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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1
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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.

Hawaii must diversify its Agriculture and Aquaculture industry and seek to improve its economy. A renewed or revised Resilience Plan for Hawaii to address a new economy must be a priority.

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

As the former Executive Director of Laiopua 2020, the completion of the Commercial Community Kitchen has led to the meal drives every Thursday afternoons to provide meals to North and South Kona families and Kupuna.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:  Respondent skipped this question

Q11
What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?  Respondent skipped this question

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**
- 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.  **Support**
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 & Counties must ensure that food security and food self-sufficiency is a top legislative priority and legislate to provide Ag producers incentives to increase production output.

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?

I have no comments at this time.

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. **Strongly Support**
- PE is currently a requirement for elementary and high school students.
- 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.
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:

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?
Oppose

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?
Oppose

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?
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?
Oppose

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?

Create community based housing builds, and follow the Habitat model allowing homeowners to participate and provide “sweat equity” in their home build reducing the cost and overall financing of the home.

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?

See previous answer
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