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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.

First the People should look at the CDC data on the CDC website. Particularly the excess death data (link below). The data is the product of statistics collected and evaluated approximately one to two weeks prior to its publish date and combined with previous data points. The data shows, clearly, that mortality rate from this virus is not much different than a common flu. In fact, it is far less deadly. It is disturbing to watch the executive, and the state's newspaper with the largest circulation, and the television media spewing numbers that bear no relationship to reality. What reasonable person believes that we have infection numbers only in the amounts reported by these media outlets and the government? Only an ignorant (the dictionary definition, not the disparaging definition) individual could believe those sources rather than the original source CDC information and common sense. Moreover, it's infuriating that the executive would issue proclamations based on wildly inaccurate information for the purpose of exercising power and extinguishing liberty. A quarantine ordinarily consists of identifying sick people and isolating them from the population. This executive isolated everyone from everyone else. Unconscionable, and responsible for severe and immeasurable damage to the community. The proclamations were and are draconian and are unnecessary based on the accurate data and facts that are available to all of us. Federal funds are not Federal funds. It is money that hard working citizens are forced to pay to the government. For the government to then give that money to others causes divisions among the population in a time that unity would be more helpful. Judiciousness is what matters. Taxpayer funds should be spent only for the benefit for all, and for very specific purposes. That is not happening. Instead the federal and state governments are throwing taxpayer money around willy-nilly to special interest groups and particular individuals. Diversification of our economy will flow naturally from major tax cuts and regulation cuts that presently make it difficult to start a business here and keep it running. Economic diversity will not come from more taxes and tax relief incentives for chosen favorites. Until cuts happen there will be no diversity.

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/excess_deaths.htm

Q9

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

I am doing my best, with limited resources and time, to inform individuals that original source information is essential to inform citizens in order for those individuals to make informed decisions. This is not what we get from third party sources, whether they be news organizations or interest groups. I can offer my policies and opinions only when armed with accurate information. Original sources are the foundation for sensible opinions and policies.

All gubernatorial proclamations should terminate within 72 hours, unless the legislature authorizes extensions. During the next legislative session I intend to propose amendments to our Emergency Management Act; HRS 127A. The amendments will allow gubernatorial proclamations as under the existing statute. However, they will be limited to 72 hours from issuance. In order for the proclamation to continue beyond 72 hours the legislature shall meet in an open forum and vote individually, on the record, to extend the proclamation. Or, allow it to terminate at 72 hours. Thereafter, any further legislative extension will terminate weekly unless the legislature extends, and so on and so forth. Presently there is no accountability, and that's the major source of anger in the community based on my discussions with individuals in my district. Also, it appears that our politicians are now trying to pass off these decisions to an unelected bureaucrat further insulating themselves from the fallout of horrific policy decisions. This is unconscionable, and every citizen should be alarmed and concerned that politicians hide their dirty deeds from the People who run this government. "All political power of this State is inherent in the people and the responsibility for the exercise thereof rests with the people. All government is founded on this authority."

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/05-Const/CONST_0001-0001.htm

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?

It is not the business of the government to control decisions of individuals unless those decisions impact other individuals in a measurable and negative way. Then, any policies should be narrowly defined and must serve a specific purpose in a reasonable manner. It's truly nobody's business who smokes and who uses e-cigarettes unless their use directly harms the wellbeing of others. We live in a nanny state. It's time to retire the nannys and let people live their lives the way they want without government intervention. Otherwise, when and where will it end if we don't end it?

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. **Oppose**

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. **Oppose**

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

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?

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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?

This is a utopian proposition. there cannot be an elimination of ALL traffic fatalities unless no one leaves home. Even then delivery services will experience some. Let's put aside feel good fantasies and focus on realistic and achievable goals. Get bikes and pedestrians into a safe environment and away from vehicular traffic. No bike lanes on heavy thoroughfares and crossroads. Place beautiful planters and trees along our curbs and make divided walking lanes and cycling lanes on the sidewalks, and widen the sidewalks and let them encroach on road space when necessary. Foot traffic should be adjacent to the businesses that line the road, and cycling lanes should be between the roads and the walking lanes.

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. | Oppose |
| 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 Oppose |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages. | Strongly Oppose |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. | Strongly Oppose |
| 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 Oppose |

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

- Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? **Strongly 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 Oppose**
 - If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? **Oppose**
 - If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? **Strongly Oppose**
 - 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 Oppose**
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Q23

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Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Open up state land. The state doesn't need 80% of the land, most of all sits fallow and unlivable. Sell off parcels and cut back on building regulations. Native Hawaiians (you've heard something like this before) get land, but in fee simple. They then pay property taxes like everyone else. Infrastructure there can be paid by adjacent for profit land sales and home construction. Maintenance would be shared.

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 government should have very little role. Look how bad it does already. Cut government out as much as possible. More affordable housing is possible under the methods I wrote in the preceding question.

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 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 Oppose**

Q27

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Additional thoughts/comments:
