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.

All Federal funds available should be spent to help our citizens deal with the physical health and our health of our economy. This is a crisis of epic proportions, more than any time in a generation. Let our counties decide what or how they need to diversify their economies. For example, one way is to support more agricultural endeavors. Another example is to support any technological developments.

Q9
Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

The main reason that I am running is to help our Hawaii nei, if elected to Congress. That could bring to the table greatly needed help.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:

The most important point: As a Republican, I can bring a missing and added dimension of help to Hawaii, because I could be an advocate to Hawaii with my fellow Republicans, all to the benefit of Hawaii nei. Where possible and needed, I also could be a bridge builder and bring bi-partisan efforts to help Hawaii.

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?

Encourage volunteer speakers who have faced health problems, due to tobacco use, speak to our schools. This would bring a reality check for our students.

Q12
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. **Support**
Q13
Additional thoughts/comments:

It would seem like any efforts to prevent this use or abuse by more taxes or other means, except for prevention and cessation efforts by speaking to our youth, would not be enough and our youth would find other work around efforts to get tobacco.

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 and support, where possible, our food self-sufficiency efforts. Where there is an abundance of land in Hawaii, support more agricultural effort to support our food sustainability. As it currently is, if our shipping efforts were hampered and we were shut off from the outside world, then Hawaii would eventually be in trouble. We need to improve our ability to sustain ourselves with food within Hawaii.

Q15
In 2019, Hawaii 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?

Not adopt recreational marijuana.

Q16
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Q17
Additional thoughts/comments:

Let’s create a healthy environment by our leaders showing an example of healthy living. For example, encourage our leaders to lead by example in items mentioned above. In the military, our leaders led by being an example of healthy living.

Q18
Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:
Q19
Additional thoughts/comments:

Let’s create a stronger sense of personal responsibility of our own health. Although pouring more money into Medicaid is better, all costs are rising also. If we can afford this, then yes. If not, then probably not.

Q20
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Respondent skipped this question

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments:

Increase the penalties for driving under the influence, for repeat offenders.

Q22
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai‘i?  
Strongly 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?  
Support

Q23
Additional thoughts/comments:

The answer is don’t legalize marijuana. This invites more problems. Don’t we have enough problems?
Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?

It would be extremely beneficial to Hawaii to eliminate the idea that Hawaii should encourage itself to be Oahu centric. Lots of money is poured into building Oahu's infrastructure. If the other islands want to welcome more investment into their island, then that would expand the capability of other islands to keep their people from leaving their own island. The people would not feel the need to leave to the mainland, seeking for a better life. Oahu is already too expensive of a place to live for our current and next generation.

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?

As mentioned, Hawaii has focussed too much on building Oahu and increasing its population on Oahu. The other islands have more room to grow for their own people. Business ventures should and could be encouraged to be developed not only on Oahu.

Q26
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Respondent skipped this question

Q27
Additional thoughts/comments:

Increasing the minimum wage is a mixed bag of both good and bad. Good for the employee but bad for the employer. This would mean that the starting pay would start at this entry level. Employers who make a limited profit would shy away from hiring people at the entry level or not even hiring people or even attempting to start a business or still even close down their business. Also, paid family leave is great, but a mixed bag for small business owners who have very limited resources and employees. However, let's explore every possibility for help for all concerned.