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**Q1**
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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.

Diversifying our economy will be a slow process to recovery with safety precautions to control this pandemic. We need to use federal funds to open up new business adventures, entrepreneur opportunities advancement in technologies etc.

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

On lanai we had no cases of the pandemic but helped with distribution of products to our community.

Q10
Additional thoughts/comments:

We truly need to work closely with the Feds, State, and County legislators to allocate funds and brainstorm on a safe solution to recovery.

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

band the product completely, make it illegal period.
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:

It’s dangerous to ones health. I know because I now suffer from the effects of cigarette smoking since I was 12 and quit 20 years ago.

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?

Funding for freelance farmers, home farming, and creating more opportunities for those interested in all types of farming or other way of farming.

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?

Higher fines for drinking and driving, road condition improvement. Adding more lights on dark streets and roads.
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:

Respondent skipped this question

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
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations
Q20
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Increase in alcohol taxes.

Repeal of the alcohol takeout laws that allow people to buy and take home liquor-based mixed drinks from restaurants.

Repeal of alcohol delivery laws that allow restaurants to deliver beer and liquor-based mixed drinks to people's homes.

Increase in enforcement that helps ensure that youth do not access alcohol through existing laws allowing for alcohol takeout and delivery.

Q21
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question

Q22
Please indicate your position on the following policies:

Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai‘i?

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

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

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the promotion and advertisement of marijuana sales be regulated?

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

If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the number and placement of marijuana outlets be regulated?

Q23
Additional thoughts/comments:

Respondent skipped this question
Q24
What are your immediate plans to help make Hawai‘i more affordable for its residents?
Putting a cap on over pricing of rentals, food cost, and medical benefits.

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?
Affordable homes should be required by all government, rather federal, state or county put a cap on cost.

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

Q27
Additional thoughts/comments:  
Respondent skipped this question