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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

District 14 House Representative

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**Q2**

Party

Republican

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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.

Cutting regulation, bureaucratic red tape, and cutting taxes. We should be always thinking of innovative ways to create new products, and services, you can call this diversification, but its just entrepreneurship. For Kauai, I have posted ideas for drive-in movie theaters, swap meets, and helping each other posting unsold items that retail stores cannot sell otherwise to social media marketplaces. We have the most perfect weather for work from home jobs, but we should start with our Keiki. A "Smart Kauai" is our community built on a foundation that our kids will remain on the island. We are already teaching our kids "STEM" from Kindergarten, and they are competing in robotics in High School. These high paying computer jobs are work from home jobs. Generations of Kauai Ohana can stay at home with good paying computer jobs. Since #WuhanVirus, most big tech firms (Facebook, Shopify, Twitter, Square, Google, etc) have already said that within the next 5 - 10 years most positions will be "work from home." I will get these tech firms to use Kauai as a pilot program.

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**Q9**

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

Being a single father of 3 young and active children, running a campaign, and helping my aging father. I have been preoccupied with home schooling all 3 kids, since the schools have been closed, and have shared my experiences on social media about how expanding our SNAP benefits via a USDA pilot program to our smart phones, would allow more safety and convenience. We would be able to order our groceries for pickup and would not need to place face masks on our keiki, while trying to move through single way isles.

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**Q10**

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?

Marketing these products to kids was a unconscionable act. We should make sure this does not ever happen again. Retail stores are aware, and are working with their partner vendors to make sure these products do not reach our kids.

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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?

We need to create better supply chain management for our local farmers to be connected to our USDA programs. Currently, our kids are getting canned fruit in their school cafeteria. Sometimes they get fresh salads, but very rare and not sure exactly where they came from. The USDA should provide an easy to use app for farmers to take pictures and provide prices of their products. There should be an app marketplace within the USDA app that will allow other developers to place use their database to resell their products to restaurants.

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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?

A clear goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries has been set.  
The Mayor has publicly, officially committed to Vision Zero.  
A Vision Zero plan or strategy is in place, or the Mayor has committed to doing so in clear time frame.  
Key departments (including police, transportation and public health) are engaged.

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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>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:

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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:

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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>Oppose</b>  |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.                       | <b>Support</b> |
| Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.                     | <b>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:

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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 Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?                             | <b>Strongly Support</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 Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?                                  | <b>Strongly Support</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 Support</b> |
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**Q23**

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Kauai is currently creating more and more "Workforce Housing" and for the homeless, we are creating a communal village.

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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?

We are working with Habitat for Humanity to create affordable housing, and we are using any land that is available to create more housing. We are also looking at Additional Dwelling Units that can be added to an existing home without being burdened by red tape or taxes as it would be for a family member.

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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. **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 Support**

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**Q27**

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