Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1
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Q2
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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.

This is our opportunity for leaders to think about innovative solutions to advocate those furthest from opportunity. We shouldn’t be aiming to go back to “normal,” instead we must be thinking about diversifying the local economy. We must invest in green economies and agriculture, invest in public health, and invest in public education. We must continue to advocate for federal dollars to pay our laid off workers.

Q9
Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

At the beginning of the crisis, I helped with food distribution families and children. I helped spark conversations around quality distance learning platforms for students to engage in during this time. I helped community members apply for unemployment and advocated for COFA migrants to easily apply online. I also questioned policies impacting our houseless communities who were being swept and put into hot tents in Keehi Lagoon.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Make it more difficult to access in low-income communities. Support a public health tax on these products and use the percentage to fund youth health programs in low-income communities.
Q12

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

- 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**

Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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 must invest in local agriculture. The City can partner with schools and think about innovative solutions to turn their green spaces to community gardens to feed needy individuals.

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?

Free public transportation. Public transit is a social justice issue and we must provide this option to working families.
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.  
**Strongly Support**

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:  
Respondent skipped this question

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I would like to learn more about fluoridation of water

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. Support
Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people’s homes. Oppose
Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery. Strongly Support

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments: Respondent skipped this question

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? 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? 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: Respondent skipped this question

Page 8: Economic Justice
Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai'i more affordable for its residents?
Subsidized rent for low-income families

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?
Advocate for a livable wage for working families. We have a rent issue in Hawai'i.

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
Additional thoughts/comments:
Respondent skipped this question