

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 29

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes; Dogs, bird, fish
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

2. Does your family have animals?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes; 2 dogs and 2 cats
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

3. Are you in favor of the spaying/neutering of dogs and cats to reduce overpopulation?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

4. Would you be likely to support state legislation to restrict the length of time and conditions under which a dog may be tethered outdoors?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

5. Do you believe that aggravated cruelty/violence to animals should be a felony?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

6. During the 2008 legislative session, a bill was passed to prohibit inhumane forms of confinement, such as "veal crates" and "gestation crates," of calves and pigs raised for slaughter (SB08-201). If you are an incumbent, please indicate your level of support for this legislation. If you are not an incumbent, please indicate the position you believe you would have taken.

Debbie Benefield (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

7. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the confinement of egg-laying hens in "battery cages?"

Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

8. Would you be likely to support state legislation to require that educational institutions at all levels provide (and advertise to students) an alternative to animal dissection?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

9. Would you be likely to support state legislation prohibiting the use of elephants in traveling acts, such as circuses?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

10. Rodeos currently enjoy a blanket exemption from the state's animal cruelty statute. Would you be likely to support legislation that would limit this exemption to those events currently sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

11. Section 33-1-101 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, states, "It is the policy of the state of Colorado that the wildlife and their environment are to be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors." Do you believe that all Colorado residents should have a voice in wildlife policy?

Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

12. Of the two following value statements, to which are you likely to give higher priority? =Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved =Wildlife and their environment are to be managed	
Debbie Benefield (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

14. Do you believe that Amendment 14, the anti-trapping initiative passed by Colorado voters in 1996, should be overturned or weakened in any way?	
Debbie Benefield (D)	Undecided
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

The following two petition-related questions will not be used for scoring.

15. Would you be likely to support state legislation to (1) require counties to allow county-level ballot initiatives and (2) establish consistent procedures and criteria for such initiatives?	
Debbie Benefield (D)	No answer selected
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Debbie Benefield (D)	Harder
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Debbie Benefield (D)	Yes
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Debbie Benefield (D)	I'm do not support what we have done to our State Constitution with all the initiatives and I do not support bear traps being in the Constitution.
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond

Questionnaire Score	
Debbie Benefield (D)	54%
Mary Arnold (R)	Did not respond