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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.

Add hand soap or sanitizer to every City and County bathroom for public health safety. Repair water faucets and drinking fountains. Add more access to water.

Q9

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

I have been researching the Covid-19 virus as to what it contains. I have been encouraging use of masks. I have been calling Lt Gov Joshua Green with my thoughts and suggestions. I am following vaccine research and the trials on humans by Bill Gates and also paying attention to Senator Joe Kennedy's remarks. I am telling people about why this virus is dangerous.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

I believe we need to work from home. We cannot return our children to school and if we can wipe out the virus on our islands, we can truly celebrate by having concerts and life back to normal. We need to do what New Zealand has done. We need to test and retest people before they can come to Hawaii.

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?

I don't like cigarettes and this a great time to encourage quitting smoking. First you have to get off the corporate cigarettes and onto the tobacco natural cigarettes to get the most addictive chemicals out of your body, so Native brands. Then you will see the difference and be able to quit easily but you have to decide that smoking is slow suicide leading to painful health outcomes. You have to ask, "Why am I killing myself?"

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Any method for quitting is acceptable that is currently recommended by your doctor. The patch. Other cessation products.

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?

I drank water as a kid. I had soda on the occasions that were rare. We drank real fruit juice, but I couldn't handle acidity in the morning. We must let children know sugared drinks are like candy. Our pancreas secretes a limited amount of insulin and some environmental factors make us more at risk for diabetes. We need to pick an exercise regime or sport that works for us to keep us moving, stretching and healthy. We need to allow community gardens and growing of food in schools to teach children how to grow herbs and plants and a cooking class once a year to feed the school with the products grown.

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 more crosswalks. We need a button to activate a yellow flashing light if its not at a stoplight.

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. | 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 Oppose |

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. | Support |

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

Insurance covering children should run with insurance. The Compact of Free Association for Micronesians should cover oral healthcare.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Increase in alcohol taxes. | Oppose |
| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. | Oppose |
| 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. | Oppose |
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Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

During Covid-19, delivery of beverages is accepted. Worse if they drive to get alcohol. We have sufficient measures to know if kids are underage and surveillance.

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? | 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? | Oppose |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | 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 Support |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

Marijuana is a known entity in Hawaii. It doesn't create violence. In my father's words, it makes you hungry and then sleepy. And another type keeps you relaxed and mellow. People have been using it on this island since the 60's. To pretend it's not here and that government needs to get involved is ridiculous. I should be able to smoke while driving. I disagree that marijuana impairs driving. People have smoked marijuana and driven for generations on these islands. How often does a person only on marijuana cause accidents? This could be a very lucrative business for Hawaii, if we let people grow, market and sell as a regular business.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

More money from HUD housing for the poor, think millions. Rent controlled housing. People are greedy. Repurposing empty office buildings or hotels for housing. Support for ADU's. Requiring conversion to Solar when possible to lower electricity costs.

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?

I would take land for the purpose of building small housing units. I will offer these houses for sale and/or for rent. We need thousands of them. I will encourage and give tax incentives to build more ADU's.

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:

We need to give essential workers paid leave for a month. They need a break.
