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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

1st Congressional District

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**Q2**

Party

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**Q3**

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**Q7**

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Website

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Page 2: COVID-19 Response and Recovery

**Q8**

What steps do you think our state and/or counties should take to aid this recovery? Some examples could include how you think federal funds should be spent, diversifying the state's economy, etc.

There should be an immediate and complete review of the systems and personnel that oversee the distribution of funds provided by the federal agencies. Roll back of the regulations that hamper the growth of local businesses and encourage more cooperation to share under utilized individuals and resources.

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**Q9**

Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

Donated and distributed P.P.E equipment to front line personnel and assisted in community activities that provided food and transportation to those with limited resources.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

There are many sources of diverse proven medical protocols for the prevention and treatment of this virus that have not been adequately reviewed or seriously considered from what i understand. Though the current situation that we are going through is extremely serious, we should be vigilant against any potential loss of our personal or collective rights under the Constitution.

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Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

**Q11**

What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

Since tobacco use is acknowledged to be detrimental to the health and well-being of so many, take legal actions against the manufacturers of these dangerous products and have them completely banned.

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**Q12**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

**Strongly Support**

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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I believe in personal choices and taking responsibility for your actions especially if it impacts others around you and the environment. But unless there is an outright ban on all tobacco related products, increasing the tax on these products only puts an additional financial burden on the user and I think does little to deter the use of these products. Education I feel is the best course of action.

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Page 4: Healthy Eating + Active Living

**Q14**

What steps do you think the state and/or counties should take to ensure food security for all of Hawaii's people, and to significantly increase food self-sufficiency for our state?

Encourage home and community gardens and establish a program that guarantees local food producers a share of the market when competing against mainland and large corporate entities.

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**Q15**

In 2019, Hawai'i made a commitment to adopt Vision Zero, an initiative to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. What policies and infrastructure changes should the state and/or counties make to achieve this goal?

The reality is that NO program is going to completely eliminate all traffic fatalities and other related issues. Until the rail project is completed and even afterwards, the expansion of the bus system should be undertaken along with bicycle paths. Enhanced driver education programs incorporating drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs. More qualified road construction companies.

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**Q16**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

We must significantly increase public investment in food systems workforce development, including programs such as farm to school, agriculture and food systems education (PreK-12 and higher education), and farmer training programs. **Strongly Support**

The state should continue to invest in a Double Up Food Bucks program, which doubles the value of SNAP benefits when buying fresh, locally grown produce at participating retailers. **Strongly Support**

Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages. **Support**

Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. **Support**

Make health and physical education (PE) courses a curriculum requirement, rather than an option, for middle school students. PE is currently a requirement for elementary and high school students. **Strongly Support**

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 5: Oral Health

**Q18**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants.

**Strongly Support**

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.

**Support**

Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.

**Support**

Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.

**Oppose**

Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery.

**Strongly Support**

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? **Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? **Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? **Strongly Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? **Oppose**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? **Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated? **Strongly Support**

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**Q23**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai'i more affordable for its residents?

Call for serious changes in the Jones Act and review how pricing for local goods and services are established and take action against any abuses.

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**Q25**

What is the role of government in addressing housing affordability issues and what would you do to encourage the production of more affordable homes for Hawai'i residents?

Review rental prices to ensure that they are justified as well as making sure they proposed occupants are qualified to be part of any government subsidizing programs. Reevaluate restrictions on imported mobile homes and "Tiny Homes".

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**Q26**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase the state's minimum wage in a series of annual steps to a living wage of \$17 per hour. **Support**

Create a statewide Paid Family Leave Program, which would allow up to 12 weeks for employees to provide care for a newborn, bond with a new child, or care for a family member with a serious health condition. **Support**

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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