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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.

Hawaii must hold the line to keep COVID-19 in check. Our visitors will be more inclined to return to Hawaii if they know that it is, above all, safe. We have done an excellent job of keeping COVID-19 from overwhelming our system. It is wise to get a good system in place so we can become a destination for visitors to enjoy safely.

Our economy is far too dependent on tourism. This is not the first time our islands have been hit hard by catastrophic events that caused a commensurate drop in travel. After 9/11 and after the recession, we heard promises to diversify the economy. Our second-biggest economic driver was construction, which will likely be the first way to lift us out of recession with capital improvement projects. I support such projects when they enhance neighborhoods and preserve community character. I support development that brings affordable homes and jobs to our community.

Oahu is also perfectly poised to become an international hub for the technology industry. We can boost our outreach to industry leaders and create incentives to bring the technology industry to the island. TCOM (thermal energy conversion of organic materials) technology can turn ag waste into energy. Michael Lurvey has developed an award-winning TCOM system that is being tested

I support testing and temperatures - Travel with Aloha- prior to flying; tracking and isolation, as proposed by Lt. Governor Josh Green. I support enhanced cleaning, social distancing and additional safety measures and training for our hotel employees to adapt. I also believe that we can get visitors to agree to be traced and tracked if we give them incentives to participate in these programs when they arrive in the state. I will not support the loss of jobs due to proposed automation in our hotels. Our workers were promised jobs when hotels came to us for permits at City Council; I will hold them to their promises.

at several locations on the North Shore. His system is designed for portability, low maintenance for communities with limited access to technology, and portability - without harmful emissions.

I have held several well-attended zoom town halls with community leaders in business, agriculture and business development. The path to our independence from mainland agriculture is enhanced agricultural production at home. I will also promote alternative agriculture, including products such as breadfruit, that have multiple uses beyond consumption of the fruit. I support protections for farmland in Central O'ahu and providing grants and funding for experimental ag businesses.

Hawai'i has popularized exotics in the past, including pineapple, papaya, coconuts and macadamia nuts. We can do it again. Breadfruit, ulu, for example, is a traditional crop that rapidly begins producing fruit. The fruit can be consumed in many ways, including a low-glycemic, gluten-free flour. Its leaves can produce animal-friendly squalene, which is used for skin and makeup and obtained from sharks, among other things. One company is producing vodka from breadfruit, which is in high demand.

These are examples of how we can think of solutions out of the box that will enhance our sustainability, improve and diversify our economy and tap our cultural resources by bringing us back to our agricultural roots. These two products, breadfruit and Michael Lurvey, inventor of award-winning TCOM technology, have the potential create a whole new industry and to convert waste into energy with a positive impact on our unique Pacific Island culture.

Q9

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

Since the start of the lockdown, my office has received calls from many of our residents who are desperate for relief. We have helped countless families to find programs that will help them to provide basic relief.

I leveraged social media to request donations of masks. We received thousands of disposable masks and hundreds of hand-made masks from our constituents. My team and I personally delivered masks to homeless individuals and kupuna in need.

We have also sought donations of meals and food - and have delivered hundreds of meals to needy residents.

We have collaborated, over Facebook town halls, with people in several industries to listen to their problems and seek solution. My Hope and Healing series includes town halls with restaurants, hotel employees, hair salons, exercise /dance studios, musicians and club owners and Leeward residents; I also spoke with UH Professor Dr. Tusi Avegalio and Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner Kalani Souza about disaster preparedness and response and economic recovery in Hawaii. We also talked about creating a new economy with emerging agriculture, specifically breadfruit; and TCOM technology that can transform organic waste into clean energy. We spoke with Sherry Menor McNamara, president and CEO of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, about our businesses during COVID-19. We talked to Lt. Gov. Josh Green about COVID-19 and staying safe and informed. We spoke to leaders in So. Korea, where they had successfully controlled the outbreak through diligent tracking and tracing.

