



**Humane Voters of Arizona
Phoenix City Council Candidate Questionnaire 2011**

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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 2011 Phoenix Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues? If so, which ones?

Yes__ __ No__ _____ **Comments: I have turned individuals in who lived in my area that I could see they were neglecting their pets. I have never been involved in any animal protection issues.**

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

Yes__ __ No__ _____ **Comments: I have owned and trained several breeds of dogs. I have owned horses and enjoy trail riding. We currently have a heeler name Lefty as our family dog.**

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

Yes__ _____ No__ __ **Comments: I have no record of financial support to any specific organizations. As a former City Council representative, I have monitored very closely the activities of our local public animal shelters. Although I do plan to donate to the "Displaced animals of the Wallow Fire".**

COMPANION ANIMALS AND HOMELESSNESS

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 care and control agencies and/or shelters in Phoenix to address problems related to the homeless animal crisis?

Yes No Comments: We should ask our business community to support this cause as well.

Between 30-40 % of cats that enter shelters in Maricopa County will be euthanized. Those shelters are working with many neighborhoods and a group of non-profits to do Trap Neuter Return of feral cats and to provide low cost and no cost spay neuter services to owned cats.

If elected, would you be interested in learning more about Trap Neuter Return and plans to reduce the number of unwanted cats in Phoenix?

Yes No Comments: This sounds like a very good program. I will do what I can to assist.

Would you support a resolution acknowledging the grassroots effort to solve this community problem?

Yes No Comments

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

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Email to: HumaneVotersArizona@cox.net