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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

MAYOR of HAWAII County

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**Q2**

Party

non-partisan

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**Q3**

First Name

PAUL (Amaury)

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**Q4**

Last Name

BRYANT

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**Q5**

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**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

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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.

Initially care to make sure our population is protected. The economy has already be given a deadly blow by the closedown but this was exacerbated by the county NOT making sure that the major box stores (Walmart, Target and Costco) were ONLY selling necessities: food and Pharmaceuticals. They should NOT have been selling non-essentials like electronics, clothing, etc. Thus the losses suffered by the small business owners of the BIG Island were magnified by this huge competition being allowed free reign. Talk about focus moving to agriculture is not only premature but near impossible to realize. The county has long had a vindictive tax base against any sort of ag outside of cattle production and even with cattle, most are sent as young calves to the mainland for finishing! Then they're butchered and resold back to the island.

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**Q9**

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

I was basically in self-quarantine since I am 75 and not wanting such an infection as COVID-19.

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**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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>Strongly Support</b> |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids.      | <b>Strongly Support</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>Strongly Support</b> |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.     | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
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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?

Food security for ALL of Hawaii's people will only be pie in the sky for decades. Food production on a major scale will require acres of first-rate agriculture. Much of this land is now already in use for "gentleman farm estates" while thousands more acres are tied up in Yamashiro's scam pulp forests. Millions of acres are being "banked" by the big land holders as pasture where they do nothing to improve the land while claiming the minimum tax level. Till these elements of land ownership are brought to heel little headway will ever be realized.

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**Q15**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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?

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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. **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. **Strongly Support**

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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

\*\*\* Truck beds of all sizes should be limited to factory determined heights at time of sale. Jacked beds force on-coming traffic to deal with blinding headlights and should not be licensed for road use. A colored license plate (PINK) would determine their ineligibility for road use. They must be moved to off-road areas of use.

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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:

Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. **Strongly Support**

Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes. **Strongly Support**

Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. **Strongly Support**

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**Q21** **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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? **Support**

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

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? **Strongly Support**

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency 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** **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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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?

All developments, that are now by law required to have affordable housing elements, must integrate these homes with mixed valued homes. They cannot be grouped together or ghettoized.

Buyers must fit predetermined low level incomes and will not be allowed to resell for more than a set percentage of buying costs. I also suggest that "villages" of tiny houses be allowed where singles or childless couples can live in community/neighborhood settings.

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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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