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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

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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 barriers to distributing the federal funds aid have been challenging and lacked adequate cooperation and collaboration especially to and for small businesses. No State government has acted decisively to diversify the economy or providing incentives to local entrepreneurship. Response to pandemic was predicated on waiting for guidance from Federal agencies which was short-sighted. Testing in the State to date still is not sufficient to ascertain how many residents may have contracted Covid 19 and recovered giving unclear and uncertain metrics on the true extent of the virus spread in the Islands.

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**Q9**

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

Trying to secure PPE equipment for non-health non-profits during the epidemic that provided for food drives for families

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**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

Maximum efforts possible to eliminate tobacco and e-cigarette use would be my policy on the subject

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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>Support</b>          |
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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Ensure that the funds from tobacco settlement are not diverted for any other purpose except pulmonary health issues related to smoking (COPD, asthma, etc.)

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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?

Any efforts to divert agricultural lands to other uses should be denied. We do not have sufficient ag lands to grow or agrarian lands to support live stock for our population into the future. Incentives to farmers including water access should be prioritized away from large landholders such as A & B.

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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?

The Oahu Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans should be given adequate funding and Dept. of Planning and Permitting completely reworked as it is currently an impediment to achieving the Vision Zero initiative. Only then will realistic changes be facilitated.

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

Oppose

**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Red light camera results are difficult to win in courts. We have to change the timing and duration of yellow light display. Turn signals are also contributing to accidents in locations not properly synced especially at night.

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.

Support

**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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. **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**

**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

- Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? **Strongly Oppose**
- 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 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**
- 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 Support**

**Q23**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Dept. of Health can be involved but carries no punitive measure powers. Dept. of Commerce should be enforcing any regulations with Dept. of Health verifying accepted potency levels.

Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Curtail government spending, provide tax and fee relief for all citizens at least for one year to allow residents to recover from loss of wages, savings, and work opportunities.

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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?

The City and State have to make housing availability and affordability are more critical priority and NOT take a passive stance on any developments for housing. Incentives provided for affordable housing have been minimal and incongruent with developers' requests. Likewise developers have also refused to work collaboratively to build what the market requires asking for too many exemptions and refusing developer exactions.

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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. **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**

Additional thoughts/comments:

We have to consider adopting a legal qualifying rate for a minor and student minimum wage to avoid displacing any age cohort from the job market.

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