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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	Athena Salman
Q2: Party Affiliation	Democrat
Q3: Legislative Chamber	House
Q4: Legislative District	26
Q5: Campaign Website	www.salmanforhouse.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 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).</p>
Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?	<p>NO,</p> <p>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.</p>

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

PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

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

NO

PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

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

NO

PAGE 10: ANIMAL CONTROL

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

YES