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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

State House District Five

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**Q2**

Party

Libertarian

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**Q3**

First Name

Michael L.

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Last Name

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**Q7**

Campaign Website

None

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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.

Why must federal (taxpayers) funds always be considered?

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**Q9**

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

I consider the requirements of PRIVATE establishments. If they require face coverings, I have two choices- either wear face coverings or not. However, if I do not elect to wear I will not be able to enter the store.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I purchase what I want and live where I want, but always within my means.

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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?

The use of tobacco (and e-cigarettes) are a personal choice of individuals in a free society. It should NOT be the government's responsibility to dictate who can smoke!

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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 Oppose</b> |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids.      | <b>Strongly Oppose</b> |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors.    | <b>Strongly Oppose</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 Oppose</b> |
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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Perhaps there should be some tax on soda, coffee or tea? Anyone who desires to begin smoking, without a threat of physical harm, does so at their own discretion.

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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?

Food production should be left up to private entities.

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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?

Increase the enforcement of IMPAIRED drivers. But the state would rather go after gamblers.

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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 Oppose</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 Oppose</b>  |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.  | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.  | <b>Strongly Oppose</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 Support</b> |
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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Increase public investment = increase tax on the general population

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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>Oppose</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:

Again, the government should not dictate how any adult lives. Provided they (the adults) do not harm a non-consenting other adult.

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Alcohol is an adult product and should be left up to the public whether to consume it or not. Driving under the influence is (and should be) a crime. If I was so inclined I would want to be able to purchase and takeout alcohol drinks TO BE CONSUMED AT MY HOME, and not on the way home!

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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 Oppose</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 Oppose</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?	<b>Strongly Oppose</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>Strongly Oppose</b>
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?	<b>Strongly Oppose</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 Oppose</b>

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**Q23**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Marijuana should be treated the exact same as all the currently unregulated products (like soda, coffee, tea) on the market. Why must the government get involved in dictating how a person uses ANY product, provided they do not drive while under the influence, thereby placing others at risk.

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

If anyone believes Hawaii is too expensive, they can always relocate to a less expensive state. Why must the state care for every resident?

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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?

The government should not be getting involved in the private sector market.

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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. **Strongly 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. **Strongly Oppose**

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**Q27**

Additional thoughts/comments:

An adult can decide whether to be employed or not. It is not the governments responsibility to decide for every worker the terms and conditions that apply.

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