Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1
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Non Partisan Position- I am a Progressive Democrat

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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.

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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'd like to see stricter regulations on selling vape products to minors and more enforcement. The "cool factor" associated with blowing big clouds is tragic. Education and eliminating temptation are a small step in the right direction.

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.

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.

Support

Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Strongly Support
Q13
Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

We have an opportunity to transition land use priorities and

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?

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. **Strongly 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. **Strongly Support**

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

Q17
Additional thoughts/comments:

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. **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. **Support**
- Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. **Support**
- Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes. **Support**
- 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:

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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? 

Respondent skipped this question

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? 

Respondent skipped this 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.  
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