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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 steps necessary to aid in recovery is to ensure that our government assists our current industries in allowing people to go back to work safely with proper procedures, PPEs and more. I believe the counties have the tools to assist our communities with ensuring everyone from keiki to seniors can have meals at home. I also feel that the counties can allocate funds to assist families with rent/mortgage/childcare and more. The basic essentials for our every day lives, and ensuring that our families can remain together and housed. I have been a major supporter of food resiliency, especially with Kalihi leading the way with home gardens. I feel that will allow for food security and wean dependency on our imported goods and services, but also to build community. I want to see our economy thrive through creating or supporting industries to thrive that complement our current industries. I feel that many services and goods are brought in because they aren't offered here at home and if we can then allow for goods and services to be offered locally, we can create a sustainable society.

Q9

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

Before the stay-at-home order was issued, I went right into reviewing how other communities have responded to the virus and knew that I needed to do my part to support many of my neighbors, especially since many are essential workers and frontline workers in the food, hospitality, construction, and medical industries. I coordinated in our community senior food boxes distribution, volunteered with Hawaii Food Bank, and especially coordinated numerous COVID-19 testing sites in our communities. Also, I didn't want COVID-19 testing to be provided unless it was low-barrier for access to testing and zero-barrier to transit-access to the site. To do so, I presented statistics to the city and state agencies as well as coordinated with an agency in the Department of Health to ensure that we can support the many ways people in our community move and get around. I also supported our community by providing masks, hand sanitizers to my neighbors from Halawa to 'Iwilei. I also provided mask-makers with donations so they can continue providing to our communities who need masks. I also was able to spread the word to many of our vulnerable communities about the different city services that can assist them, such as the small business and household hardship relief programs. I continue to leverage volunteers for different organizations and also help to provide food donations for those nonprofits continuing to feed out communities.

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?

There are many ways that can be considered, such as by limiting sales to particular zones, or by enforcing limits around schools. I am truly open to best practices not just from counties across the nation, but around the world on how to best implement policies to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use.

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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

We need to make it a priority and even have a food security council in our counties to ensure we are utilizing our agriculture resources but supporting urban gardens and community gardens as well. This can also be done by supporting nonprofits that support it as well from the counties.

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?

We need to change our infrastructure to prioritize people as a system, not as a means to move people around, that is first and foremost - after that, it will take major efforts to change our walkways, roadways, and more, but the number one efforts is to make it about the people and the many ways we get around.

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. | 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. | 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 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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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. | Strongly Support |
| Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. | Oppose |
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Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

For the fluoridation, I would like to learn more, please, prior to fully supporting this, as I know I do not know all of the perspectives and would like that opportunity to also be educated. I would like to keep our drinking water as pure as possible.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.	Strongly Support
Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.	Support
Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.	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 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?	Support
If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?	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?	Support

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

I would also like to learn more about all of this; I want to especially learn how DOH can best regulate this especially with how much they currently handle.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

My immediate plans is to look at available city inventory and work with other private buildings to see how we can allow for affordable units of all-income ranges for units that have been empty for at least a few years. I am also currently working on our transit-oriented development plans to ensure there is the availability for density in proper areas in the district.

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?

Examples above.

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**

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:
