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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

**Q1**

Candidate Name

Nancy Hartl

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**Q2**

Legislative District

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**Q3**

**House**

Legislative Chamber

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**Q4**

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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:

I've always been an animal lover. As a child, my family had many pets including turtles, birds, horses, dogs, and cats. As an adult, I have owned 8 dogs and 2 cats. All of these were rescues. Some came from boxes outside of stores. Some came from shelters or online posts looking for someone to take an unwanted dog. Two of my present dogs came from the Arizona Chihuahua Rescue. I even use catch and release traps for mice. I see no benefit in killing tiny critters who are just trying to survive. I also support this measure in dealing with rattlesnakes. There is no need to kill them. Just relocate them.

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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:

My pets are always family members. The word "pet" actually does not adequately describe them. They all have held a significant space in my heart. I had a husky mix, named Rocky, who died suddenly at the age of 5 years. I loved him so much and was so devastated. I didn't have a necropsy done, but suspected he ingested a bone from the forested area in which we lived. He was such a sweet, but crazy guy. It took 3 years before I could talk about him without crying. I could have written a "Marly and Me" book about him...always getting into some mischief.

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**Q10**

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

**YES,**

If so, which ones?:

Over the years, I have donated money to various organizations. Most of my donations have gone to Best Friends and the Humane Society. I recently read that the CEO of the ASPCA was a millionaire, which turned me off, so I stopped donating to them. I had been volunteering at the Pinal County Animal Control shelter, along with my autistic grandson and some friends. We walked dogs and spent time with them giving love and treats. It's been a few months since I've been out there, due to the busy schedule of the campaign. I do plan to continue to volunteer there in the future.

**Q11**

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

**Yes,**

Comments:

Absolutely! I totally support protection of all animals, wild and domestic, against abuse, neglect, and extinction.

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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,**

Comment:

I absolutely support such measures. If elected, I would definitely sponsor or initiate such bills.

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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 will stand against any cruelty, abuse, and neglect of all animals.

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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,**

Comment:

I absolutely support such measures. It was difficult to even read this history. There truly is no limit to the amount of animal cruelty in the country and right here in Arizona. I recently heard an interview on NPR with someone who in Arizona who raises roosters and sells them out of state for cockfighting. I find it depressing and disgusting!

Page 7: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

**Q15**

**YES**

Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

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**Q16**

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

We need to continue to be able to bring these issues to the forefront and allow the voters to realize what is happening and allow them to voice their opinions on these issues. I see the latest plan to suppress these initiatives from reaching the ballots is to get legislation passed to make it a requirement that all such initiatives be signed by citizens from all legislative districts before being allowed on the ballot. I don't think that is necessary, because all citizens have the right to cast a vote on them once they are on the ballot.

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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?

Comment:

It clearly makes sense and is consistent with my values and love for 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?

Comments:

Sale of puppies from puppy mills just perpetuates this inhumane practice. We must continue all attempts to stop this practice.

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Page 10: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

**Q19**

**YES,**

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

Comment:

Now that I understand the method, I am even more against it. I have always thought it was a terrible idea, because it renders cats unable to defend themselves. If they accidentally got out of the house, they would be defenseless. Now I realize it is even more tragic.

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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?

**YES,**

Comments:

Balanced representation in the AZGFC is an absolute must to ensure a humane healthy ecosystem. It sounds like what we have now is far from that! The general public is likely unaware of this situation, as was I until now.

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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?

**YES,**

Comments:

I am aware of the Gray Wolf problem of potential extinction, and I support measures to save them. I also understand the need to protect livestock from attacks by wolves. Unfortunately, there are many people who have no respect for the need to protect these wolves from extinction and will indiscriminately kill them. I have also read that the wolves are important to tourism as part of the history of Arizona.

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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,**

Comments:

We need to continue measures to eliminate all animal cruelty, including farm animals. I clearly understand the food chain and the fact that we are all not going to become vegetarians. However, all animals, including poultry, need to be raised in a human way and killed quickly to eliminate suffering. It actually makes me sad to even say that.

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