



## **OTHER RACES**

### **ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

Humane Voters of Arizona does not make endorsements on the Arizona Corporation Commission race, as it is outside our mission, but we feel that voters have a right to know pertinent information about candidates without endorsement some of the candidates. Tom Chabin and William Mundell, who are both running for the Commission, are former Arizona state legislators with excellent voting records on animal and environmental issues. Boyd Dunn is the former mayor of Chandler who, along with other local leaders, disregarded constituent concerns, including those relating to safety and oversight, regarding Covance, a large animal testing company which quietly built a facility in Chandler. You can read our comments on this race [here](#).

### **MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF**

Humane Voters of Arizona is not making a formal endorsement for Maricopa County Sheriff. We are fortunate to have two candidates, Joe Arpaio and Paul Penzone, who are both deeply committed to protecting animals. HVA sent a survey to both candidates to inform voters on their positions on animal welfare.

Paul Penzone is strongly committed to animal protection. He started Arizona's first Silent Witness reward program for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of animal abusers, and partnered with Arizona Humane Society to train officers to investigate animal abuse. You can read Penzone's survey response [here](#)

Sheriff Arpaio did not respond to our survey, but he too is strongly committed to animal protection through his MASH Program, which utilizes an innovative program of supervised inmates to care for the animals seized from abuse cases. Arpaio was instrumental in helping to pass Prop 204, the 2006 citizens' ballot measure that prohibited the cruel confinement of pregnant pigs and calves raised for veal.

### **JUDGES**

There is no process that evaluates judges based upon animal cruelty cases. However, the Arizona Judicial Performance Review evaluates judges on their overall competence. In one high-profile animal abuse case, Humane Voters of Arizona notes that Judge Margaret Mahoney, who presided over the sentencing hearing of the Gilbert kennel owners convicted of animal cruelty in the heat exhaustion deaths of 23 dogs demonstrated her ability, in exercising discretion to impose a longer and more appropriate sentence than was contemplated by the plea agreement.

The Arizona Judicial Performance Review evaluates the performance of all judges including their ability to apply the law fairly. You can find information and evaluation scores at <http://www.azjudges.info>

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