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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

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Party

council is non-partisan

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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.

On Kauai, we need to reopen all businesses including all tourism-related businesses. Testing for COVID has become faster and more available. The airlines will be motivated to make travel safe and our hotels and other businesses will be motivated to make their day-t-day operations safe as well.

Having said this, we really need to diversify and transition Kauai's tourism industry into one that works for residents and provides them with jobs and resources even when tourism is down or on hold. Government should not play a big role in the recovery process other than to create a pro-business environment.

Q9

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

As a member and president-elect of the Kapaa Rotary Club, I have distributed, masks, food and pet food. I have also provided free delivery service for some of our east-side restaurants. I have been making hand sanitizer for friends and delivered groceries and medication to people who ware sheltering or in quarantine. I have also participated in "Walk For Our Rights, Kauai" to bring attention to the need to allow our Kauai businesses to reopen.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

We can reopen safely. Right now we are doing it backward. We should be quarantining the sick, not the healthy population. We also need to recognize that when we implement more testing, we will see more positive cases, both symptomatic and non-symptomatic.

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 already have laws for cigarettes and I think the exact same should be applied to e-cigs. Adults have the autonomy to decide whether to smoke or not. I personally have never smoked cigarettes, but I would never tell you that you can't smoke. I might tell you how much better you would feel or how much money you would save if you didn't smoke. But that's just me a person, maybe as a friend. Keep government out of as many of our lifestyle choices as possible.

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. | Oppose |
| 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. | Oppose |
| 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. | Oppose |
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Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

I have never met anyone who said they quit smoking because they saw a PSA telling them that smoking was bad for them. We know tobacco is addictive and bad for our health. We've been aware of this for two generations.

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?

I think the government could make it easier and less expensive to farm on Kauai. Getting water is expensive and farms need to be able to house some of their employees also. Other than that, education at the elementary school level about nutrition and the benefits of exercise should be compulsory. I am for paving more multi use paths and bike lanes and for easy free access to these outdoor resources.

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?

This initiative is not achievable. We need to be able to trust our government to set attainable goals.

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. **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. **Strongly Oppose**

Use revenue from a sugar-sweetened beverage fee for obesity prevention programs. **Strongly Oppose**

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 Oppose**

Q17

Additional thoughts/comments:

I would like to revue the qualifications for SNAP. Working should provide a better life for us that not- working. I do not think it wise to spend tax money on cameras, installation, monitoring and admin just to catch people running red lights. We already have an active police force who can watch for this.

Page 5: Oral Health

Q18

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Reinstate coverage of preventative dental benefits for Adult Medicaid participants. **Oppose**

Fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to prevent tooth decay. **Support**

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

Better Medicaid dental benefits wont replace personal responsibility. We should all brush our teeth twice a day and avoid sugar. Some of us will do better than others regardless of our income level. This is not a social justice issue. It is about education and personal responsibility.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.	Strongly 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 Oppose

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

Prohibition did not work in the 1920s and these laws will not be followed today either. These laws will just turn law-abiding citizens into criminals. And they will make business more difficult and expensive for our restaurant industry which becomes more regulated and less profitable year after year. My back ground is restaurant and hospitality, for over thirty years. I have a problem with enforcement measures "to ensure that youth do not access alcohol" be cause they seem to miss the mark, targeting restaurants and convenience stores in Sting operations, when most minors access alcohol by having a family member or older friend buy it for them and then drinking it at the beach or at a home, not at a business that would be the target of a Sting. I have only been out of the hospitality industry for two years. Are restaurants allowed to make mixed drink deliveries to homes? When did this happen?

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? **Strongly 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? **Strongly Oppose**

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? **Oppose**

Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

Other than question #1, all of these questions began with "If". I do not believe in allowing a new kind of business to open and then tying its hands so that it cannot make a profit. In terms of my support of allowing the health department to regulate this industry, I would like more details in how and what they would be regulating. I indicated that I would support health department involvement because, their are sanitation and freshness needs with any ingestible products. I would not oppose recreational marijuana use in Hawaii, however I don't think it is necessary. Medical marijuana cards are not hard to get.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

No new taxes. We should commit to no new taxes until 2022.

Exempt food and medicine from GET.

Ease regulations and excessive fines on transient vacation rentals.

Encourage affordable housing development. We need more homeowners on Kauai.

Protect businesses from COVID19 -related law suits, as long as they are complying with recommended State safety guidelines.

Ask business owners what actions would have the biggest positive financial impact on them.

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?

We should be able to build homes on Kauai cheaper. There are massive building codes that add to the cost of building a home. Lets take a closer look at these and start repealing.

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 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 Oppose**

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

Raising the minimum wage will just cause the cost of goods and services to rise also and then suddenly, the "living wage" is no longer a living wage. Raising the minimum wage also doesn't allow for as much competition among employers as they try to hire and keep the best employees. I believe in Family and am all for individual businesses making themselves attractive to employees by implementing paid family leave. It may work for many businesses. It will not work for all businesses. Not all jobs are "career" jobs. Not everyone plans to have children or who cannot have children. For these employees, are businesses going to offer paid leave for them to do something else that may be important to them, like travel or write a book, or build their own house?
