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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.

The health of our community is the most important but there is away to allow tourists to visit and still remain safe. Have tourists come in a large group per two - three weeks of vacation after being screened and tested negative, where they would be allowed only to visit their hotel, beaches and restaurants in walking or biking distance. No rental cars will be allowed, tourists maybe shuttle to special areas and our locals will be informed of their whereabouts. We need to create 3 vacation zones where they are Hotels, restaurants and beaches and our tourists are only allowed in these zones. Our tourists industry workers will take special efforts in practicing safe procedures and decontamination before returning home to their local families. Special activities like ATV tours, Zip line and boat cruises, tourist will be shuttled there in their 3rd week only after their first 2 weeks were spent in the controlled zones. I know 3 weeks is a long vacation but maybe we can give financial incentives to our tourists to ensure this process is allowed to take place.

Q9
Please share some of the efforts you have led or participated in response to COVID-19.

My family and I have shared food with our extended friends and family throughout Kauai. We are hunters and gatherers so much food was prep and shared.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

Q11
What policies do you think the state and/or counties should enact to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use?

Respondent skipped this question

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.  

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
Q13
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

Create farm to live communities where we develop open space subdivisions on long term leases on state lands. Families are allowed to build single dwelling plantation style homes with rain catchment, solar or hydro electric and a compost toilet on Farm leases for 20-50 yr that is monitored by a board to ensure food is grown and or raised. These food items will be sold at a community co op store once or twice per week. We need fresh fruits and vegetables, we need fresh milk, fresh cheese, fresh grass fed hamburger, we need to grow grains to make our own feed to feed our cattle, chickens, horses, goats, etc. We need community certified kitchen and slaughter house at this co op store to legally be in compliance with our government regulations. It is time for this shift to take place.

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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?

NA

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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.**  
  **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.**  
  **Support**
Q17
Additional thoughts/comments:

Q18
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q19
Additional thoughts/comments:

Q20
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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Additional thoughts/comments:

Q22
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q23
Additional thoughts/comments:

Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?

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?
Q26
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Q27
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

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