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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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Q3 Legislative Chamber

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Q8 Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

YES,

Comments:

I've fought harmful legislation in Arizona for years, even before being elected to the legislature. For example, I worked to draw attention to the bill that took away protections against puppy mills. As an animal lover, I have always been an advocate for proper care and treatment of any animal.

Q9 Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?

YES,

Comments:

All my life, my family has always included dogs. I truly can't imagine living without a canine companion! As we raised our two boys, we always encouraged their love of animals - we had a menagerie of hamsters, gerbils, frogs, fish and birds. When my grandfather passed away, we got a rescue Westie for my grandmother. She and Duffy were inseparable and he brought her tremendous joy. Companion animals can make a tremendous positive difference in people's lives.

Q10 Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?

YES,

If so, which ones?:

I've volunteered at the Arizona Humane Society and Home Fur Good. I've enjoyed meeting at the Capitol with animal rights advocates. I loved meeting Bennie the dog during animal advocacy day and sharing the news of his adoption through the work of a wonderful rescue organization.

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,

Comments:

All animals deserve to be treated humanely. The state should not weaken protections and should not limit cities' ability to strengthen protections if they have community support for those policies.

Page 5: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q12 Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

YES

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Q13 If YES, what steps would you take to protect citizen initiatives?

I spoke out and voted against HB2404 and HB2244 at the legislature and did my best to inform constituents during discussions and on social media.

Page 6: ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW

Q14 Do you support strengthening Arizona's animal cruelty laws to correct loopholes that make it difficult to prosecute animal abusers?

YES,

Comments:

I supported the provisions of SB1295 and was disappointed to see the language subject to a strike-all amendment. I hope similar legislation will be introduced in the future.

Page 7: WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Q15 Do you support a process that limits the voice of a majority of Arizonans to participate in the Arizona Game & Fish Commission appointment process?

NO

Q16 Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board should be repealed?

YES,

Comments:

We should return to the process followed prior to 2010 and have applicants apply directly to the governor. These positions should be filled by a broad range of knowledgeable experts.

Page 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

Q17 Do you support legislation that weakens protection for endangered Mexican gray wolves?

NO,

Comments:

We should actively strengthen, not weaken, protections for Mexican gray wolves because they are a vital part of our healthy ecosystem.

Page 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

Q18 Do you support captive dolphin programs for human entertainment?

NO,

Comments:

Using captive dolphins for entertainment is abhorrent.

Page 10: ANIMAL CONTROL

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Q19 Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?

YES
