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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Will you commit to supporting offsite adoption centers in highly visible, high traffic locations/retail space all over the city of Houston? **YES**
2. Would you support changing/extending BARC's hours so that working families can get to BARC after work/school to reclaim their lost pets or adopt new pets? **YES**
3. Would you support requiring that BARC be open on most holidays since these are generally the busiest adoption days of the year? **YES**
4. Would you support BARC having longer weekend hours since weekends are busier adoption days than the rest of the week? **YES**
5. Would you support hiring a new Bureau Chief who is familiar with the programs and services necessary to drop the kill rate at BARC i.e. the steps in the No Kill Equation? (See our website for a copy if you are not familiar with it) **YES**
6. Would you support shutting down the North Kennel entirely and building new kennels to replace it? **IF THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, YES**
7. Would you support a comprehensive TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Return) Program which has been proven to drop the population of feral cats without killing them? **YES**
8. Would you commit to making "no kill"—defined as killing less than 10% of pets sheltered at an open-admission shelter—the official policy of Houston and support any laws or policy changes necessary to achieve this goal?
9. Would you support the implementation of performance standards that tie management performance to salary increments or bonuses or continued employment? If not, please explain why not.
10. Are you committed to supporting/enforcing the recommendations in Nathan Winograd's recent assessment of BARC? **YES**
11. Would you commit to providing funding to pay for low cost and free spay/neuter services to low income citizens of Houston? **YES, IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE**
12. No city in America has achieved "no kill" success by implementing a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. Some cities/counties such as Los Angeles, CA, San Mateo, Co., CA, Lake Co., CA, Santa Cruz Co., CA and Ft. Wayne, IN have been seen an increase in shelter killing after introducing mandatory spay/neuter. In addition, such ordinances require increased enforcement costs, money that could be used for life-saving programs that are correlated with reduced shelter killing. In light of this, would you support a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance, or would you support additional funding to increase access to low cost or free spay/neuter services? **Support additional funding if it is available**
13. Would you support the implementation of CAPA i.e. The Companion Animal Protection Act (attached) or some parts thereof? **Some Portions, YES**
14. Would you support programs which have been proven to keep pets in their homes instead of being relinquished to a shelter such as distribution of heart worm preventative, food, animal behavioral counseling, low cost dog training, pet friendly rental programs and dog walker referrals? **YES, if funding is available**
15. Would you support the reformation of an animal advisory committee as defined by state and city ordinance? If so, how would you propose that members of this committee be chosen? **YES**
16. Have you ever rescued or adopted a pet? **YES, adopted**