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<b>Q1: Candidate Name</b>	Athena Salman
<b>Q2: Party Affiliation</b>	Democrat
<b>Q3: Legislative Chamber</b>	House
<b>Q4: Legislative District</b>	26
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**PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?**

YES,

## Comments

I've read literature about animal rights and how unethical factory farming is. I also was able to protest the puppy mill a day outside of AZ Mills. I was vegetarian for 4 years due to my concern for the treatment of farm animals. I am supportive of protecting our environment, in large part because of the impact on animals (such as our endangered wolf population).

**Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?**

NO,

## Comments

I'm allergic to cats and dogs unfortunately. I grew up with several gold fish whom lived for about 5 years and I was devastated when it appeared an illness spread through the tank (in which they passed-away). Not sure if gold fish count as companion animals, but I did become attached to them.

**Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?**

YES,

If so, which ones?

Yes, philosophically. I am endorsed by Tempe City Council member Lauren Kuby who is a huge advocate for animal protections in my home-city. I would have voted down the state's preemption for cities ability to regulate puppy-mills, as the USDA's inspections and standards are not high enough to protect the puppy-mill animals. I also would firmly oppose any ag-gag measures attempted by the state legislature.

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 These animals must be protected.

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?**

I am a Clean Elections Candidate, a system created by the public initiative process. My campaign legally cannot receive contributions from wealthy-special interests that want to diminish animal protections in our state in the name of profit, or those who are interested in weakening the public initiative process.

I will oppose attempts to weaken the public initiative process in the legislature. I will vocalize discontent at groups that using unethical tactics to prevent citizen-initiatives from getting enough signatures to qualify or to get citizen-initiatives thrown off the ballot.

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?**

Comments I need more information.

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

COMMENTS Need more information

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

The board is unnecessary and leaves out vital stakeholders in the decision-making process

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

YES,

Comments See above

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**PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES**

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

NO

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**PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA**

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

NO

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**PAGE 10: ANIMAL CONTROL**

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

YES