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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1 Candidate Name

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Q2 Legislative District

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Q3 Legislative Chamber

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Q4 Party Affiliation

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2018 Arizona Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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

YES,

Comments:

I am an extremely active in animal advocacy issues as my most cherished cause. I am vegan and I founded the first ever Arizona Vegetarian Food Festival several years ago. I am a member of the local plant-based eating community, and I give lectures throughout the Valley on the medical benefits of such a diet. I am a physician and have an MPH, and I counsel my patients in the same way in my practice.

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

YES,

Comments:

I have a cat named Taylor who I rescued from the ASPCA shelter 10 years ago, and she is still my best friend. I have three outdoor cats that are now part of my family. Pictures are available upon request!

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

I am a member of the State Council for the Humane Society of the United States and have contributed significantly to them financially, as well as to the ASPCA, PETA, COK among others. I carried the HSUS petition and gathered signatures to stop trophy hunting of wild cats.

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:

I hope to be a powerful voice for farm animals and will stand against these measures in the strongest possible way.

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 citizen initiatives?

My campaign's message includes protecting citizen initiatives as one of my top three priorities (see my website). I carried the 2244 and 2204 petitions to try to stop these assaults as well. If elected, I will introduce a bill to allow initiative petitions to be signed online like candidate petitions. Finally, I have met with Alison Porter of the SOS campaign and Terry Goddard of the Dirty Money campaign to develop a smartphone app specifically to organize our efforts in signature gathering and maintain a "standing army" of signers to make sure our bills get on the ballot. I have contributed my own funds to begin development of this app.

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?

YES,
Comments:
I will strongly support strengthening these laws.

Page 7: WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Q15 Do you support a process that limits the voice of a majority of Arizonans to participate in the Arizona Game & Fish Commission appointment process?

NO,
Comments:
I strongly support your position.

Q16 Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board should be repealed?

YES,
Comments:
I strongly support your position.

Page 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

Q17 Do you support legislation that weakens protection for endangered Mexican gray wolves?

NO,
Comments:
Our wildlife is a treasure and must be preserved.

Page 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

Q18 Do you support captive dolphin programs for human entertainment?

NO,
Comments:
Animals should never be used for entertainment. The stress that these animals experience in captivity has been well documented and amounts to animal cruelty.

Page 10: ANIMAL CONTROL

Q19 Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?

YES,
Comments:
I strongly support your position.
