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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

Mayor

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**Q2**

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Aloha Aina

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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.

We must look at a green based economy. The elimination of fossil fuel and the reliance on solar, wind and wave energy. We must invest in our people and help them to create a new Honolulu. I believe that investing in our people to create new businesses is the way that we move forward in rebuilding our economy. The state and counties must play a bigger part in ensuring the survival of our small businesses.

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**Q9**

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

I have have followed the guidelines that our government has asked us to do. As an older person I have stayed in with little contact. I have ceased all door to door knocking. I have contacted people to advise of covid and to ask if they needed more information and help.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

We need to start fresh in 2020 and Honolulu must vote different. We have so much issues to tackle and I am ready to start leading Honolulu in a new direction with a vision for a New Honolulu that works for all our people. To empower our people in everything so that they can live here without having to move away from thier Aina

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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?

We need to raise the taxes on tobacco and e-cigarettes and educate the public to the hazards of smoking.

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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>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:

Nicotine is an addictive drug that we need to combat for the health of all our people.

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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?

Every county should be growing thier own food to feed thier counties. We must give a tax break/incentive to our small farmers. We must pass laws requiring our supermarkets to buy local first before going out of Hawaii. We must insure that we become food sustainable not depending on outside forces.

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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?

We will take a look at complete streets and revamp it to fit into our bike and pedestrian plan. We shall also look at more scramble crosswalk.

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**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. | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| 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.  | <b>Support</b>          |
| Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.  | <b>Support</b>          |
| Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs.  | <b>Support</b>          |
| 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.                                     | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Implement a red light camera program to deter red-light running and help curb traffic fatalities and injuries.  | <b>Oppose</b>           |
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**Q17**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Many cities are moving away from the red light camera as they have found more accidents occur because of the red light cameras.

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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.  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. | <b>Oppose</b>           |
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**Q19**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I believe that dental must be considered a part of Health care as we all know that good oral hygiene is a part of good health maintenance. Today to many people cant afford the outrageous bills caused form dental care. I support adding dental care as part of the Medicaid benefit for adults

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Alcohol is a hot topic. Yes we have problems but we should not be taking away the rights of those who follow the law because of those who break the law. We should be revisiting all the laws around alcohol and make changes to the laws where needed.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Hemp and cannabis should be legalized immediately and we should be growing it for export. While we sit back and do nothing other states are reaping the benefits in tax revenue which we should of been at the front of. Time for us to invest in ourselves this is how we will rebuild our economy.

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

Housing in Hawaii is high for many reasons and we have to attack these from the root. Our permitting process is way to long so as Mayor I will work with the city council to lower the permitting time down to 30 days instead of the 6 months to a year that these permits are taking. We will revamp how permitting is processed and done in Honolulu. We shall also work with our senators and congress members to amend the Jones Act which is causing the people of Hawaii to suffer greatly.

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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 government should be at the forefront to insure affordability in Hawaii. I will work with the developers to insure that more affordable housing is created. I also believe that the time is ripe for the city to build more city housing in urban Honolulu. I will also send a proposal to the Honolulu City council for a minimum wage increase in the city and county of Honolulu.

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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**

Additional thoughts/comments:

17 dollars an hour is not a living wage in Hawaii. To live in a 2 bedroom in Honolulu one must make about 32.80 an hour. I believe that we must create affordable housing for all and that the question we must be asking is how do we make it affordable for all our people to live in Hawaii.

We need to start all over from top down to correct the mistakes that have plagued our people.

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