



# 2011 Legislative Questionnaire

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Candidate Name: Laurie Sullivan Office Sought: City Commission Ward 3

Candidate Committee: Friends of Laurie Sullivan

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1. Do you have any pets? If so, please list species, breed and name(s) of pets. All are fixed!  
4 cats (1 is a foster) Stray Cat - orange Dom. Short hair Pepper - Bk Dom S/H Clarence, Per-buddy - Himmy  
Foster is Gray/white Dom. S/H named Penelope

2. Do you believe issues related to the population of stray dogs and/or cats negatively impact important development strategies in our community? If so, please explain.  
Not enough! We have a very real need to address strays + feral animals, this need  
is not being met. Until some recognize this IS a serious problem - it remains under funded.

3. Do you believe the current municipal animal control budget provides adequate funding for its overall responsibilities? If not, please explain areas of critical need not currently provided by animal control.  
NO! The city has only two officers (Mike + Ronda) and no one during week ends.  
How could that possibly address (let alone reduce) this growing problem?!

4. Do you believe that pet-friendly policies, particularly in downtown areas, can be important factors contributing to economic development or a more livable community? If so, please describe.  
Sure. One step would be removing an ordinance banning dogs on leashes  
downtown. While not strictly enforced - it IS a deterrent none the less.

5. How would you handle the feral or stray cat overpopulation problem in our community?  
I volunteer with both Alley Cat Angel and Companion Cats. Both work with a  
T/N/R program. Educating current + future pet owners proves helpful.

6. If elected, would you support any form of canine breed restrictions?  
Personally I'd much prefer a S.N.A.P program (Spay + Neuter Avarine People)  
Start with ignorant people who breed, train and ~~ing~~ <sup>sell</sup> animals w/o <sup>the</sup> compassion, knowledge  
or skill to do so.

7. If elected, would you support stricter penalties for animal related offenses such as neglect and abuse?  
Very much so! Through various programs I have been working over 17 yrs

publicly and 30 yrs privately to educate our youth on the proper care of animals. Including  
our diet habits. - Upon the completion of this survey please contact Jake Smith at (269)963-1796  
We are a Vegetarian household. to schedule a brief meeting and tour of our facility.