

Arizona Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	Zhani Doko
Q2: Party Affiliation	Libertarian
Q3: Legislative Chamber	House
Q4: Legislative District	28
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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?	NO
Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?	YES, If so, which ones? Humane Society

PAGE 4: FARM ANIMALS

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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?

Comments

Farm Animals are property. The owners of the animals should have autonomy in taking care of their property however they see fit. Concerns about animal cruelty in agriculture should be addressed through consumer actions like boycotts and consumer reporting. Not through government.

PAGE 5: COMPANION ANIMALS

Q12: Would you support legislation to require registration, oversight and/or standards of care for animals in boarding facilities and breeding kennels?

NO

PAGE 6: ANIMAL CONTROL

Q13: Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?

NO,

Comments

Counties vary vastly in urbanization, population density, and environmental climate, and budget circumstances. This means that different animals will be treated in different ways in different places. I lean towards allowing counties discretion to set their own rules according to their own circumstances.

PAGE 7: WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Q14: 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,

Comments

First I've heard of this. Sound like special treatment for a select group.

Q15: Do you believe that SB 1200 should be repealed?

YES

PAGE 8: GREYHOUND RACING

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Q16: Would you support legislation to repeal multi-million dollar tax breaks to dog tracks?

NO,

Comments

Tax credits are always a tricky issue for libertarians. I want everyone to have as small a tax bill as possible, and a tax credit is a reduction in someone's tax bill. But it's also a giveaway to a special interest group. I would prefer to support legislation to extend the the dog track tax break to everyone, rather than repealing it. Thereby reducing everyone else's tax bill instead of increasing the tax bill of dog tracks. Or another thing I could do is sponsor legislation to repeal the tax credit but offset the revenue gained by the state with a tax cut to every Arizonana so that the reform is revenue neutral. This would be my approach in handling any kind of special interest tax break situation.

PAGE 9: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q17: Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

YES

Q18: If YES, what steps would you take to protect our public initiative process?

sponsor legislation to decrease the signature requirement.