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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

Maui County Council

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**Q2**

Party

Democrat

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**Q3**

First Name

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**Q6**

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**Q7**

Respondent skipped this question

Campaign Website

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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.

I am in support of using Federal Cares Acts monies to use towards increasing financial assistance for those affected by the economic effects of COVID 19, job training programs and job creation

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**Q9**

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

I supported using County of Maui Emergency funds for COVID 19 relief efforts. During the recent budget session, I supported reducing property taxes for residents and businesses and supported grants for agriculture and small business.

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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?

State and County government can increase the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21 and enact legislation to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco. Funding can be used for print and social media campaigns to educate the public about the dangers of tobacco and e-cigarettes

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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>Strongly 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>Strongly 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?

State and County government should provide subsidies and low interest loan programs to support the growth of large and small agriculture. Farm co-ops, Victory Gardens and the like should be supported by government as well. On Maui, I am supporting a localized Department of Agriculture to advocate and support all levels and categories of agriculture. These proposals will help us become food sustainable and exporters of food that will help revive and diversify our economy.

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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?

Stricter penalties for those who speed in residential, school and construction zone areas. Funding to improve engineering of our roads and the installation of more traffic calming devices such as speed tables, lighted crosswalks, and flashing speed limit signs in areas prone to 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. **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. **Strongly 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. **Support**

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

**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>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>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?

I am in favor of tax incentives for Land Lords who rent their properties at affordable rates. I will continue to support reducing property tax rates and increasing property tax exemptions for eligible homeowners.

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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?

We must address this problem using a multi-pronged approach. I authored legislation to create Maui County's Affordable Housing Fund, First Time Home Buyers Fund and supported increasing rental assistance for eligible families. I propose increasing the amount of affordable units for developers using the 201H Affordable Housing process from 51% to 75%. I also proposed a charter amendment to create a separate County of Maui Department of Housing with the hope the County administration will intensify it's focus on affordable housing and become co-developers of 100% affordable housing projects.

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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. **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. **Support**

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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