

## 2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 55

### 1. Did you grow up with animals?

Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes; Several different dogs
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes; cats and dogs

### 2. Does your family have animals?

Bernie Buescher (D)	No
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes; cats and dogs, pot bellied pigs

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

Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes; I was particularly supportive of the bill regarding the neutering of animals in shelters.
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes

### 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?

Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

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

Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense)

### 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.

Bernie Buescher (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

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

Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

### 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?

Bernie Buescher (D)	No
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes

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

Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

### 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?

Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

### 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?

Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

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	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be managed; this question is interesting. Overpopulation of wildlife has caused problems in Western Colorado. I do not believe that protection and preservation are inconsistent with good management of wildlife.
Laura Bradford (R)	Wildlife and their environment are to be managed

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals ("canned hunting")?	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Undecided

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?	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes; I oppose putting issues related to wildlife in the State Constitution. They are more properly the subject of statutes, which can be modified as necessary.
Laura Bradford (R)	No

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?	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Undecided
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Harder
Laura Bradford (R)	Harder

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Bernie Buescher (D)	Yes
Laura Bradford (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Bernie Buescher (D)	None given
Laura Bradford (R)	None given

Questionnaire Score	
Bernie Buescher (D)	27%
Laura Bradford (R)	31%