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Page 1: Candidate Information

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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.

When I was young my dad would keep me motivated by saying, "Get moving, you can't steer a parked car." It's true. Without forward momentum we cannot steer ourselves toward any prosperous future, much less a diversified economy. If we do not bring back visitors immediately, we will see joblessness, homelessness, crime, and other social ills rise. Without new money coming in with our guests, the federal funds will soon run out, local spending will dry up and government construction projects will not last. Property values will decline leading to decreased tax revenues. All of this will lead to a massive exodus of people leaving Hawaii to look like a tropical Detroit or Gary Indiana. Imagine Honolulu without the money to pay police officers. We won't have to if we take the right steps to end the house arrest and enforced separation mandated by the current mayor.

We simply have to open up to tourism. Immediately.

First the economy, then we can work toward diversification. If the economy crashes there will be nothing to diversify, but once we have outside dollars coming in to the State we can diversify across the board. Especially with agriculture.

Farming is an essential need in Hawaii since food sustainability is a great concern. Around 90% of our food is shipped by container or airplane to Hawaii, but there is no reason we should be burning fossil fuels to import mangos from Peru and bananas from Ecuador. My restructured DPP will empower farmers to bring food from farm to table and help to develop an agri-tourism market. This is one of my highest priorities.

Q9

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

I have been very active in educating our community about the risks and concerns about Covid19. There is much good news. Covid is not as bad as we were first told. Many of the heavy handed measures we are currently under are based upon the flawed Imperial Model postulated by Neil Ferguson and built on the World Health Organization's numbers. These were wildly wrong. Local leaders are still acting on that model. Their mandates are far worse for Hawaii residents than the coronavirus.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

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

Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

I hate cigarettes -the smoke, the butts, the cancer. But freedom tells us that people should be free to buy cigarettes and e-cigarettes. I also believe that parents should be involved in their kids lives and that it is not the government's job to nanny young adults. Will raising taxes solve the problem? There is already a \$3.20 per pack tax on cigarettes which creates a larger black market. These are my concerns and why I believe we should enforce the current laws rather than making new ones.

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?

Counties should support local farm to table efforts. This can be done, in part, by restructuring the DPP to allow more land to be available for farming.

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?

One way to reduce traffic fatalities is to increase the safety of our roads. Hawaii currently ranks 47th in the United States for its roads. We have the worst rural roads in the country and rank 48 for urban roads. We have one of the highest costs for our roads when it comes to administration at about \$100,000 per mile. We pay \$100,000 per mile for administrative costs on our roads and still can't avoid perilous potholes and dangerous conditions. My attention at the DTS will focus on fixing our roads to make them safer.

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. | 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. | Oppose |
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Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

I was part of removing the traffic cameras years ago. They are more effective as a financial boon than a safety measure.

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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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. | Strongly Support |
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Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

I do not drink and detest the social ramifications of alcohol use (especially among the younger generations), but adults must be free to make their own decisions without penalty.

Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

Q22

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| 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? | Oppose |
| 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 |
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Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Restructuring the Department of Planning and Permitting will go a long way for local construction of additions as well as affordable housing.

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?

Currently on 5% of land in Hawaii is for residential homes. The DPP should make more land available (up to 1%) and streamline the permitting process.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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Additional thoughts/comments:

I respect the view of some that every problem can be solved by legislation, but I do not share that view. Hawaii's business are so heavily burdened they can hardly survive. Adding to that burden is how we got to this situation in the first place and further mandates will not help.
