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Page 1: Candidate Information

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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.

Keep monitoring incoming travelers to Hawaii. Allow resorts to reopen but maintain social distancing and masks in all public areas. Federal funds should be used to ensure residents have a roof over their heads and access to funds for food, medicine and medical treatment.

Q9

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

I have not personally led or participate4d in Covid-19 efforts other than to follow state guidelines.

Q10

Additional thoughts/comments:

Diversifying Hawaii's economy is not going to be an overnight process. It may take several years to develop alternate industries or business models. Consider up-dating Hawaii's prisons and turn them into re-education centers to provide training in trade industries to give prisoners job skills instead of continuing to pay other states to house them.

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?

Ban the sale of e-cigarettes/vaping. Tax tobacco products heavily and enforce no-smoking laws in public parks and beaches.

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. | 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 |
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Q13

Additional thoughts/comments:

Enforce no-smoking laws in all public parks and beaches.

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?

Encourage home gardens and provide workshops to teach gardening basics for beginners. Open more community gardens, especially for urban areas.

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?

Enforce speed limits, provide better/safer crosswalks, and increase penalties/consequences for violators, especially for DUIs.

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. **Oppose**

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

People will continue to buy sugar-enhanced soft drinks even when they know it is bad for them. A better solution is to promote healthy lifestyle choices, especially for children. Fat families know they're not healthy.

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. **Support**

Q19

Additional thoughts/comments:

What happened to the fluoride rinse program in elementary schools? I had terrible teeth with lots of cavities. My grandchildren have no cavities, the results of growing up in a community with natural fluoride in the water on the mainland.

Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

Q20

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Additional thoughts/comments:

Write stronger laws with stiff fines for adults who buy alcohol for minors.

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? | 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? | Support |
| If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? | Oppose |
| 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 |
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Q23

Additional thoughts/comments:

There are too many variables in marijuana to set uniform standards of potency. The market has to find its own level, good growers will always command top prices.

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

Provide rent subsidies for working families.

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?

Do private-public partnerships to create affordable housing. Fast track the permitting process, cut red tape. Plan communities, where there is a mix of housing prices, incomes, and lifestyles. And, absolutely no gated communities!

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. **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. **Oppose**

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

A 12-week Paid Family Leave would be a tremendous burden on small business owners. Even if the State funds it, they will pass on its cost to all businesses as an additional cost of doing business in this state.
