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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

YES,

Comments:

I've co-sponsored legislation to prohibit declawing cats. I also voted to strengthen animal cruelty laws. I've supported funding to homeless service providers to set up facilities for individuals living on the streets to house and care for their animals.

Q9

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

YES,

Comments:

Growing up, our family had three pets! We had Angel, our adorable and energetic dachshund, Bosworth, the majestic husky mix that we adopted from kennels, and Pika, our feathered friend, a cockatiel. They brought so much joy and laughter to our home. While the dogs loved everyone, Pika had a special bond with me because he seemed to choose me as his favorite.

Q10

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

I support the work of the Humane Society and K9s for Warriors.

Q11

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

Yes,

Comments:

I will continue to sponsor legislation prohibiting the declawing of cats.

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?

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?

YES,

Comments:

I'm open to tailoring the bill to be narrower in its application.

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?

YES

Page 7: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q15

Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

YES

Q16

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

I will support measures to ensure the citizen initiatives are truly grassroots driven, not used by wealthy out-of-state special interest groups.

Page 8: IMPROVING ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS

Q17

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

YES

Page 9: PUPPY MILLS

Q18

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

Comments:

I need to learn more about this issue before taking a position.

Page 10: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

Q19

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

YES,

Comment:

I've co-sponsored this legislation previously.

Page 11: ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Q20

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

Comments:

I would need to learn more about this issue before taking a position.

Page 12: ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES

Q21

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

YES,

Comments:

We need to ensure the wolf predations are properly addressed by the government, including compensating ranchers for lost livestock.

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
