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Page 1: Candidate Information

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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.

We need to pass UBI immediately, waive all rents that were unpaid during this pandemic so they are not evicted through no fault of their own (seeking federal funds to repay any back rent), get ourselves into Green Energy and further develop our exports, and make the political establishment pay for this at the ballot box for not having a "Plan B" prepared for this type of a pandemic. We make visitors sign a form if they are bringing in fruit, but the current administrations, from both parties, did not have a plan for this and that is their job. The job requires a bit of cynicism and paranoia, because you are responsible for the lives of the people of Hawaii. To not have such a "Plan B" prepared for this type, as we live on islands in the pacific, is simply shocking to me.

Q9

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

I have sought to make certain with those in elected office that we must make certain, before we open up these airports, that the recent riots and protests have not opened up Pandora's box. The health of its citizens must come first. People are not a "number." They have families and loved ones who are impacted by these losses.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

We need to start thinking outside of the box. The millennials will play an important role in this election. I am very bothered by the fact that the establishment politicians we have often tell people that they should "run for office," but then endorse a candidate before the deadline to even file paperwork to be a candidate has ended. It screams of the buddy system, and those doing the endorsing are part of the problems we now are in.

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?

The age to purchase cigarettes should be raised, and tickets issued to those smoking underage, with cigarettes or e-cigarettes.

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. | Strongly Support |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. | Strongly Support |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. | Strongly Support |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting. | Strongly Support |
| 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 support all of the above.

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?

Increase taxes on the wealthy and corporations that are buying up the land that is consistently depriving the Native Hawaiians, and indeed all residents, of the basics they need. Passing UBI and the Heroes Act would be my top priority.

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?

Some of this may seem simple, but they are common sense. There are not enough stop lights where they belong. I am tired of passing "the sign of the Cross" on roads where such deaths could have been prevented.

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. **Strongly Support**
- Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. **Strongly 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**
- Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. **Strongly Support**

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

This last question should have been implemented long ago. If speeding it should record a drivers license, whether or not the police catch you speeding, so that you receive a photo of your car, the speed you were going, and a ticket. Those funds could fund (probably too much, the way some people drive in Hawaii) other needs we need the funds for, and prevent deaths while teaching drivers to be safe.

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

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

Dental health must be included in all health care. This should have been done decades ago.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.	Strongly Support
Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.	Strongly Support
Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.	Strongly Support
Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery.	Strongly Support

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

I support anything that saves lives and prevents young people from creating for themselves a bad habit, which can also cost them their lives and the lives of others.

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i?	Strongly Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health?	Strongly 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?	Strongly Support
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?	Oppose

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

If they follow the law, then I would not seek to regulate how many can be opened. We can't say we are "for it" and then deprive people who could earn a living from it the same opportunity as others.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Develop affordable housing that actually is affordable. This is my #1 priority. No one should be on the street, and many homeless are Native Hawaiians which is beyond disgusting to me.

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?

It's their duty. It's why they are in office. Otherwise, what are they doing there? I will make this my number 1 priority.

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. **Strongly 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. **Strongly Support**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
