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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.

Rather than misappropriate assistance in the rainy day fund, I would invest that into internalizing the economy through public servant jobs. Right now, we could be sending teams of people to restore the environment while there is no tourism around. This would also address x-amount of other issues like climate change and pollution reduction, while keeping our internalized economy going. Agricultural investment would be the wisest thing to do with all the open land that we don't want to sell, because most of our constituents are land/sea based people - farmers and fishermen.

I'm running for office because people keep thinking that producing dollars for military is the key. There is already enough explosives here to blow us all up, if we had the right earthquake! We need to know that if we will survive if the barge doesn't come, we have enough.

Right now, I know a handful of households who are being evicted and have already been served a 45 day notice - during the moratorium. I have a homeless camp that needs to be permanently addressed. I also have a number of ways in mind to bring solutions to the table, but need to combine my work with my advocacy. As a single parent it is tremendously hard to manage school, work, single-parenting and advocacy. However as an elected official, my job would be right where I need to be, to be able to support both my home as well as putting me in the right time and place to be able to help people.

Q9

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

Coordinating efforts, agricultural funding on Maui, personal donations for funerals, medical supplies, fresh veggies, venison and daily necessities donated to homeless camps with high populations and no water.

I've also utilized a local food truck who uses local ag, to form a fundraiser to pay outstanding student lunch debt, as a trial run to possibly larger fundraisers held in that fashion, in the future.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

If you know the story of Pīkoi'aka'alalā, he was known for hitting ten targets with one arrow. I like to cause chain reaction solutions, that reach further than one person can make change, alone. Speaking in terms of analogy: impacting economic solutions through a reverse MLM format.

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?

BAN THE SALES. I am the parent in Maui County who stood on that podium and told the County Council to raise the fine from \$50. Ultimately that fine became \$200.

*Take note that I am also a smoker who is struggling to quit. But I don't even take my own excuses, no matter how valid I feel they are. And I said that on record too.

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:

Funds from the tobacco settlement and taxes should be used to open anti-smoke shops [I don't know the appropriate word]. That would also internalize economy and produce employment. I would certainly drop in for natural products, camaraderie and someone to talk to when I need a cigarette. Most insurances will pay for that to offset costs. It's cheaper than health problems on medicaid.

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?

1. All DOE food should be locally and agriculturally sourced from the home island. In Puerto Rico, local farmers would donate for the tax credit.
 2. I would discourage large corporate entities because can charge more when the product is authentic and locally manufactured. This ensures more successful local businesses. The best part about local businesses is that they decrease unemployment because people actually value their job and generally enjoy being high performance. Furthermore, local businesses generally take care of their employees on a personal level, reducing dependence upon the system. Lastly, local businesses often don't require as much complicated paperwork as do large corporations; for employment. The tight bonds formed build the authentic fabric that holds our communities together.
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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?

1. Put live cameras in the police car, for dialogue with stationary communication, and live footage of violation observed. Pull more people over for actual traffic infractions and less for administrative violations.
2. Pull tourists over when they drive illegally. People who move here have to take a whole new permit test to drive in Hawai'i, but the most dangerous often go un-governed. Do we realize how many accidents we will prevent in doing this?
3. Make a toll booth with windshield passes for residents. This works well in Florida and the tourists pay for their heavily used roads, not the residents. The residents pay for residential road repair. So I solved the taxes portion, but this allows a camera system at the toll booth, maintaining regulatory traffic flow and additional sources of evidence in criminal cases, via time-stamped camera footage. Residents receive their sunpass at safety checks, which ensures administrative compliance.

Q16

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

I would not make obesity prevention programs, rather I choose to make more healthy initiatives. I have historically had a weight fluctuation problem and being labeled as obese only confirmed that I have no value as a person and am not acceptable. You really have to think of some things from the other person's angle too. "Fat kids" get teased and reminded daily that they are big. Going to a fat program doesn't help anyone. Perhaps we can increase the efforts of Hui No Ke Ola Pono: hula programs, pool programs, health monitoring, and perhaps a cooking class with Tanya Kaina Doyle of All Kaina Grindz who enjoys teaching healthy cooking.

I've seen some red-light programs that worked and some that didn't. Roosevelt Blvd in Philadelphia is where I saw those cameras cause a dangerous road to become far more deadly.

An alternative to physical education might be a good agricultural program. That age group does better when "nobody's looking," because they are awkwardly going through the rough beginning of puberty. Some kids actually struggle major with this.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I don't really support the fluoridation of water, preferring to invest in dental kits given to students in the beginning and middle of the school year, as a safer alternative. Fluoride is not good to ingest.

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:

In some states, liquor can only be purchased at Liquor Stores controlled by the state, and cannot be easily found at grocery stores. Also in most of those same places, beer can only be purchased through a beer distributor. By separating these two product lines in separate locations, with shorter store hours, the amount of alcohol sold would be greatly reduced. A balanced exception would only to allow 6-pack and trial bottles to be sold in stores.

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? **Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? **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? **Strongly Support**

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

I think advertising habits is detrimental to society. It undermines morality and normalizes the behavior.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

1. Invest in stipend agricultural programs to redirect vocational stimulation
 2. Open environmental positions for phase 1 of internalizing economy while building from within
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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 needs to match the costs of living with wages. We also need to increase Credit Repair Education. We can build all the empty structures in the world but if people can qualify and pay for those structures, then it just became a waste of my ancestor's bones that the development companies continue to build upon. If the state is going to permanently destroy landscapes and desecrate burials, let it be because of something worthwhile. Have you seen how many empty units are for rent/sale and nobody can afford them still?

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**

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Additional thoughts/comments:

*We also have to add an addendum to protect our small businesses who obviously cannot afford these wages.
