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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.

We need to look to see what we (our government entities) truly need to serve our residents. We need to look towards Agriculture and providing our local farmers with support and resources to help feed Hawaii.

Q9

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

I advocated for shutting down of non-essential/non-resident travel to East Maui, Molokai and Lanai early on with letters to the Governor on March 12th, March 17th and on March 21st. (letters posted to my Rep. Lynn DeCoite Facebook page). I was also able to talk directly with the Governor and General Hara about the inter-island quarantine to express community concerns and give input on the travel/quarantine requirements

During this pandemic, I worked with all levels of government, including our congressional delegation to get the proper information and services to my constituents.

I also worked with community organizations and local businesses to coordinate bags and fresh produce, seedling distribution and hot meals for our communities.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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 think they need to focus on enforcement. We can have all the regulations/laws, but if there is no enforcement it doesn't help any of us.

Q12

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Apply a tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, such as a percentage of the wholesale cost or taxing e-liquid by volume. **Support**

Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. **Support**

Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. **Support**

Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting. **Support**

Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. **Strongly Support**

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?

I've said it from Day 1, we need to invest in agriculture and grow our food and protect our water resources. We also need to look focus on what we can grow, what grows well here in the islands. Get the data from UH and work together to grow food that we eat. We also need to utilize the expertise around us, have established farmers act as mentors.

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?

In the legislature we just passed HB 1676 HD1 SD2 to Establish the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program (Red Light Cameras). I supported/voted for this bill and am encouraged to see the program come to fruition.

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. **Support**

Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. **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. **Support**

Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. **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. **Oppose**

Q19 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes. | Support |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. | Support |
| Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes. | Support |
| Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. | Strongly Support |
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Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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? | Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? | Oppose |
| 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 the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? | Strongly Support |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | Strongly 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 |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

Before any of this can happen, we need to be on the same page with all jurisdictions, Local and Federal to ensure enforcement can happen.

HDOH has are hard time with everything that is on their plate now, to add this on them would be too much. They would need to create an entire division and need more funding.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

We need to look at promoting high paid trade jobs and promote job training to help our local residents qualify for these jobs. The state should also look at helping contribute to the cost of medical coverage for employees so employers can pay higher wages to be more competitive.

The counties also need to look at how property taxes are evaluated to make it more fair for local families vs outside investors building mansions.

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?

We had a high cost of living prior to COVID-19 do to lack of housing, now with three months plus of no tourist and vacation rentals sitting empty we need to look to see how we can look to incentivize turning those vacation rentals into single family affordable housings. We should work with work together with county, state and private partnerships.

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. **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. **Support**

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

A minimum wage is a starting point for entry level workers. Workers should start at that wage and then once they prove themselves, they should be moved up to higher pay.

Living wage is what a worker needs to make their basic needs, electric, mortgage, food.

The problem is that the minimum wage instead being the starting point- it is now considered standard pay. This mentality needs to change.

I support promoting a living wage for those workers that prove themselves. If the state helps with contributing to medical coverage, employers should be able to pay better wages to those workers that are deserving.
