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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

State House District 13

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**Q2**

Party

Democrat

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**Q3**

First Name

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**Q7**

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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.

Stop, set aside funds and energy to replan the future of the islands of Hawaii with community input from each of the islands. Learn and correct the mistakes we have been making that has endangered our environment and made life unaffordable and dependent on national and international corporations.

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**Q9**

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

Protested tourist from coming to Molokai. Joined efforts to feed the Kupuna. Organized efforts to plan for a better future for Molokai.

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**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

Tobacco is a long time problem that is slowly declining in use, being replaced by e-cigarettes and pakalolo. We can only learn from previous efforts and continue our war on smoking.

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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?

Build infrastructure and tax credits to encourage taro farms and fishpond operations. Stop growing and exporting GMO seeds, GROW FOOD ON OUR LIMITED FARM LANDS. Educate our students on growing food on home gardens. Create mini farm hubs to get food directly from farm to home. Do not waste products grown on our farms.

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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?

We doing ok on Molokai, reduce and eliminate the growth spiral of our islands.

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**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.

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.

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:

- 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:

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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? **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? **Strongly 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? **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**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Control the influx of National and International companies. Support local businesses. Grow food on our farm lands. Increase wages for workers. Shorten the work week. Decentralize the government, more islands autonomy. Make waste illegal. Get rid of the Jones Act. De-occupy Hawaii.

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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?

Bring down the cost of the land (use public lands, Fed. State, DHHL). Build simple homes that are safe and healthy.

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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**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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