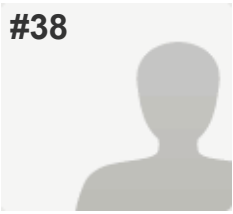


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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	Charlene Fernandez
Q2: Party Affiliation	Democrat
Q3: Legislative Chamber	House
Q4: Legislative District	4
Q5: Campaign Website	http://www.charleneforarizona.com/
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PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?	<p>YES,</p> <p>Comments Yes, I have been involved in animal protection issues not only as a state legislator, but also as a private citizen helping to raise awareness. I have also helped secure funding for animal rights issues through my affiliation as a board member with the Arizona Community Foundation of Yuma.</p>
Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?	<p>YES,</p> <p>Comments Comments: Yes, I currently have an adopted dog from the humane society of Yuma almost ten years ago who experienced emotional distress prior to being adopted by my family. We also have a black cat we adopted from the humane society of Yuma.</p>
Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?	<p>YES,</p> <p>If so, which ones? I support the Yuma Humane Society both philosophically and financially.</p>

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

I represent a large agricultural town and voted for the last bill, but was happy the Governor vetoed it and will not support any other bills like it moving forward.

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?

To protect Arizona's public initiative process I will fight efforts to weaken or eliminate it in the legislature. The ability of Arizonans to pass ballot initiatives is fundamental to our state and lets citizens pass beneficial measures that would not succeed at the Capitol.

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

Yes, I strongly believe those loopholes need to be closed and that animal abusers should be prosecuted to the full extent.

Q15: Would you support legislation to make it more difficult for egregious acts of animal cruelty charged as felonies to be reduced to misdemeanors?

YES,

COMMENTS

Yes, I would, especially for repeat offenders.

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,

Comments

As part of the mission of AZGFC is to protect wildlife, it is irresponsible to let entities opposed its success control the appointment process.

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

YES,

Comments

In its current iteration, yes. Any recommendation board for the AZGFC should not cater to special interests that actively seek to weaken protections on Arizona's wildlife.

PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

Q18: Do you support legislation that weakens protection for endangered Mexican gray wolves?

NO,

Comments

I do not support legislation that weakens protections on Mexican gray wolves and voted against SB 1243 and SB 1344.

PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

Q19: Do you support captive dolphin programs for human entertainment?

NO,

Comments

I do not support capturing dolphins for human entertainment. Dolphins are a highly intelligent species that should not be captured for human amusement.

PAGE 10: ANIMAL CONTROL

Q20: Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?

YES,

Comments

I do, the legislature should pass policies with the goal of preventing the inhumane treatment of animals statewide, and should not pass laws preventing localities to do it themselves if the legislature fails to act on their own.
