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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1

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Legislative District

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8

NO

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

Q9

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

YES,

Comments:

I am the youngest of 11 and my parents had a full house and did not support getting a pet. When I was about 10 years old, my sister brought a cat home that she found at her workplace. My Dad would not let the cat in the upstairs rooms, but did consent to letting it stay in the basement. I was so excited to have a pet that I spent hours hanging out with her in the basement, which was unfinished and full of cobwebs. When my daughter was 7 years old, we bought our first house and also adopted our first two cats. My husband always had pets growing up and he was supportive of our decision for her to have pets. We adopted two Siamese cats from a breeder. Amy and Lyla were her rejects; the ones who had characteristics she wanted to breed into her show cats. We did not want to get just one cat because cats are social animals and need companionship. We never declawed our cats, even though they were indoor pets and were not allowed outside. We always had at least two cats, replacing the one that died with a new cat, until we moved to a 1 bedroom apartment in Chicago. We gave our two cats to our daughter and she took care of them until the last one died in 2022. She and her husband have continued to own two cats, replacing the ones that they brought to the relationship with new kittens. When they traveled to Japan and Taiwan for three weeks this year, their cats stayed with us and we got to play the role of "cat grandparents."

Q10

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

Since the pandemic, my husband and I love to work on 1,000 piece puzzles together. We donate most of our puzzles to the thrift shop that is run by the local humane society. They love getting these nearly-new puzzles because they sell quickly.

Q11

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

Yes,

Comments:

I am interested in strengthening the laws prohibiting animal cruelty.

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 support local control over this issue, and many other areas, such as short-term rentals.

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 would vote against any measures designed to weaken the public initiative process.

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?

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:

I support local control over this issue.

Page 10: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

Q19

YES,

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

Comment:

We never declawed our cats, even though they were indoor pets and were not allowed outside.

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?

Comments:

I am confident a Democrat-controlled Legislature would repeal the discriminatory 2010 measure, and is another example (there are hundreds) of how a Democrat-controlled Legislature will improve public policy.

Page 12: ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES

Q21

YES

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

Page 13: FARM ANIMALS

Q22

YES

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?
