-endorsed candidates.

SB 1200 was opposed by the AZGFC and many diverse hunting, conservation, and animal protection organizations.

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

Yes ___ No Comments I voted NO on this legislation!

Do you believe that SB 1200 should be repealed?

Yes No ___ Comments _____

Constitutional Right to Hunt Amendment

The legislature referred a measure to the November ballot which, if passed by voters, will place the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife in the Declaration of Rights of the Arizona Constitution. Proposition 109 declares "hunting, fishing and the harvesting of wildlife" as the preferred means of managing wildlife

This proposed amendment to our Constitution would make hunting a fundamental right, equal to existing rights of free speech, the right to vote, the right to bear arms and other core rights. Proposition 109 declares hunting and fishing to be a "preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife." That means the right to hunt could trump the use of sound science to develop wildlife management policies., and could limit the use of other management tools and important, innovative programs that do not involve hunting.

Do you support Proposition 109?

Yes ___ No Comments _____

CITIZENS' VOTING RIGHTS

Arizona's public initiative process is a constitutional right which was enacted at statehood in 1912. The first initiative was for women's suffrage, and it passed by a margin of greater than two to one that same year.

Do you support legislation granting slot machines to Arizona dog tracks?

Yes ____ **No** **Comments** I ran legislation this last year to and eliminate live racing in Az. I simply do not support slot machines to tracks...that only keeps them open and making a profit off the backs of the poor dogs.

Thank you for your time. Please return the completed questionnaire to:

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