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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.

The legislature approved funding for additional unemployment insurance benefits; rental housing relief; counseling to help restructure mortgages; PPE for hospitals, elderly care homes, nonprofits, small businesses, and education; food; and jobs.

We should also help to retrain service workers for employment in the digital economy; provide free college education to students who cannot afford to attend a four-year university and are interested in shortage areas: teaching, social work, health care, and engineering.

Q9

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

Volunteered at the unemployment insurance call center, assisted in facilitating housing relief bill language in SB126, currently assisting in PPE order and distribution strategy

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

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. **Strongly 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. **Strongly 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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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. | 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. | Strongly 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. | Strongly Support |
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Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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. | Strongly Support |
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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**
- Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. **Support**

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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? **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? **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**

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

I will continue to introduce bills to promote more affordable housing, especially rental housing and owner-built/self-help housing. My bill that studies housing needs for individuals with functional needs should be completed shortly. I plan to reintroduce my bill to make college free for students with a financial need at four-year universities who pursue a degree in worker shortage professions: teaching, social work, health care, and engineering.

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 role of government is to help subsidize housing for families who are not able to afford housing on their own. By subsidizing the development of housing and infrastructure costs, government partners with nonprofit and for-profit developers to target low- and moderate-income families. I'm currently co-chair of the Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development, Affordable Housing Work Group. We are identifying priority projects on state-owned lands and infrastructure needs to support affordable housing.

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. **Strongly Support**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
