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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

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Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Website

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.

Diversifying the economy is a good practice for aid in the long term. It is unrealistic to believe it can be done within a couple of years. The Covid-19 crisis will have been solved by then. The economy needs to begin to open back up with strict unwavering enforcement of standards with violators knowing they will have their license to operate revoked should they decide to get greedy and break standards. The protection of our kapuna should be a priority as the Covid infections will be expected to increase.

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

Government should continue to identify, regulate and discourage advertisements aimed towards the teenage population. Support from the government for organizations that promote active healthy lifestyles.

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. **Oppose**

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I do not believe a high tax on tobacco is all it will take to stop an addiction. We must be wary to not put the addict on the street because they are not able to afford their addiction.

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?

Food self sufficiency as well as aspects of food security requires land. Land must be allocated on each island for the cultivation of produce and raising of livestock.

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?

Accidents are primarily caused by impaired or distracted driving. Motor laws should be focused on that area.

Q16

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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. **Strongly Support**
PE is currently a requirement for elementary and high school students.

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

I need more details to take a stance on the policies I did not respond to.

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants. **Oppose**

Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. **Strongly 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. **Oppose**

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. **Support**

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

Hawai'i has plenty of affordable places to live. Honolulu is not one of them. Find a city in the world that is as a desirable location to live as Honolulu where the government has been able to keep housing costs down and take a lesson from them on how to do it.
