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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

**Q1**

Candidate Name

Walt Blackman

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**Q2**

Legislative District

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**Q3**

**House**

Legislative Chamber

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**Q4**

**Republican**

Party Affiliation

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**Q7**

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Q8**

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

**YES,**

Comments:

Expanding Adopt a Pet is crucial because it directly impacts the well-being of animals and strengthens the community. Here's why it's important and how you could support this initiative if elected to office: Why Expanding "Adopt a Pet" is Important 1. Reducing Overcrowding in Shelters: - Many animal shelters are overcrowded, leading to stress and poor living conditions for the animals. By expanding "Adopt a Pet," more animals can find permanent, loving homes, reducing the burden on shelters. 2. Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership: - Expanding adoption programs encourages responsible pet ownership, reducing the number of animals abandoned or surrendered due to lack of awareness or preparedness by pet owners. 3. Combating Puppy Mills and Breeding Issues: - Increased adoption rates can help diminish the demand for pets from unethical breeding operations, like puppy mills, which often subject animals to inhumane conditions. 4. Improving Community Well-being: - Pets provide companionship and emotional support, contributing to individuals' and families' overall mental health and happiness. Expanding adoption efforts fosters more muscular, healthier communities. 5. Supporting Animal Welfare: - A broader reach for "Adopt a Pet" aligns with the values of compassion and care for animals, ensuring that more pets receive the protection, care, and love they deserve.

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**Q9**

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

**YES,**

Comments:

Veterinary Clinics and Animal Hospitals Local Veterinarians: Partner with local vets to offer discounted or free services for adopted pets, such as vaccinations, spaying/neutering, or health check-ups. Veterinary Schools: Collaborate with veterinary schools for volunteer vet services or to create educational campaigns on pet care.

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**Q10**

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

**YES,**

If so, which ones?:

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

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**Q11**

If elected, would you be interested in sponsoring or working on legislation to protect animals?

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**Yes**

Page 4: RESCUING ANIMALS FROM ABUSIVE CONDITIONS

**Q12**

Do you support the ability of law enforcement or animal control officers to seize animals who are in imminent danger of severe injury or death without a search warrant?

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**YES**

Page 5: THE WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

**Q13**

Would you oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting any ordinances to address inhumane treatment of working animals?

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**YES**

Page 6: DOGFIGHTING AND COCKFIGHTING

**Q14**

Do you support adding dogfighting and cockfighting to the RICO statute to enable law enforcement to crack down on animal fighting rings by defeating the financial incentive to commit the crime?

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**YES**

Page 7: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

**Q15**

Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

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**YES**

**Q16**

If YES, what steps would you take to protect citizen initiatives?

Ensure Accessibility and Transparency in the Initiative Process

Simplify the Process: Streamline the process for submitting and qualifying initiatives, making it easier for citizens to navigate the requirements. This might include reducing bureaucratic hurdles, offering clear legal language guidance, and assisting with the petition process.

Online Platforms: Develop and maintain accessible online platforms where citizens can track the progress of initiatives, access clear instructions, and find all necessary forms and resources.

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Page 8: IMPROVING ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS

**Q17**

**YES**

Do you support amending the state animal cruelty law to clarify standards of care for domestic animals?

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Page 9: PUPPY MILLS

**Q18**

**YES**

Would you support repealing the law that preempts cities from banning the sale of dogs from puppy mills?

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Page 10: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

**Q19**

**YES**

Do you support legislation to prohibit non-therapeutic declawing of cats?

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Page 11: ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Q20**

**YES**

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

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Page 12: ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES

**Q21**

Do you support the recovery of endangered Mexican gray wolves in Arizona to help maintain a healthy ecosystem?

**NO,**

Comments:

Threat to Livestock: The presence of wolves can lead to conflicts with ranchers and farmers, as wolves may prey on livestock. The law allowing people to protect their cattle from wolves if they are threatening livestock can be seen as a necessary protection for the livelihoods of those who depend on farming and ranching.

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Page 13: FARM ANIMALS

**Q22**

Do you oppose removing farm animals and horses from protection under Arizona's animal cruelty law and placing them under new, weaker laws in the agriculture code?

**YES**

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