

Arizona Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	David Pheanis
Q2: Party Affiliation	Republican
Q3: Legislative Chamber	House
Q4: Legislative District	18
Q5: Campaign Website	www.DavidPheanis.com
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PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?	YES, Comments After seeing a dog trapped by its leash in the Superstition Mountains, my brother and I hiked back up the canyon with a blanket that we could use to keep the dog from biting us and carried the dog back down the mountain. Its owners later claimed the dog.
Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?	YES, Comments Of course, we had dogs and cats when I was growing up, and I remember them fondly. I especially remember the many rural adventures I had with my dog.
Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?	NO

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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?

Comments

I would need to see the details of any proposed legislation before I could make an informed statement. The devil, as they say, is in the details.

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?

YES,

Comments

I blame the dog owners as well as the kennel owners for the incident in Gilbert. Why would anyone leave a pet someplace without first checking to see what conditions the pet would experience?

PAGE 6: ANIMAL CONTROL

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

YES

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

Q15: Do you believe that SB 1200 should be repealed?

YES

PAGE 8: GREYHOUND RACING

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

Comments

I think any tax breaks must be contingent on good behavior. If the allegations are true, then there must be consequences.

PAGE 9: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

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

YES

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

The people are the ultimate authority. I think, though, that something stronger than a simple majority should be necessary for passing an initiative since I don't like the idea that the group with the most money for sound bites is necessarily the group with the best ideas for Arizona.