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## Page 1: Candidate Information

### Q1

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2nd Congregational District of Hawaii

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### Q2

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**Q7**

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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 are now looking at the '2nd wave' beginning to hit. It will hit America quite hard. Quarantine only buys us time. It does not 'beat it.' The hope is to find a cure. BUT....Vaccines won't be ready til fall or winter. Some say late next year. That means we are still going to catch this illness without a proper vaccine.

So this leaves 3 big questions:

- 1) How many American's are expected to catch this in the 2nd wave:  
10 million Americans?  
50 million Americans?  
100 million Americans?  
200 million?
  
- 2) Is it better to get this in the summer or winter – assuming there is no vaccine ready by Aug 2020.
  
- 3) Again, if we are going to catch this anyway – with no solid guaranty of an effective and widely distributed vaccine before next year:  
  - A) Is it better to catch this in the fall and winter months. (Winter is cold with a lot more complications from winter flue and other logistical nightmares from snow and cold, to storms and new rounds of poverty from today's economic meltdown)
  - OR
  - B) Is it much, much better to get this in the summer?

Remember, this is heat sensitive and so summer offers an effective role in slowing it's spread and death rate and the speeding recovery from it.

- 4) Does the LACK of ACCESS to vaccines leave HERD INOCULATION via SOCIAL CONTACT a viable medical option?
  - a) Should 20 to 40 year olds get HERD INOCUATION – natural vaccination - thru SOCIAL CONTACT?
  
  - b) This age group naturally carry a strong immune system and so they average about 1% showing symptoms or death while most have few or now symptoms at all.
  
  - c) If true: Should this same number (of 10 million, 50 million or 100 million Americans), be encouraged towards SOCIAL CONTACT HERD INOCULATION.
  
  - d) We would need to do this before this 2nd Wave hits this winter.
  
  - e) If this is true....  
It means we need 1 to 5 Million SOCIAL CONTACT HERD INOCULATIONS – PER DAY.

Other FACTS:

- a) The ORIGINAL projections were for 18 months before vaccines could reach FULL market penetration – that's late next year, 2021.
  
- b) They won't complete trials until fall or winter. Some predict much later.
  
- c) It also takes time to ramp production and distribution. Example, if only 40% get vaccinated by winter, that still leaves 200 million Americans exposed to catch this thing.

d) Low effectiveness:

Some trials only show 25% to 50% improvement over a natural body response - which would still leave us with the same number of hospitalizations.

e) Vaccines may have side effects that could still require the same 1% to 5% hospitalization - like the disease itself. That gives us the same 3 to 5 million American's having to get hospitalized or dying.

In short, should we take advantage of these summer months for this HERD INOCUATION via SOCIAL CONTACT?

Compare this to Sweden's Herd Immunity approach. They were just certified as stable. This certification was given begrudgingly. This was after 3 months of global condemnation for Sweden's Herd Immunity approach. Sweden had this big spike compared to their European counter-parts over the last 3 months. However, today, new cases in Sweden are 'leveling off'; - falling, just as other European countries are getting hit with this coming 2nd wave.

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### Q9

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

Working on building a standard policy response for 'all' epidemics. For example, the Swedish Model as compared to the California one. A better example maybe the cost of building the medical infrastructure to handle the up-front hit as compared against the cost of closing down the entire economy to 'flatten the curve' to give the hospitals time to handle the influx. Would it be a difference of \$250 billion to scale hospitals compared to

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### Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

This is a heat-sensitive borne disease. If heat therapy and weather-induced reductions in the impact of the disease may set Hawaii as one of the world's official cure camps.

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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?

We present Lifestyle Insurance as the simple solution to America's healthcare crisis. 50% of all medical costs is lifestyle related. If we each covered our own lifestyle, we could reduce health insurance costs by this same 50%. Each lifestyle such as smoking and tobacco would now become its own insurance program fully funded directly from the retail sales of cigarettes, junk food, etc. Once the industry is itself left with that costs, it will become far more responsive to the areas that would reduce those costs the most - which happen to all the same areas gov't is trying to regulate because they cause the most harm - and therefore the greatest costs. However, in the case of obesity, that cost would be just 10 cents on every junk food item and the actual social medical cost of cigarettes would be half of today's \$8 per pack. Nearly none of those 'etra' taxes go to smokers healthcare. Under Lifestyle insurance, the premiums are exclusively reserved for treating smokers.

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**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. | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids.      | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors.    | <b>Support</b>          |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting.              | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.     | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Tobacco-related medical costs run about 1 trillion decade. Consolidating this around a single program would reduce costs by 20% to 50%

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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?

Nestles generates about \$90 billion a year in food sales. Hawaii need only match 20% that to match tourists \$15 billion a year. The bigger question is why is Hawaii not as big as Nestle or even better, what more do we need to do in order to match them? Food security would automatically be met with such a scale up of our food production.

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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?

We are proposing Skyways as the future of transportation that is about 80% the footprint in costs of infrastructure, auto purchase and eco-impact. It would be significantly safer though averaging 100 miles an hour in town and about double that on the freeway. More details if interested.

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**Q16**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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. | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| 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.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| 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.                                     | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries.  | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Lifestyle Insurance should be able accomplish most every policy proposal suggested here while still reducing costs of healthcare insurance - STARTING at - 50% while likely doubling services. Would love to provide a proper presentation should you be interested.  
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Page 5: Oral Health

**Q18**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. | <b>Oppose</b>           |
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**Q19**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Fluoridation is an outdated mode of oral hygiene, but we need to dramatically improve dental care as the ounce of prevention to the pound of cure to the other associated health risks of gum and tooth decay.

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Need additional info on this, but once again, Lifestyle Insurance would automatically accomplish all these policy intentions.

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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?	<b>Strongly Support</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health?	<b>Strongly Support</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?	<b>Support</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated?	<b>Support</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?	<b>Strongly Support</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated?	<b>Strongly Support</b>

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**Q23**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Marijuana is a bit misleading of a label given the intensity of the compounds crafted into today's hybrids. Need more info on how to better account for such details.

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Our Leverage Debt Reduction program would reduce the cost of housing 50% across the board. Our Hawaiian Renaissance campaign would provide for housing for all Hawaiians within 2 years while providing the work generated from scaling up food exports to match those of Nestles.

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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?

Have looked into a program that should provide housing to all Hawaiians within the year.

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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**

Additional thoughts/comments:

The actual cost of a living wage for Honolulu and Maui is closer to \$50 an hour given the high cost of living. It's actually easier to drop the cost of living via our Leverage Debt Reduction program then it would be try an pay workers more. Reducing housing costs by 50% would do significantly more then paying \$17 an hour.

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