



California Statewide Candidate Questionnaire 2020

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PawPAC was created in 1980 as the first organization dedicated to the election of candidates for state office in California who are committed to the well-being of animals, whether on farms, in the wild or in our homes.

Please answer the questions below, so that we may know your background and positions on animal protection issues which are relevant to Californians today. If you have any questions, please email us at

questionnaire@pawpac.org.

1. Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals? **Yes** **No**
Do you support a ban on the declawing of domestic cats? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**
Do you support measures to improve our public animal shelters and reduce euthanasia rates of adoptable animals? **Yes** **No** **Undecided** What is California currently doing toward this goal?
2. Would you join and/or help to organize a California Animal Protection Caucus? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**
What are specific ways such a caucus could promote the passage of humane laws?
3. In light of the current federal administration's rollbacks of historic laws which preserve governmental transparency, and protect lands, habitat and wildlife, would you support legislation which:
 - a. provides funding to preserve species and habitats in California? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**
 - b. maintains for California the standards of landmark federal laws like the [FOIA](#), [NEPA](#), [MBTA](#) and [WFRHBA](#)? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**

4. Do you support
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| a. legislation that provides for humane standards in farming? | Yes | No | Undecided |
| b. plant-based foods as way to address climate, animal welfare & health? | Yes | No | Undecided |
| c. a prohibition on the sale of wildlife for human consumption ? | Yes | No | Undecided |

5. Modern technology and medicine make it possible to develop and test products without using animals. In fact, a large percentage of tests using animals are not applicable to human health. Do you support cruelty-free use, development and/or manufacturing of products in food, consumables, education and medicine whenever possible? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**
- Do you support a reduction of the use of animals for unnecessary experiments? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**

6. In 2019, the media scarcely missed a day reporting news of horse deaths in racing. The suffering of horses and other animals in rodeos is just as great, but it garners little media attention. Would you support legislation which:
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| a. reduces the suffering of animals used in rodeo? | Yes | No | Undecided |
| b. places the California Horse Racing Board under the authority of the Veterinary Medical Board? | Yes | No | Undecided |
| c. introduces a statewide initiative to ban horse racing in California? | Yes | No | Undecided |

7. California protects major mammalian predators—mountain lions, bobcats and wolves—from trophy hunting, yet the black bear remains unprotected. Do you support a ban on the trophy hunting of bears?
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| Yes | No | Undecided |
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8. It has been well-documented that violence towards humans—including gun violence and other violent crimes—has frequently had roots in animal cruelty. Humane education may include, but not be limited to, environmental ethics, animal protection, human rights, citizenship and character development. Humane education is currently only randomly provided by third-party organizations. What are your suggestions for humane education in grades Pre-K-12?

9. Would you support animal crime legislation which:

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| a. registers offenders in a California database? | Yes | No | Undecided |
| b. reduces animal fighting (i.e. dogfighting and cockfighting) | Yes | No | Undecided |
| c. provides a court-appointed advocate to defend the interests of justice on behalf of an animal? | Yes | No | Undecided |

10. Do you have endorsements from any humane or environmental organizations? If so, please name them below.

Yes **No**

11. Would you author bills for any of the issues above (specify please), or are there other animal issues you'd like to address? **Yes** **No** **Undecided**



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