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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

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**Q2**

Party

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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.

Hawaii needs to reopen to tourists with a negative Covid test. Tourism is a large part of our economy, and we need to safely reopen it.

We also desperately need to diversify our economy. I see three areas where we can make big gains: agriculture/aquaculture, telework, and renewable energy.

It is a scandal that we only produce 10% of our own food in Hawaii. As a business owner, though, I understand why there hasn't been further investment in food production. Food producers don't see a market for their products. Let's guarantee that market by having the Department of Education and Corrections Department buy locally for the next five year. With a big guaranteed market, we'd jump start production and be on our way to food independence.

Covid has accelerated the pace at which white collar jobs in health, finance, counseling, and law have gone online. Hawaii should be at the forefront of these jobs and leverage our unique time zone to work with the US and Asia. As a business owner, every job I created was remote, so I can take that experience to the State House to help Hawaii invest in these jobs.

To meet our goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045, Hawaii needs to lead the world in battery storage. Let's invite the leaders to Hawaii to help us set up storage systems. That will create high paying jobs immediately. As we improve on the systems, we can export the technology for further gains.

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**Q9**

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

I identified food and shelter as the main immediate necessities for people, so I started monthly donations to the Hawaii Food Bank and the Aloha Unite Way, since it provides rental assistance to families on the edge of homelessness.

I also started donating blood at the maximum of once per eight weeks.

Finally I helped organize a food drive on my street.

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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?

We should increase cigarette taxes slowly but consistently to continue the downward trend in smoking rates.

We should ban flavored vaping products because they are targeted toward teen smokers.

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**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**

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

See previous answer about increasing agricultural production.

To increase food security all of Hawaii's people we need greatly increase the food distributions we have had. We've distributed food for about \$1/lb, so it has been cost-effective, the quantity just hasn't been enough.

We also need to continue to improve SNAP and to make summer school breakfasts and lunches for needy students permanent.

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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?

We need more scramble crossings at busy intersections. We need more protected bike lanes. In Kailua, we need to repaint Hamakua, so that it has the same design as neighboring streets instead of a needlessly confusing different design.

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**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. **Strongly Support**

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. **Strongly Support**

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

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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I think red light cameras violate the 4th and 6th Amendments of the Constitution even though I am aware that courts have held they don't.

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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. **Strongly Support**

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.                       | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
| Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.                     | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
| Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I support raising alcohol taxes to discourage problem drinking and the negative health effects of problem drinking. We should tax all alcohol based on the amount of alcohol in the drink (not different rates for different alcohols.)

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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? **Strongly Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? **Strongly 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**

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**Q23**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

The main problem is our housing shortage. I support constructing more housing in Hawaii, especially in already urbanized areas, and especially near mass transit.

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**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?

I would propose withholding TAT money from the counties unless they meet new housing construction goals.

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**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 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**

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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