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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

Kauai County Council

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**Q2**

Party

Non-partisan

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**Q3**

First Name

Victoria

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**Q4**

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**Q5**

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**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

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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.

It is not feasible to eliminate tourism as our major source of revenue. Yes, we rely on tourism for the most part and need to open our islands to visitors sooner. We need to streamline the process for new businesses to open easily and offer incentives for those who want to open new businesses. Small business is the backbone of our economy and should be protected. This shutdown is unprecedented and should have come to a conclusion within the 60 days that the governor was allowed legally to use. We must now open safely but quickly to save our local businesses.

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**Q9**

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

We have increased our Food Pantry distribution sites and advertised for more food donations. We have also obtained more grants through our Family Life Center social services arm to get funding to help families on the brink of eviction to be able to stay in their homes.

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**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

I would encourage tougher restrictions/penalties on youth who are using tobacco and e-cigarettes and on the adults who buy the items for them.

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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>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>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**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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?

We need to monitor the use of SNAP benefits and ensure that recipients are using the money for food. We also need to encourage the cultivation of local farms --including produce that could be grown on school grounds as a part of the curriculum.

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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?

Lighted crosswalks would be a great place to start to discourage pedestrian accidents.

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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.

Support
- Enact a one-cent per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.

Oppose
- 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**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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.

Oppose

**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.  | <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**

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 7: Marijuana Regulations

**Q22**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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| Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i?  | <b>Strongly Oppose</b>  |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health?              | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated?                             | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated? | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated?                                  | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated?      | <b>Strongly Support</b> |
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**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?

Pragmatism is doing something to make you feel better whether it works or not. Spending money on something that has failed ever since it has been instituted has been the status quo in Hawaii. Just eliminating what is failing would monumentally change our state. I propose a Statewide audit of all departments to ensure money is going where it is supposed to and cutting funds to those areas that are failing. There have been audits in the past that were shut down when they found inconsistencies. I would propose an audit that cannot be shut down internally and that the data must be used to improve our system.

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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?

The people of Kauai believe Housing is our biggest issue. We need to identify structures that can be repurposed and vacant houses that can be renovated and put into the rental market. I propose public/private partnerships with the goal of creating new public housing options as well as freeing up land that can be sold more inexpensively to the local public.

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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. **Oppose**

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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**Q27**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Most small businesses that survive COVID-19 would not be able to afford a \$17 minimum wage. The large businesses just raise the prices of their products to consumers to cover the raise in minimum wage.

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