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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.

- Invest federal funding in a state job corps. program, which could include growing our local farming and agriculture industries.
- Diversifying our economy by grow our Tech and Data Industries.
- Growing our clean energy industries, such as solar and wind energy.
- Allowing our local film and television industry to grow, by removing the cap on tax credits for productions in Hawaii.

Q9
Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

First, I assisted the nurses union with fundraising for PPE, and helped facilitate donations of PPE from dentists to frontline medical workers.
Next, on Mondays I delivered meals for Meals-On-Wheels, and on Fridays I worked the Kakaako foodbank for Help is on the Way. I also also delivered meals for Malama Meals and delivered gifts to Wish Kids through Make-A-Wish Hawaii. Lastly, I donated blood to the Blood Bank of Hawaii.

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?

Raising the minimum age to 21 was a step in the right direction, but we need to take the next step by taxing e-cigarette products coming into the state and using the proceeds of those taxes to educate the youth about the risks of e-cigarette and tobacco use. I would also support the ban of flavored tobacco products.
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.**  
  **Strongly 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.**  
  **Strongly Support**

- **Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.**  
  **Strongly Support**

Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:  

Respondent skipped this question

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?

I support the growth of our local farming and agricultural industries, and believe our local agriculture products should go straight to our schools to feed our students. I believe that we can grow our local farming industry through the federally funded job corps program being discussed by congress. We should also develop school programs connecting students with local farms.

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?

To achieve Vision Zero, we must work on improving our mass transit system, and create more safe alternatives to driving such as bike lanes and bike paths. In addition, we need to take action to ensure that people drive at a safe speed at all times through sufficient and up to date traffic signals, and community efforts.
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. **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. **Support**

Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries. **Support**

Q17
Additional thoughts/comments: **Respondent skipped this question**

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. **Support**

Q19
Additional thoughts/comments: **Respondent skipped this question**

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

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

- 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? **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
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 8: Economic Justice
Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?

We need to increase our supply of affordable rental housing, by developing quality, rent controlled housing. We need to improve our wages, and gradually increase our minimum wage.

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?

Through private and public funding we must immediately develop rent controlled affordable rental housing here in Hawaii.

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
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question