

**Humane Voters of Arizona
Phoenix Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire 2011**

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

I have not been directly involved in any animal protection issues, although I am passionate about rescuing unwanted animals. My wife, Sherri, and I have adopted numerous rescue dogs and encourage others to go this route when looking to bring a new pet into their families.

As Phoenix City Councilman for District 5, I have also enlisted the help of Pets 911 to address some animal issues in my district. I appreciate their humane treatment of animals and their quick responses to the issues that have needed their attention in my community.

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

I have been given the privilege of indirectly participating in the training of companion animals for the past several years. My Phoenix City Council chief of staff, Pat Severance, is a companion animal trainer. As part of their training, Pat requested and I permitted the presence of these special animals in my office as they were being trained to perform their important roles. I've always had at least 2 or 3 companion animals in training in my City Council office.

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

As mentioned earlier, I support and appreciate the work of Pets 911. I have found them to be professional and humane. I also appreciate the work of the Humane Society and their efforts to create better lives for unwanted and mistreated animals.

COMPANION ANIMALS AND HOMELESSNESS

- **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. The City of Phoenix currently contracts with Maricopa County Animal Control. However, if there is a viable animal care and control agency providing no-kill options, I would be very interested in exploring a partnership with an organization of this kind, provided the city budget will allow it. I am even willing to explore alternatives to Maricopa County Animal Control, provided a viable option is available.

- **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 I would be. As mentioned earlier, I have worked with Pets 911 in my district on similar issues. As a result, I have some familiarity with this issue. I support the concept, and would support its practice in our city.

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

Yes I would. I am in support of any effort that works toward building strong neighborhoods in the City of Phoenix. I believe that strong neighborhoods form the backbone of our city. Any effort that has as its goal to make our neighborhoods safe, clean, and livable for all only contributes to making our city the kind of place that will attract the career jobs that our residents need to grow and thrive so they can take care of their families, including their pets.

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

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