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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

Office You are Seeking

Hawai'i County Council District 9

Q2

Party

nonpartisan

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First Name

Ranae

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Last Name

Keane

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Email

<http://ranaekeane.weebly.com/get-involved.html>

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Respondent skipped this question

Phone

Q7

Campaign Website

<http://ranaekeane.com>

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's economy must be diversified beyond tourism in local retail, food production and energy generation. I will promote products made in Hawaii, food grown in Hawaii as well as energy produced in Hawaii.

Q9

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

During COVID-19 I have taught classes online to children who could not attend school due to C19, I have assisted with food distribution and I have participated in various small business talks and plans for economic recovery.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

I feel that one of the best ways we can respond to C19 is to lead by our own personal example. We should be diligent in keeping ourselves, our ohana and our business patrons safe. It is important that we remain calm and be gentle with each other. It is important that we maintain strong physical, mental and emotional health by awareness of our consumption, influences and personal choices. Time with loved ones, healthy diet, exercise, sunshine, fresh air and a connection with the nature are all healthy; and in my opinion essential. Consider using extra time to contemplate the perspective of opportunities to evolve during crisis. Through our own personal efforts we aid our entire community by example.

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?

Education and transparency is the best way for Hawai'i County to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use. Everyone has a role in the education process, including parents, health care providers, teachers, politicians and others who work with and care about young people. It is imperative that we reduce exposure to young people. Recently the county council past legislature that promoted tourism into areas zoned residential. I strongly urged the council through testimony that if the county went forward with this intention that they included smoking regulations in place to protect our residents from these business that are now legal to operate within feet of our residents yards, windows, living spaces, neighborhoods and schools. My citizens testimony did not appear to the matter to the council. I am challenging the incumbent in part due to this specific piece of legislation which neglected to protect our residents from commercial operations that allow smoking and other questionable activities in very close proximity to our children and their living spaces.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am running for county council which does not have influence over the above listed tobacco policies.

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?

Food self-sufficiency can insulate from supply disruptions and can help our economy. We need to stop over burdening our farmers with excess legislation and unnecessary policies. Hawai'i farmers do not need triple enforcement from the fed, state and county. They need to have freedom to produce and have ability to get product to market. We can also encourage our people to have home gardens and community gardens. The county can develop initiatives to promote best agriculture practices as well as healthy eating habits with lots of vegetables that we can grow at home. At the county level we can help to alleviate the problems of invasive species and pests so our people can safely harvest their own crops at home and in community gardens.

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?

Improvements in traffic law enforcement can lead to rapid reductions in deaths and injuries. Requiring drivers to obey the speed limit, yield to pedestrians and cyclists, wear seatbelts, avoid drunk driving, and use child restraints can have a powerful impact on changing road user behavior. Hawai'i is one of the few places in the world that is blessed with 12 months of ideal weather for a healthy outdoor lifestyle yet our infrastructure of roadways is one of the least user friendly to pedestrians and cyclists. We must also include the use bike lanes and pedestrian walkways in our urban planning and major roadways.

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. **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. **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. 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:

I have a bachelors degree in commercial fitness instruction and promotion so these topics are of great personal interest to me. Healthy eating and an active lifestyle is a choice that can improve everyones quality of life and therefore the overall wellbeing of our community.

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am running for county council which does not have influence on the above listed (Medicaid) policies.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am running for county council which does not have influence over the above listed (alcohol regulations).

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am running for county council which does not have influence on the above listed (marijuana) policies.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Hawai'i has one of the lowest property tax rates in the country. Many of our representatives want to raise taxes, however I believe we need to maintain low property tax rates. This is a county issue and one of the most important ways a county council member can influence affordability in Hawai'i.

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?

We must streamline the permitting process in Hawai'i county. The steps and procedures from the county must be transparent. There should be little to no delay in processing due to county processing.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

Candidate is running for county council which does not have influence over the above issue (minimum wage and paid leave).
