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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

County Council Kaua'i

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**Q2**

Party

Non Partisan

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**Q3**

First Name

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**Q7**

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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 need to focus on our locally-owned businesses. We should use the federal funds to develop our agriculture to wean ourselves off of our dependance on tourism alone.

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**Q9**

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

I have researched the possibility of creating food hubs for local farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers. I have helped deliver CSA boxes to Kupuna through the Adopt-A-Kupuna Program. I have met with some of the major players in the local farm industry to understand their needs and issues. I have secured kuaifoodhub.com domain for our future food hub project. I have created and am currently refining a "Locally-Owned" Store Decal in conjunction with Old Koloa Town Business President, Jeni Kaohelaulii, to be distributed to all locally-owned businesses in the hope that our community will respond to the call for a circular economy. I have been recently nominated for Home Town Hero from Hawaii National Bank for assisting a stranded home owner with food delivery and transport.

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am a local boy with a Notre Dame Education. I've been living on Kaua'i for 34 years and own a successful Mobile Dj business, Kustom Sounds Kauai. I love Kauai and want to help protect her from over-tourism. My focus is to lead Kaua'i in a direction of self reliance. We cannot count on tourism to save us. We need to start on a path of serious sustainability, now. My vision of Kaua'i moving forward is an independent, self-sustaining, locally-owned business driven, healthy, environmentally conscious community.

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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 should strictly limit and tax all tobacco and e-cigarette products. They are a drain on our health system and cost our country billions. The companies that produce these products should be heavily fined.

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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>Strongly 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>Strongly Support</b> |
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**Q13**

Additional thoughts/comments:

The cost to our health system should be covered entirely by the tobacco and e-cig companies.

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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?

This pandemic has shown us our vulnerability to tourism. It's not if, but when a pandemic will happen again. Speaking for Kaua'i, we need to turn inwards to our own local residents for economic survival and food security. When Kaua'i's 72,000 residents decide to spend their dollars locally on businesses owned and operated by Kaua'i residents, we move our island economy from a linear one which is not sustainable to a circular one which is sustainable. This will give us food-serfcutiyy moving into our future. Our local economy can be improved by supporting our local farmers and producers. It has been done in Cuba with 11 million people. We can do it here on Kaua'i

WE MUST:

- Create food hubs for local produce and dairy goods at major population zones
- Support local food hubs by creating a farmer's network online order and delivery system
- If we were to utilize marketing effectively to promote a local farmer food hub, we could change the way we shop and feed our families.

THIS WOULD:

- Decrease reliance on tourism by assisting to diversify our economy.
  - Increase custodial land use
  - Increase Food Security
  - Increase employment opportunities in farming, delivery, distribution, marketing and environmental management
  - Decrease non-recyclable plastics from Big Box Stores in our landfill
  - Keep money on Kauai by circulating the dollar
  - Support a circular economy rather than a linear one
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**Q15**

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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**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. **Support**

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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 Oppose**

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**Q19**

Additional thoughts/comments:

I believe fluoride is a neurotoxin. There has to be a better way than poisoning our drinking water.

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I am a recovering alcoholic. Most of the dumbest and most dangerous things I have done in my life can be traced back to alcohol. It is a poison.

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? **Support**

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

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 8: Economic Justice

**Q24**

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

We need to build houses that are truly affordable. \$400,000 for a house is not affordable. We need to combine financial education for home buyers with loosening building restrictions to the developers (lowering the 30% affordable housing requirement). I recommend allowing higher density housing in city centers, not in urban areas.

Building up, not out would allow builders to build with more efficiency providing less expensive housing for our families. This would also prevent housing sprawl and protect our "green spaces". Affordable Housing Bill 2774 is being looked at now as a solution to the lack of affordable housing. I have my reservations regarding it's premise.

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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?

There have been no takers not building affordable housing since 2008 because of the 30% affordable requirement to developers. There is no incentive to the developer. We need to lower this number and/or allow the developer to build up, not out, to retain economies of scale cost benefits and preserve our "green spaces" and prevent urban sprawl.

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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.

**Support**

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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