I have been able to directly help many people during this time, and my staff continues to field calls and respond to our residents daily.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am frustrated with messaging from Mayor Caldwell and Gov. Ige, which often has lacked continuity and left our residents baffled. Their response was slow and stumbling. I believe a quicker response that was focused on residents, vs. tourism, might have saved lives. It is my hope that we do a better job going forward, as our level of infection rises, to keep it from exponentially exposing our population to COVID-19. I would like to see more aggressive tracking measures in place prior to opening arrivals, as well as additional testing within three days after arrival. I am not comfortable with the numbers for trackers and tracers.

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?

Hawaii should ban all flavored tobacco and vaping product, including menthols cigarettes. I am proud of the fact that the City Council has banned smoking and vaping in all public places, but we need to do more. We can provide city workers and high schools/colleges with free smoking cessation classes and provide additional public health messages in schools and our colleges.

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?

I wholeheartedly support and will promote healthy lifestyles, healthy diet and exercise programs for our residents, and especially our children in schools. As a triathlete myself, I know the value of a healthy lifestyle. With COVID-19, one benefit is the connection island residents and businesses have made to our local food producers and to implementing a better delivery system to local markets. I have worked hard to help feed our residents throughout the crisis. I would encourage the DOE to contract with local producers to bring a farm-to-table menu to our students, since the DOE is a state entity with autonomy. It is also not within the purview of the city to implement education curricula like PE, though it is possible to encourage that. I would promote a healthy lifestyle by promoting Honolulu as a Healthy City. I am proud of the work that I have done in City Council to bring safer streets to Oahu, and to institute a Complete Streets program that will enhance pedestrian safety, promote alternative modalities safely, and bring lighting, crosswalks and traffic calming measures to our busier intersections. I have been instrumental in bringing safer intersections to my district; we need to fully implement the program in every part of the Honolulu County. I fully support new bike lanes throughout Oahu. These messages of a healthy diet and lifestyle are particularly important in Hawaii, where many of our residents suffer from diabetes and heart conditions due to obesity. I am proud of the work I have done in City Council to make the vision of a safer, healthier Hawaii closer to reality.

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?

My district has been disproportionately affected by unsafe intersections. I have been a strong advocate for safety upgrades to protect my constituents. I introduced a resolution urging the Mayor to release funds to make life-saving improvements in Kapolei. As part of the Complete Streets initiative, the City repaved Makakilo Drive and removed crosswalk markings at the Kinohi Please and Aoloko, New and Nohohale Street intersections so that students, kupuna used by people going to Makakilo Elementary School and the bus stops, leaving behind the pedestrian crossing signs. Two months later, a 17-yr old was seriously injured by a car. The neighborhood board fought to keep those crosswalks in place! Crosswalk removal is a problem I sought to mitigate with my resolution. I also requested that DOT provide follow-up information on their actions.

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. **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**

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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. **Strongly Support**

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

Unfortunately, Hawaii has long been divided on fluoridated water. This is not something that government can achieve without the support of the governed.

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:

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? **Strongly 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? **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:

I made no comment on marijuana legalization. This would be something that would be voted on by the people of Hawaii.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

As a city councilmember and former chair of the Zoning and Housing Committee, I have already created legislation to incentivize development of affordable housing and amended land use regulations to remove barriers for low-rise apartment buildings that enables low-cost housing construction. I introduced Bill 29 to incentivize development of affordable housing and Bill 58 (2017), which establishes incentives for developing affordable housing that extends affordability from 10 years to as much as 30 years. We finally addressed short-term vacation rentals, making them illegal throughout most of the island except in tourist zones. As mayor I would increase our enforcement. Short-term rentals have an outsized impact on rental availability and limiting inventory for home buyers, driving the cost up. We do need to raise the minimum wage, despite the pressure from special interests, to better address the cost of living. It is essential to address the working poor, to make essentials affordable.

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?

Government can make a difference, by requiring new multi-family buildings to build a percentage of affordable housing. We can streamline affordable housing development and continue to increase incentives.

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:

Hawaii needs to expand our treatment options for addiction and mental health issues. We have an inadequate system that responds to criminal activity after the problems are out of control, rather than early intervention. Options simply do not exist that could assist substance abusers. We could achieve a better result if we were able to promote training for substance abuse counselors, social workers and psychologists specializing in substance abuse. Hawaii remains in the 20th Century on this very significant social issue.
