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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

Office You are Seeking

Honolulu City Council - District 1 (Ewa Beach to Kaena Pt)

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Independent (Non Partisan)

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Campaign Website

None developed at present time 06/15/20

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.

Federal funds should be used and allocated more toward smaller mom and pot establishments 1st and foremost. Major companies and Corporations have enough equity and coverage to survive. American was build on the backs of the small independent workers. Often providing the necessary services andj products that eventually get bought up by major corporations. DIVERSIFYING IS MANDATORY, especially with Hawaii being an island and separated from all others. We depend on importing basic products such as agriculture items, dairy, meat. Hawaii virtually produces very little self sustaining products. We need to REDIVERSIFY back into Agriculture, Aquaculture, Science, Technology. Some of these jobs create high level pay keeping a lid on our brain drain and giving our citizens an equal playing field on the world.

Q9

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

Help design and set up Social Distancing requirements at business establishments. Help disinfect businesses and their office property. Also checked with neighbors and friends on a constate basis if they needed anything or even shared stuff when none was available.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

State and counties should not get involved any deeper into the E-Cigarette controversy. Drunk drivers kill as well and we dont ban alcohol. Drivers kill on the highways while using Cell phones and we do not ban cars. An individual has his right to his freedom and right to chose. If he dies from it, that is his choice. Grant smoking areas should be set up but not smoking bans. It is the Federal Government who should track down and put pressure on the Cigarette companies who grow and export their products across the world.

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. | Strongly Oppose |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. | Strongly Oppose |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. | Strongly Oppose |
| Increase the tobacco tax on cigarettes to help smokers quit and prevent new users from starting. | Strongly Oppose |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. | Strongly Support |
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Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

States continually raise taxes on Cigarettes. This has absolutely nothing to do with the dangers and effects of smoking. Its is a mere way of taking advantage of a persons affliction of a product for a profit. If States were serious, why continually tax? Just prohibit the product. But States need the revenue and will continue to raise taxes for the money

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 here in Hawaii is a false and useless process. All it has done is create more beauracracy and harm to those in the industry. WHAT MADE HAWAII popular in the past was a simple mom and pop lunch wagon. That has become almost impossible now due to an overzealous State Dept of Health. Permitting, random checks are a waste of taxpayers money. Perhaps a permit is fine but random checks are taxdollars and human resource waste. Checks should only be done on complaints, not compliance !!!!! This stymies most businesses

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?

Vision Zero itself should be eliminated. You cannot eliminate all traffic fatalities. Human error is the cause and so long as there are humans there will be fatalities. The Vision is just that, a vision, that reality if a fantasy.

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

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

All of the above are totally ridiculous and out of line. Each and everyone of the ideas proposed are SIMPLY WAYS TO RAISE ADDITIONAL REVENUE BUT COVERING IT WITH SOME LAME REASONING TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC. The only idea that should never have been changed is that PE IS A CORE REQUIRMENT FOR ALL GRADES FROM Pre-K thru High School. You charge a fee for sugar drinks. Are you going to charge for high calorie foods? On the same hand you delete the one way to burn up the calories, sugar and other levels but dropping PE which is primary not only for diet but for all around general health

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 Oppose**

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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? | Strongly Support |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
| 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 Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated? | Strongly Oppose |
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Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

Look into the very real possibility and way over due Rent Control. Also the freezing of property taxes at the level when the property was bought and raised only after it is resold.

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**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
