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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.

I believe that people's health supersedes economic recovery. We must make sure that health care and prevention from infection must be in-placed before opening up the economy. But we must open up the economy without delay, or as soon as the health care measures are in placed.

Q9

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

As with most others, social distancing and remain in doors as much as possible. Limiting social gathering, including withholding group campaigning. I have been visiting and holding signs alone. I will not jeopardize anyone for election. i have also sought help from a local restaurant to provide free food to all residents of Oahu to assist during these tough times.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

We are in this TOGETHER. We will overcome and be stronger Together. We can't do it alone, in any crisis. Take care.

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?

More Education, focusing on social economic impacts of there use, including health issues. Greater accountability for illegal sales, including higher fines and restrictions.

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:

All levels of government must educate our keikis of its danger and long term effects, and hold retailers more accountable for illegal sales. Legislators must recognize that future of our keikis are more important than the support for their re-election.

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?

Local government must invest more, much more in local farmers and ranchers. Hawaii is the most isolated place in the world, we must focus on self-sufficiency now, not tomorrow.

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 can certainly improve our current traffic infrastructures to make it safer, such as limiting number of cars on certain road ways and times, and traffic cameras to record violations. But, I believe that with all traffic violations/accidents, there must be real time accountability from all drivers. Currently, our local laws labels most traffic offenses as civil infractions. There's no real time accountability. There's little or no impact on irresponsible behaviors. Legislate for more accountability. Real time consequences for all traffic offenses.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

People must be informed and educated about the sources of our food, capacity of our local farmers and the governments support for self-sufficiency.
 People must be informed and educated about current system of traffic enforcement or lack there of.
 Most people are complacent and happy with shopping at Costco (which sales .00001% of local grown food), and very tolerant about traffic offenses.

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. **Strongly Support**

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Additional thoughts/comments:

We need to better care for our low income Kupunas (who took care of us) and keikis (our future).

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants. | Strongly Support |
| Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes. | Strongly Support |
| 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:

Again, we must revisit current laws and rules that have greatly open the doors for impeding and preventing accountability of alcohol abuse. Not enough accountability for alcohol related offenses.

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? | 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 |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

Marijuana is a drug, natural drug but still a drug, and as with any psychoactive drugs, there should be regulation for its use, to prevent abuse in use and distribution. There's always a danger of someone taking advantage of its distribution and altering its potency for financial benefit.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

This is not an area that a Prosecuting Attorney will play a direct role in its day to day job. However, I am concern about social economic disparity in different group of people, and I do support legislations to provide minimal income to survive without having to work 5 jobs and raise their children.

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?

Again, Prosecuting Attorney plays little role in addressing affordable issues, including affordable homes for residents. But I do believe that government must lead in providing affordable housing for its residents. An idea would be having landlords to pay renters insurance from a small % of rent received by their tenants. This could be used to provide assistance to qualified renters in their time of needs and housing for displaced renters who looses their job or falls on hard times. This will not be popular with rich people, but if landlords are generating income from investment properties, they should be able to pay fraction of their rental income towards greater good....? Something close to employers paying unemployed insurance?

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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Additional thoughts/comments:

Again, this is an area where Prosecuting Attorney has little or no issue with, but I do believe there's just too great of disparity between the few super rich and mostly poor.
