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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.

Hawaii faces a \$1.5 Billion budget shortfall for this year. Governor Ige is recommending a 20% furlough and the Hawaii Legislature is planning to raid other programs to cover the \$1.5 billion. Federal government have implemented several programs such as the PPP to help essential businesses with their payroll and expenses and additional funds for those on unemployment. The covid 19 pandemic is unprecedented, and our government appears to be taking solutions from other states. We are in a guessing mode at this time as to how we should spend federal funds. Although Legislature wants to hold millions of federal funds in their rainy day fund, yet we are truly facing a continuous storm. We should look at all alternatives to spend these funds to help small businesses survive and keep us safe.

Q9

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

My family has several small businesses on Oahu and Hilo. We have taken specific measures to prepare our businesses to keep patrons safe such as installing plexi glass protection, hand sanitation, and forehead thermometers.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

We do not have solid answers to attack this horrible pandemic that has crippled our islands. We can only hope for a vaccine to cure all.

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?

I have never used tobacco, but I do know that smoking is an addiction that kill lives. It's a legal drug. Education is the key to keep youths from smoking.

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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

Food is a cultural life style when it comes to eating. Adults and parents will continue to eat their favorite foods whether it helps their health or not. Education in schools is the key to encourage healthy eating. As for food self-sufficiency, we need to help farmers and food producers by listening to their concerns and provide them with incentives to motivate them to increase food production at an affordable price to the consumer.

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?

Setting a time line to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries. Building and sustaining leadership, collaboration, and accountability. Not an easy task, but we must try

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 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. **Strongly 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:

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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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? **Oppose**

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**

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

The items that I opposed was based on uncertainty of its language without supporting evidence

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Tough question when government appraisers set the assessed values of property in Hawaii. I would propose state lands for the development of affordable homes such as self-help housing or development credits to motivate developers.

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 the previous Hawaii State Director for USDA Rural Development, I would partner with federal funds to develop affordable housing on state or private lands.

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. **Oppose**

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. **Oppose**

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

Small businesses are unable to meet these challenges and keep their doors open. Small businesses are unable to meet the mandatory health coverage premiums for their employees. Small businesses want the best for their employees but are not financially able to meet these expenses.
