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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

Hawai'i County Mayor

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**Q2**

Party

Non-partisan

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**Q3**

First Name

Neil

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**Q7**

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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.

The tourism industry has taken a huge loss in revenue because of COVID-19. We need to promote inter-island travel that will increase business in our county. We should also look more into agriculture so we can grow our own food and be sustainable. We have farmers with different products for locals and for export. Streamlining the building permits will provide jobs and some affordable homes for our families here in Hawai'i County.

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**Q9**

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

So many people lost their jobs and need help. Some are having a hard time getting supplies to keep them safe and healthy. Our team has been doing community feedings that include face masks for those in need in different communities.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

We need to create partnerships with private and non-profits to better serve our community.

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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?

Leave it the same as it is right now.

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**Q12**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Apply a tobacco tax to e-cigarettes, such as a percentage of the wholesale cost or taxing e-liquid by volume. | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids.      | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors.    | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting.              | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.     | <b>Support</b>          |
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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

We need educate our keiki better about smoking.

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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?

Build partnerships with private and non-profit groups to become more sustainable with agriculture.

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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?

Check on roadways and traffic patterns to see how we can make it safer for all

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**Q16**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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. | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| 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.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.  | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.  | <b>Oppose</b>           |
| 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.                                     | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Physical education is important for healthy living.

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Page 5: Oral Health

**Q18**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. | <b>Oppose</b>           |
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**Q19**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Good oral health can prevent further health problems.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Educating our keiki to stop them alcohol abuse.

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i?  | <b>Oppose</b>  |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health?              | <b>Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?                             | <b>Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? | <b>Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?                                  | <b>Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated?      | <b>Support</b> |
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**Q23**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Education is very important.

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Streamline bulding permits so we can generate revenue and provide affordable housing.

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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?

Partner with private and non-profit sectors to provide afordable housing for Hawai'i County residents.

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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. **Oppose**

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. **Oppose**

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**Q27**

Additional thoughts/comments:

The response is based on if the cost falls onto the business owners.

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