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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:

As a child, I was very active in efforts to reduce commercial whale hunting. Earlier this year, I organized and moderated a session focusing on the puppy mill issue and discussing how the state and cities could work together to better address it.

Q9

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

YES,

Comments:

The cats I grew up with taught me a lot about caring for others. And the four dogs my wife and I have loved during our 32 years together have been important and loved members of our family - greatly impacting us and our kids.

Q10

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

AAWL, Humane Society, rescue orgs locally and nationally.

Q11

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

Yes,

Comments:

I intend to modify the puppy mill preemption law/mess previously put into law to prevent Tempe (and others) from cracking down on stores purchasing from mills. (I was a bit surprised it did not get more traction this past session.) I would be interested in sponsoring/working on other protective bills, as well.

Page 4: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

Q12

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

YES,

Comment:

After this bill received public attention earlier this year, I had hoped it would move further through the process. It never moved forward after the committee vote. I would try to get it unstuck next year.

Page 5: ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Q13

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:

Controlling the appointment process seems to have become a favorite tool of the Legislature - and, special interests - in a variety of areas. I would support and/or lead changes to un-do this stacked process.

Q14

Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board should be repealed?

YES

Page 6: 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?

As an attorney who has practiced election law for 30 years, and an activist who has been deeply involved in many initiative and referenda efforts (including at this very moment), I will be VERY active in trying to rejuvenate the initiative process. If the Fair Elections initiative does not pass, I will introduce and fight for the several portions that would benefit the initiative process (substantial compliance, fining abusive subpoenas, etc) And, I will fight against the current effort to require a supermajority.

Page 7: PUPPY MILLS

Q17

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

YES,

Comments:

I mentioned this earlier in the survey. My livestreamed discussion with Nicole Galvan and Lauren Kuby was very enlightening and motivating. With Sen. Bowie leaving the Legislature, I will push forward with the effort to repeal the preemption statute.

Page 8: ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES

Q18

Do you support keeping Mexican gray wolves in Arizona to help maintain healthy herds of deer and elk?

YES

Q19

YES

Do you support the protection of endangered species?

Page 9: FARM ANIMALS

Q20

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?

Comments:

Animals should not be treated differently simply because they are being used to make money. Cruelty is cruelty.
