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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

State House District 11

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**Q2**

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Democrat

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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 missed the mark in providing a robust testing, contact tracing and quarantine/isolation program with very badly crafted legislation during the delayed summer extended legislative session. That is the key to our economic recovery KYD in preventing infected passengers from seeing in Hawaii. And isolating people who have been exposed by quickly tracing their contacts. That combined with a change in culture through messaging to make mask wearing ubiquitous.

While we tackle Covid-19, we mustn't lose sight of our climate crisis. Addressing climate change through Green New Deal programs for employment can address climate mitigation, out people to work and diversify our economy: massive tree planting, retro-fitting energy efficiency projects for all public buildings, EV infrastructure installed state wide are some examples.

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**Q9**

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

Most of my efforts have been trying to help individuals who have not been able to navigate the unemployment system that is continuing to fail 17,000 people after 3.5 months of this catastrophe. I am teaming-up with Kelly King, my county council counterpart to fill in gaps for Keiki grab n go meals twice this summer. We are also organizing a weekly food distribution in North Kihei. We will find compounded hardship the rest of the year. We will need to make sure everyone has food and shelter.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Our Governor and County Mayors have done a good job protecting our vulnerable communities up until July. But now the numbers are increasing and we have holes in our plan. Connecting asymptomatic mainland passengers on aircraft are mixing with Kama aina who have been isolating for 3 months. This has exposed all of the essential travelers flying for work. I avoided flying Hawaiian airlines for this reason to do my job at the state house.

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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?

Regulation and testing of vape products should be implemented. We should ban flavors for vape products. Perhaps prohibiting online purchases of vape products is reasonable. Taxes on tobacco products to price them out of reach for children could help.

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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>Strongly Support</b> |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors.    | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting.              | <b>Strongly Support</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**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

I am very excited but not surprised that Maui County is leading the way to create a county department of agriculture. It will go on the ballot and Maui will lead the way and start addressing our 'house of cards' food system. Maui could feed the whole state. We simply need to prioritize food production. It should be an effort coordinated between state and county agencies. So many of our challenges stem from county and state bureaucracies working in silos.

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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?

I have been advocating for sidewalks. So many of our roads a put in place without consideration of pedestrians and bicyclists.

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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 Support</b> |
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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

We just passed the red light bill on Friday!

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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>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
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**Q19**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Fluoride is a neurotoxin. It's concentrations in water supply can not be controlled or regulated. Providing access to dental care and education for children regarding oral hygiene for uninsured folks would go a long way to preventing tooth decay. Polluting our water system with chemicals is not the answer.

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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>Support</b>         |
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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

This line of questioning reeks of prohibitionist, plantation era puritanical over reach. It's anti-business and completely disregards the food and beverage industry, the hardest hit sector during Covid. Maui is on the brink of losing over half of our restaurants. Beverage delivery actually discourages driving under the influence. I am working diligently to reform our county liquor commission that routinely behaves like an obstructionist agency out to penalize every operator.

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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 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>Support</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:

I strongly support fully legal adult use of cannabis. Marijuana is a racist term. You should reconsider that word's use. Cannabis is a plant. It can be regulated by the department of agriculture. We must protect this potential budding industry from the clutches of the chemical industry. Again, these questions come from a vein of Reefer Madness prohibitionist sentiment that I can't support. Legalizing adult-use cannabis is part of my platform. It can bring in hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue badly needed for Hawaii.

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

We are on the brink of a houseless crisis with benefits terminating this month. I have been advocating for a rent and mortgage moratorium until we can get our workforce back up and running. We will need to make sure people have food and shelter. Businesses have already started closing. People don't know where they are going to get money to provide for their families.

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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?

For far too long developers have gotten away with building what they want all over the state. The government's responsibility is to plan communities and infrastructure development. We know what needs to be built, counties control the planning process. To date there has been little accountability for what gets built where.

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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 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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**Q27**

Additional thoughts/comments:

My message coming into the legislature was to demonstrate that my small business with 15 employees has been paying a \$15 minimum wage since October of 2015.

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