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Page 1: Candidate Information

**Q1**

Office You are Seeking

Maui County Council

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**Q2**

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q3**

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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.

More than any other part of Hawaii, West Maui's economy has suffered more than any other parts of Maui, It is important that we focus on small businesses and getting the people of Maui County back to work much sooner than later. Any federal funds we received should be used to help restart small businesses, which are the economic engine. Some of these funds should also be used for our visitors industry. Without tourism on Maui or most of Hawaii, we will not have the fuel to move our economic engine.

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**Q9**

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

As the Chairman of the Board of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, we've been very involve in requesting and processing Micro Business Loans for the small businesses here on Maui

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**Q10**

Additional thoughts/comments:

It is very important that we continue to be diligent, hygienic and think safety not only for ourselves but for others. If we do not pull together in one direction, we will never get out of this pandemic. As much as I would have love to see our State re-opening on August 1, 2020, I believe Governor Ige made the right decision to changing the opening to September 1, 2020. Safety for everyone should be the highest priority.

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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?

People under 21 are finding ways to purchase these products. No matter what the restriction, people will find ways to get around it. Increasing the tax for e-cigarette products, I believe will make a difference in reducing the the use of the product. Additional tax generated will be used to educate people the danger of using 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?

For the County of Maui, setting up a Department of Agriculture is a first step. However, a Department of Agriculture should not be another layer or red tape and bureaucracy. It should be a department to help our farmers to be more productive

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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?

I want to see stop signs be more visible and cross walks be lite up whenever a pedestrian crosses them.

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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. **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**

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**Q17** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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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. **Strongly Support**

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**Q19** Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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Page 6: Alcohol Regulations

**Q20**

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

- Do you support legalizing recreational marijuana sales in Hawai'i? **Oppose**
  - If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana be regulated by the Department of Health? **Strongly Support**
  - If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that the price of marijuana be regulated? **Strongly Support**
  - 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 Support**
  - If recreational marijuana is formally proposed by the state, how strongly would you support that marijuana potency be regulated? **Strongly 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? **Strongly Support**
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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?

The State of Hawaii and the County of Maui must invest with the Home Builders by taking on some if not most of the impact fees for homes built. I believe that if the County takes on the impact fees, homes will become a lot more affordable for local families and we'll have more home owners. By having mo

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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 government should be a partner and invest with the companies that want to build homes for our local families. As I mentioned previously, homes can be made truly affordable by taking on the impact fees. It is an investment that the government will benefit from tremendously, by receiving property tax in perpetuity and local families living in homes that are truly affordable.

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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. **Support**

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments:

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