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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**
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Democratic

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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.

First is to centralize COVID-19 information across the State and Counties to minimize confusion currently happening (such as what is open/closed, gathering restrictions, business requirements, etc). The State must implement policies to support food sustainability similar to legislation I introduced to encourage purchases of Hawaii-grown foods by individuals and institutions, including public institutions like schools, hospitals and prisons. Some Federal funds should be supporting small business thru COVID-19 interruptions/closures.

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

I've participated in weekly meal distributions for keiki and kupuna within my community. I have also volunteered for family bulk food distributions.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:

Leaders need to work together during this uncharted time and look toward common solutions vs trying to be stand out individuals.

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?

Tighten the use of e-cigarette for the population under 21, focus on youth education of e-cigarettes/tobacco use in the school systems.
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. **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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Their should be higher penalties imposed on retailers who sell to minors. No advertisements should target under 21.

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?

The State must focus on providing water infrastructure to agriculture areas for food production (the State has sidestepped this responsibility for way too long) especially for agriculture zone lands held by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Department of Agriculture. You cannot produce/raise food without water. The Department of Agriculture should be supporting more local small farmers to build production of Hawaii-grown foods for individuals and institutions, including public institutions like schools, hospitals and prisons, leading to food self-sufficiency.

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?

The State should provide some of the revenue from the traffic courts toward each County to help with the cost of police enforcement/presence, which would help with safety.
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.
  - Oppose

- Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Support

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

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. Strongly 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. Strongly Support

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments:
Respondent skipped this question

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? Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? 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? 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:
The State must first see what decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana has changed within public use, before legalizing recreational use.
Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?
To focus on cost spiking issues that make Hawaii non affordable for residents.

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 State government should be working in alinement with Counties to provide more public housing. Government should be supporting more self-help housing programs and financial literacy programs.

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. **Support**

Q27
Additional thoughts/comments:
Respondent skipped this question