

AGENDA MATERIAL

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2024 Legislative Policy Proposal Form

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Proposals due Monday August 7, 2023

Proposal Form Overview: *The proposal form provides Arizona county supervisors and professional staff an opportunity to propose legislative solutions to improve efficient, responsive delivery of county government services. Prior to submitting the proposal, please seek approval by the majority of the county board of supervisors.*

Submitting County:

Pima County

Background: *Describe the problem or issue you are trying to address.*

In 2014, Tucson City Councilman Steve Kozachik proposed and passed a city ordinance that would require pet stores to sell dogs and cats from shelter or non-profit rescue groups only. However, this ordinance was overridden in 2016 by legislation, signed by Governor Ducey and enacted as A.R.S. § 44-1799.11, which allows pet stores to operate throughout Arizona.

Pet stores selling dogs and cats many times source these pets from commercial breeding facilities where nursing dams and their puppies are kept in filthy conditions, on dangerous wire flooring, and have major veterinary deficiencies.

Pima County is seeing an increase in new pet stores. In November 2022, Pets at Park Place, a pet store, opened at the Park Place Mall in Tucson, Arizona. This is in addition to Animal Kingdom that is in the Tucson Mall and there is a 3rd store, Petland, that will be opening in Marana mid-year 2023. Constituents have expressed concern about the operations of these pet stores.

Recommended Solution: *How does the legislative proposal solve the problem or issue? Please include any existing statutes that will be affected by the proposed changes.*

Overturn A.R.S. § 44-1799.11, which allows pet stores to operate throughout Arizona and make it unlawful to sell commercially raised dogs and cats.

Other Potential Remedies: *Describe any administrative remedies available to solve the problem.*

Fiscal Impact: *Describe any potential positive or negative fiscal impacts of the legislative solution to the state or county budgets.*

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Stakeholders: *Please provide a list of affected stakeholders who may support or oppose the proposed legislative solution and the reason for their position.*

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