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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

State House, District 41 (Ewa Beach)

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**Q2**

Party

Democratic Party

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**Q3**

First Name

Matthew

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**Q4**

Last Name

LoPresti

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**Q5**

Respondent skipped this question

Email

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**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

Phone

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**Q7**

Campaign Website

www.Matt4Ewa.com

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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.

It is the responsibility of government to lead the response and recovery effort in any public health emergency. Rigorous testing and tracking must be implemented to test people before they board an airplane to Hawaii. This will help us to truly become the safest place in the country. And that means being the safest place to do business as well, not just leisure. Perhaps we could do more hosting of sport tourism events for a start with our new stadium (though this is several years down the road - but we could work now on securing future events). We obviously also need affordable housing and the construction and realtor industry as essential to bringing us back. This could be a great time to leverage the large amount of state land, especially along the rail corridor for affordable housing. Transit oriented development is a real opportunity to invest in large housing projects on state land, and the state can set aside or provide infrastructure costs in these areas to assist developers to reach this needs. Furthermore, the state should look at providing more financial funding (loans) to affordable housing projects - especially dense to medium density housing for urban infill (6-8 stories) because risks and costs for this sort of development is much greater and harder to secure loans for. In addition to this I support some of the efforts lately to look at providing designated housing for government workers, e.g., teachers. This is the sort of time when large public works programs can do the most good economically as well as for the public good. Furthermore, we cannot revive and diversify our economy unless we can attract and retain outside capital investment into our economy and we cannot do that successfully unless people see that it is safe to invest here – this makes our geographical isolation into an actual strength during our this pandemic – if we can maintain a flattened curve and implement rigorous testing and tracking for any coming to the islands. We could become a haven, relatively free from COVID-19 as we are also comparatively one of the safest places in the united states when it comes to violent crimes. Hawaii become more attractive to invest in and build new businesses in tech, aerospace and agriculture among reimagining our tourist economy to cater to a higher paying and steady if not lower numbers of tourists (at least for now and this serves to begin the debate about carrying capacity as well). We need to take this crisis as an opportunity to retool our economy and our mindsets on what our state's economy looks like. Over reliance on tourism makes us far too vulnerable during disruptive crises like these.

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**Q9**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

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?

I've supported all policies that work to reduce their use, especially for our youth.

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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>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>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**

**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?

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**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?

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**Q16**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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**Q17** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 5: Oral Health

**Q18** Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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**Q19** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20** Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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**Q21** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22** Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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**Q23** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24** Respondent skipped this question

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

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**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?

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**Q26**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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