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Page 1: Candidate Information

Q1

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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.

CARES money should first be used to support and ensure that those entitled to Unemployment benefits get all they deserve so that they could still be able to pay their bills and contribute to the economy; 2nd: we need to ensure that monies are available for testing and PPE of care providers and travelers so that we can reopen the economy safely. These monies should include contact tracers. Until a vaccine is available and our healthcare system can handle those who are ill, the new normal requires constant testing, contact tracing and PPE - so monies need to be available for those supplies. 3. Food Banks/SNAP benefits/farmers should be supported to ensure our food supply is adequate. 4. small/microloans to help those who are about to fall through the cracks remain housed and fed so that we do not increase the homeless ranks. These loans can include small business loans so that they can pay their rent during the period of uncertainty. 5. COVID19 has increased wastefulness in that recycling is now disfavored and reusable containers are now shunned. There is more rubbish with masks and gloves being thrown so monies should be used in incentivizing industry that recycle plastics/glass/waste or have waste-to-energy plant on other islands.

Q9

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

As a state representative, I ensured that all my constituents or those who want a copy of my newsletter got bi-weekly briefings on status of grants, loans, events relating to COVID9 and where they could get testing. As chair of Human Services, I amended a bill to ensure that office of aging will have resources for carehomes and will hold an informational briefing in the capitol in July to discuss what the carehomes are doing to ensure safety of their patients, testing of their caregivers and their plans for visitors

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 3: Tobacco and E-Cigarette Regulations

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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

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. | Support |
| Prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored e-liquids. | Support |
| Restrict online sales of e-cigarettes to tobacco retailers only, in order to curb illegal sales to minors. | Support |
| Funds from the tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes should fund tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. | Support |
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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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?

UH Manoa has Go-Farm programs to educate farmers on how to be economically self-sufficient; such programs should be enlarged throughout the state

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?

Hawaii DoT has created traffic circles instead of traffic lights in my district's major highway which has made the most dangerous intersection with multi-fatalities per year into the safest with zero fatalities since creation. More traffic circles should be created because it slows down traffic without stopping traffic flow especially in areas with fatalities

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. **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. **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. **Strongly 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:

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

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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 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? **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? **Support**

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

Page 8: Economic Justice

Q24

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

The major expense, besides housing, by working families is childcare. This 2020 session, the legislature proposed early childhood/child care programs near places of employment

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?

In 2018 the state legislature infused the rental housing revolving fund with \$200 million, we are now seeing the fruit of that investment by the number of affordable housing now being advertised by developers. In 2020, prior to covid19, the legislature proposed to increase the RHRF by another \$250 million

Q26

Please indicate your position on the following policies:

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

Q27

Additional thoughts/comments:

I agree in raising the state's minimum wage but I do not know whether it should be \$17/hour especially in light of the post-COVID19 economy. I agree on an increase and co-introduced a bill increasing minimum wage
