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Page 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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Page 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?

YES,

Comments:

Studies and worked as a Vet tech out of PMI medical institute, and our family has fostered for 2 decades, but outside of that no legislative involvement.

Q9

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

YES,

Comments:

All of our pets have been from shelter, or rescued. Many have touched me, but I personally love seeing a victim of a hard an abusive life slowly come out of their shell and see their true personality shine.

Q10

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

ASPCA and the Sunnyslope campus are everything to me.

Q11

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

Yes,

Comments:

I lack deep knowledge on animal legislation, but am more than willing to push bills and educate peers to vote on them.

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:

This is good for everyone, the abused animals, the perpetrators, and for public health and safety. There is no reason this should have been killed. Let's get it passed

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:

No brainer, and would love to see it for livestock as well. Puppy mills should be banned as far as I am concerned.

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:

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 want it to be easier to get stuff on the ballot, it literally costs millions and is too difficult to enact direct democracy measures. I will do whatever it takes, voting rights are big for me and I want to expand access to the ballot box.

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,

Comment:

I support redefining, but many low income families or homeless Arizonans cannot afford access to adequate medical care for their pets and even themselves, so I would like to make sure we are writing something compassionate for animals, and realistic for people of all wealth brackets. Obviously blatant abuse will not be tolerated, and I would love to see more public resources be available.

Page 9: PUPPY MILLS

Q18

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

YES,

Comments:

Yes, puppy mills are bad husbandry, leaves animals with psychological damage, and is horrible and unethical. 100% support local control or even blanket legislation to prevent unethical standards over all cities and then leaving fine details to them.

Page 10: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

Q19

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

YES,

Comment:

I have never worked at a clinic that declawed, but met the victims of these practices. If you want a cat, you need to accept that they will scratch.

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:

We want this to be democratic, and let the real professionals be in charge. I want scientists at the table.

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:

Yes

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 more protections for these animals, not less.
