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Personal Initiatives

1. Do you feel that promoting the humane treatment of animals should be a priority for the New York State

Legislature?

Yes.

2. Do you have any achievements to date on humane issues, e.g. supporting humane legislation, adopting a shelter pet, volunteering with an animal rescue organization, supporting any national or local animal

protection orgs, living a plant-based (vegan or vegetarian) lifestyle, etc.? Did you grow up with or currently live

with any companion animals?

I own a Ball python (Python Regius).

3. What animal issues will you prioritize and lead on as a member of the NYS legislature?

I would cosponsor the NYS OFF Act which would get NYS, off of fossil fuels by 2030. This would improve air quality for all animals.

4. Will you commit to having a designated person in your office to handle animal issues?

I think that's reasonable to accommodate.

5. How would you work to empower the animal advocacy community to reach new success and growth into the 2020-2022 term, and ensure that New York is on the forefront of animal protection?

Would you cosponsor and vote for S4234A / A6298A (Gianaris / Rosenthal) which would ban the sale of

dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores unless they come from a shelter or rescue?

Yes, I would cosponsor A6298A.

Would you cosponsor and vote for A5040A (Rosenthal), that would ban the sale of new apparel products using real animal fur?

Yes, I would cosponsor A5040A.

Would you cosponsor and vote for A8554 / S7971 (Rosenthal/Addabbo) which would prohibit these practices at rodeos?

Yes, I would cosponsor A8554.

Would you cosponsor and vote for A3673 / S5408 (Englebright/Martinez) which would prohibit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation from issuing permits or licenses that would authorize wild animals to appear in circuses?

Yes, I would cosponsor A3673.

Would you cosponsor and vote for legislation to ban horse carriages in New York City?

Yes, I would cosponsor and vote for legislation to ban horse carriages in New York City.

For Assembly candidates: Would you cosponsor and vote A00058 (Rosenthal) that would prohibit schools from using eggs, live baby chickens and ducks for classroom projects?

Yes, I would cosponsor A00058.

Especially in light of pandemics that originate from crowded, unsanitary live animal markets, would you support a permanent ban on the operation of all factory farms? Would you support legislation A10399 / S8291 (Rosenthal/Sepulveda) that would ban the operation of live animal markets in New York City?

Yes, I would support a permanent ban on the operation of all factory farms. I would cosponsor A10399.

Would you cosponsor and vote for legislation to ban confining animals and other cruel practices such as (a) castration of pigs, cows, and other mammals without painkillers, (b) “debeaking” or “beak cutting” of chickens and turkeys without painkillers, (c) confinement of egg-laying hens in battery cages, confinement of baby cows in veal crates, and (d) confinement of pigs in gestation crates?
YES / NO

Yes.

S6252 / A8009 (Gianaris/Weprin) is legislation that would renew the state moratorium prohibiting new licenses for slaughter facilities in NYC. It has passed both houses. Will you reach out to Governor Cuomo and ask him to sign the bill?
YES / NO

Yes.

Would you cosponsor, support and vote for legislation to require that any animal who escapes a slaughterhouse or transport vehicle be released to an animal sanctuary or other rescue?

YES / NO

Yes.

Would you support ending or reducing the immense subsidies that New York provides dairy farmers, and reallocating them to plant-based initiatives?

YES / NO

No, but there should be a lot more scrutiny to ensure humane practices of dairy farming.

Would you support legislation to require that any food products sold in New York must be labeled with information detailing the sourcing of the animals and the conditions the animals were raised in and requiring restaurants provide such signage?

YES / NO

Yes, and I would introduce legislation to get a bill passed. Education is always the most important step in outreach.

Would you cosponsor and vote for A9775 / S4253B (Glick/Martinez) and A722B/ S7542 / A722B (Martinez/Serrano) to ban killing contests in New York State?

YES / NO

Yes.

Do you support New York City's WildlifeNYC program , aimed to promote awareness, tolerance, coexistence, and understanding of urban wildlife? If you don't represent NYC, would you support a similar program for your district? How do you view our relationship to wildlife in New York State?

YES / NO

Yes. I think each school district should have a field trip which promotes learning of local ecosystems, and how to help build/sustain these wildlife reserves. I think NYS has a large agricultural sector, and that by getting people more involved with these educational opportunities, then maybe there will more understanding of the ethical treatment of animals.

Would you support legislation reversing the New York State DEC's determination that mute swans are an invasive and prohibited species in New York, and allow mute swans to continue to exist?

YES / NO

I would need more information regarding the loss of submerged aquatic vegetation.

Do you oppose lethal management initiatives for "nuisance" wildlife such as Canada geese, deer and turkey populations that result in the cruel and needless killing of these animals in New York's parks by government contractors particularly where there are demonstrated non-lethal and humane alternatives that can be applied?

YES / NO

Yes.

Currently there are few brick and mortar wildlife rehabilitation centers in New York State, such as the Wild Bird Fund in Manhattan. Would you support funding initiatives to expand New York State's capacity for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation?

YES / NO

Perhaps zoos should be transformed into wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centers.

Do you believe that any animals should have an individual legal right to bodily liberty, and if so, would you support legislation that establishes such a right?

YES / NO

I believe wild animals should have an individual legal right to bodily liberty, and I would support legislation that establishes such a right.

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