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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

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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.

Carefully managed re-openings, offer virtual Hawaii vacation packages with Hawaii gifts, hula skirts, etc. Use funds for infrastructure preparation for climate change effects on roads and beaches. Attract alternative energy technology companies to the islands for research and development.

Q9

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

Predominantly petitioning senators and congressmen for extended UI funds and paycheck protections. Also requested more funds to replenish medical supplies.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

This isn't gong away, the need to diversify the economy is critical so that we can get our people jobs.

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?

None, I do not believe in 'Nanny State' polices. People like to smoke, it is suppose to be a free country, so let them.

Q12

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Apply a tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, such as a percentage of the wholesale cost or taxing e-liquid by volume. | Oppose |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. | Oppose |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. | Oppose |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting. | Oppose |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. | Oppose |
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Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

No more nanny state policies. Legalize marijuana for recreational use for tax revenue. We already tax a pack of cigarettes \$3.20 per pack, 6th highest in the U.S. 12.8% of our adults smoke cigarettes, national average is 17%. There are other more pressing priorities.

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?

Convert all of our agricultural land to produce food for out locals. Put a 3 yr. moratorium on the Jones Act to source cheaper food while self sufficiency ramps up.

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?

I would work with local leaders on this issue and ask them what they need form Washington, and then fight to get it.

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. **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. **Support**

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

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

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. **Support**

Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. **Support**

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants. **Support**

Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. **Support**

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes. | Oppose |
| 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. | Oppose |
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Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

It is easier for kids to get drugs than it is alcohol, like Oxy and other pain meds form parents medicine cabinet.

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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? | 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? | Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated? | Oppose |
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Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Repeal Jones Act, use federal funds to build housing for homeless, become self sufficient with solar energy production, using oil fires plants cost to much.

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?

Our role here is clear, we must build affordable housing for our residents. The service jobs that over 50% of our workforce have, do not pay enough to afford a \$730,000 home, the median price. Raising prices on tourists to increase wages will help, but would not be enough. Housing would have to be subsidized by government programs.

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**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
